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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 72nd year

DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES

(ver. 08-07)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 20	MEETING DATE: January 10, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 3	LOCATION: Tampa Convention Center

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks at 5:20 PM

Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments

Carolyn Hutchinson (Florida Christian); Cathi Leibinger (Ransom Everglades Middle), Sarah Hamilton (Westminster Christian), Susan Bazin (Key Largo Middle), Jon Hamm (Ransom Everglades Upper), Bobby Keating (Gulliver Academy), Eric Tindle (Westwood Christian), Derek Shute (Miami Christian), Ron Castonguay (Gulliver Prep), Ashby Goldstein (Key West), Robert Sax (Coral Shores), Stephen Whitfield (Marathon High), Leonard Shaw (Dade Christian), Salvatore Vinciguerra (Miami Country Day) and special guest Michael Fraley (middle school honor band conductor)

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes – dismissed (Leibinger, Hamm)

Item 4: Treasurer's Report – \$3050.10 currently in account, does not include Honor Band.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

The FSMA website is an excellent resource for advocacy. Contact information for legislators is listed, as well as legislative alerts. There are also sample letters to help in responding to various legislative alerts. Everyone needs to get involved, parents included.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Solo and Ensemble (Keys location)

Date: February 9, 2008 at Marathon High School. We may need to use the old program for scheduling since on-line isn't available for two separate S & E events. Assessment is \$11 per student. Forms are due January 19th. Kudos to Ashby for organizing the event.

Jazz Band MPA

Thursday, February 21 at Ransom Everglades. Assessment is \$11 per student. Forms are due January 19th. Kudos to Cathi for organizing the event and Bobby for lining up the judges. (One more judge may be needed.)

Full Band MPA

March 13 (Florida Christian School) and March 14 and 15 (Coral Shores High)
Assessment is \$11 per student plus a flat \$30 recording fee. Forms are due February 1st. You can enter a "TBA" if necessary. Bobby is checking on a professional photographer. Everyone agreed that pictures are a nice touch and much appreciated by students and parents. They will be taken after the on-stage portion of the event. Cathi is checking on recording with David Hillberry. It was difficult to hear judges' comments last year. A suggestion was made to use CD recorders, but can adjudicators work the equipment? The higher tech equipment means easier track access for review post-performance and a clearer transcription of the performance. But student helpers during the process are not appropriate. Bobby will check to see if current judges are able to use the CD recorders. But for the time being, we will probably use the cassette system already in place.

State MPA

According to the handbook, band participation is for overall superior ratings and solo/ensemble participation is for grade 5 or higher repertoire. Solo memorization will qualify for a superior-with-distinction. Entries are due 10 days after S & E which is February 19 for our district (based on the Monroe County school S & E event).

Item 8: Committee Reports

District 20 Honor Band

Site: Ransom Everglades Upper; 3575 Main Hwy
Date: January 18 - 19
Conductors: Michael Fraley (middle school) - Mike Robinson (high school)
Fees: \$15 per student, due Jan 18 if you have not done so

- Plans are proceeding well. Have students bring a folding stand (if they have one).
- Thanks to Mike Fraley for providing links for middle school students
- Directors will be helping with pull-out sectionals on Friday and Saturday. Doug is working on the assignment list and rooms.
- Food: Students will be provided dinner (Friday) and lunch (Saturday). They will need to get dinner on Saturday evening before the concert. There are quite a few restaurants in the area. A Directors Dinner is planned for Saturday evening. It would be nice to get together after all the hard work we've put in. Please email Jon if you are interested, so he can make reservations. You may need to buy your own food, although Jon is looking into funding.
- Recording/Video: Jon is organizing a tech crew...Jorge Gusman or Eric Nelson. If they aren't available, Ron will find back-up.
- Parking: On Saturday, there will be a patrol on-site to assist with parking, but parents are encouraged to carpool. Only two bus spaces have been reserved (for Robert and Sal). So if you're planning to bring a bus, please let Jon know ASAP.
- Concert begins at 7:30 with middle school on-stage.
- Program: One small correction needed for Westminster and it's all set. Thanks to Lee Johanson for the professional job he's done.
- A proposal was made to increase fee to \$25 next year, but was tabled until the final meeting of the year.

Item 9: New Business

There are still problems with the on-line MPA program. It is still a work in progress and we are a unique district! The assessment page may not function. If you have problems, just total your numbers and give to Carolyn. She is very grateful to the district membership for their flexibility and cooperation. A new computer for the district is needed to facilitate the process. The old one crashed just before S & E and Carolyn had to enter everything into a spread sheet. It will be wonderful when everything works according to plan. To access the site, go to:

<http://www.flmusiced.org/mpaonline/login.aspx>

Item 10: MPA Dates and Sites

District Solo and Ensemble (Monroe county division)

Site: Marathon High School
Date: Saturday, February 9
Fee: \$11 per student,
Entry deadline: January 19

District Jazz Band MPA

Site: Ransom Everglades Middle School
Date: Thursday, February 21
Fee: \$11 per student
Entry deadline: January 19

District Concert MPA

Date/Site: March 13 (Florida Christian Sch); March 14-15 (Coral Shores High)
Fee: \$11 per student, plus flat \$30 recording fee
Entry deadline: February 1

State Concert MPA

Date/Site: North at No. Florida University April 14 - 16
North at Bartram Trail (Jacksonville) April 17 - 18
South at Vero Beach High on April 14 - 18
Entry deadline: February 19 (Check with Ashby if you have a question)
Register: On-line

State S & E:

Date/Site: North at West Point High on April 7 - 9, 2008
South at JP Taravella High School on March 31 - April 2, 2008
Entry deadline: February 19 (Check with Ashby if you have a question)
Register: On-line

Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Ron Castonguay as jazz band adjudicator (Bobby/Jon) - meets all qualifications.
Motion passed unanimously by secret ballot.

Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees

For MENC scheduling, please communicate with FOA and FVA so sessions and concerts don't conflict. Many directors serve in all three capacities at their schools.

Item 13: Proposals to the Executive Board

A request was made for FBA to organize official pre-festival marching evaluations. Directors and students need feedback based on FBA standards. Ashby will prepare a recommendation to present to the board.

Item 14: Other

Carolyn is doing a wonderful job as district chairperson. She has been helping with big issues (such as the on-line glitches) and the small issues (such as supporting our new directors). But she has requested the help of membership with a list of duties and details. She will send the list out so volunteers can enter their names. Then "reply all" so everyone knows what's going on. As stated previously, she needs a new district computer.

Dates for next year will remain the same with the exception of MPA which will move forward one week to March 18th, 2009.

Item 15: For the Good of the Association

Brass Ensemble Concert at Epiphany Catholic Church on January 14 at 7:30 PM. It will feature a trombone choir and other mass brass concert pieces.

South Florida Boys Choir hosts a free jazz workshop on January 23. Concert will feature Eric Darius, Gulliver Prep, Robert Morgan, and possibly Hialeah-Miami Lakes. Location: Dade County Auditorium starting 7PM or 8PM. Contact Bobby Keating for details.

The ABA Convention is coming. Please contact Cathi for details. Directors are encouraged to bring students and promote ticket sales.

- March 4 Dos Amigos/Boston Brass master class and concert at Random Everglades Upper School; \$20 - \$25 tickets
- March 5 Univ of Miami and FAMU and Dos Amigos in concert at University of Miami; \$10 tickets
- March 6 Tennessee Tech and Univ of Florida and Boston Brass in concert at University of Miami; \$10 tickets
- March 7 US Army Field Band in concert (free, but you must have ticket)
- March 9 Dos Amigos/Boston Brass master class and concert (Keys location)

Item 16: Next Meeting Date and Place

2351 SW 16 Ct; Coconut Grove at noon on April 19th, 2008

Item 17: Adjournment at 6:19 PM

Name of District Secretary: Susan Bazin

Signature: