



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73rd year
DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES
(ver. 08-08)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 20	MEETING DATE: April 16, 2009
MEETING NUMBER: 4	LOCATION: Ransom Everglades Middle School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Carolyn Hutchinson (Florida Christian School), Angela Goff (Florida Christian School), Eric Tindle (Westwood Christian School), Ken Goff (Florida Christian School), Jon Hamm (Ransom Everglades Upper School), Bobby Keating (Gulliver Academy), Cathi Leibinger (Ransom Everglades Middle School), Susan Bazin (Key Largo Middle School), Lee Johanson (Archbishop Curley Notre Dame HS)

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Posted on the FBA website. Reading of minutes suspended. (Keating/Hamm)

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

District purchased a new laptop last year which will be invaluable in future years. There is one outstanding debit (about \$2000 for entry assessment), but we end the year with about the same amount as we began (despite Honor Band costing more than it took in.) Assessments will remain about the same for next year with a possible increase for Honor Band participation.

Item 5: Announcements, etc.

Ron and Melissa will be welcoming a new baby into their family in about a month!
Jon's son has his pick of excellent music schools!

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues with FBA and FSMA

Please read and act upon email updates.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Please complete adjudicator evaluation forms for Solo/Ensemble and Concert MPA. Available on-line, it provides opportunity to evaluate adjudicators with positive/negative comments.

Item 8: Committee Reports

Honor Band was discussed in detail for next year. Issues include cost, clinicians, and dedicated student personnel.

Cost: Spent more than took in this year. We may increase assessment to \$30 per student, but to include two free concert tickets, a DVD and two meals. (Additional tickets at the door would be \$5 each so as not to discourage attendance.) Food may be comped by parents or restaurants in the area in exchange for a listing in the program. The videographer post production was paid this year, but not the person who actually did the recording. Mr. Keating's school may be able to use RaiderVision to help reduce cost next year.

Clinicians: We don't want to reduce clinician stipend, but may look into hiring from a less costly source. Flying them in is actually cheaper than driving them in. Perhaps a flat rate option? Ms. Leibinger will research the possibilities.

Student commitment: Having the HB on a 3-day weekend last year caused too many last minute complications. If we have to schedule it on the same weekend, directors must clearly state that it is a 3-day weekend and students must make a definite commitment to participate. It was also the weekend immediately following All-State and many students were burned out. The problem with last minute cancellations is that it not only affects the student who is cancelling, but also the student who would have otherwise qualified for the position. It left many sections weak last year. The student contract will be more specific next year. We also discussed the potential for moving to the following weekend, Jan 22 – 23. At this point, the auditorium is reserved, but Mr. Hamm will look into the potential of rescheduling.

Item 9: New Business

No other proposals to other Districts at this time.

Item 10: District Adjudicators for Next Year

Please send Ms. Leibinger suggestions. We also had an in-house discussion.

Item 11: District and MPA Dates for Next Year

Letters of confirmation are needed from each sponsoring site.

Aug 22, 2009	First district meeting	Gulliver Pinecrest Preparatory
Sept 19, 2009	All State auditions	Florida Christian School
Oct 24, 2009	Second district meeting	Key Largo Middle School
Nov 6 - 7, 2009	Solo/Ensemble Festival	Ransom Middle School
January 2010	Third district meeting	FMEA Convention
Jan 15 - 16, 2010	District Honor Band	Ransom Upper School
Feb 13, 2010	Solo/Ensemble (Keys site)	TBA
Feb 18, 2010	Jazz MPA	Pinecrest Preparatory
March 18-20, 2010	Full Band MPA	Robert Morgan School (Mr. Keating will check on this)
April 15, 2010	Fourth district meeting	TBA

Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

Ken Goff for sight-reading (Goff/Keating). Unanimously approved.

Item 13: Suggestions to Committees

We are looking forward to the revised MPA program!

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

Proposal: Leibinger/Goff

Amend handbook Section III – C.4.h. to read:

Bands that obtain permission to perform in the District Music Performance Assessment outside of their own district shall pay a per-unit assessment (marching, concert and/or jazz bands) based on the amount of time their participation will extend the hosting district MPA. That rate will be determined by the number of judges needed x pro-rated hourly rate x $\frac{1}{4}$ for marching band (max. 15 minute performance), $\frac{1}{2}$ for jazz band and JH/MS, C, CC, B, BB concert band (maximum 30 minutes performance), $\frac{3}{4}$ for A, AA concert bands (maximum 40 minute performance.)

Bands that perform out of district will still be responsible for their home district's per-student assessment based on their concert or marching entries, whichever is higher.

Bands that obtain permission to perform in the District Solo/Ensemble Music Performance Assessment outside of their own district shall pay a per-student or per-unit assessment based on the rate of assessment of the hosting district.

Rationale:

Due to scheduling conflicts, more and more bands are being granted to perform out of district. The current Handbook reading of Section III-C.4.h leaves the assessment required up to the decision of both District Chairpersons involved. It also leaves open the possibility of a band going out of district having to pay double assessment OR if the Chairs are not in communication, to pay NO assessment. The wording of this proposal will leave the larger assessment (for marching or concert) in the home district, where the majority of the funds are needed. It also makes the financial responsibility for a band performing out of district reasonable and clear.

Item 15: Correspondence

None

Item 16: For the Good of the Association

Summer Convention: July 9 – 10, 2009 at Altamonte Hilton (Orlando)

Teachers of the Year: Susan Bazin

Item 18: Next Meeting Date

August 22, 2009 at Gulliver Academy

Item 19: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Name of District Secretary:

Susan Bazin