



**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73<sup>rd</sup> year**  
**DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES**  
(ver. 08-08)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 3</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: August 9<sup>th</sup> 10AM</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: Lawton Chiles High School Chorus Room</b>

**Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks**

Mike German welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10am.

**Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments**

Mike German	Lawton Chiles H.S.	Stephen Cornelius	North Florida Christian
Beth Kelly	Holy Comforter	Nathan White	Montford & Griffin M.S.
Becky Carlan	Wakulla H.S.	Kristin Dow	Riversprings M.S.
Brett Wilson	Taylor H.S.	Charlie Strickland	Tallahassee Home School Band
Heather Hays	Taylor M.S.	Monica Leimer	Godby H.S.
Ryan Kelly	Lincoln H.S.	Scott Gorman	Deerlake M.S.
David Thornton	Leon H.S.	Shelby Chipman	FAMU

**Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

Motion to waive the reading of the Previous Minutes by Gorman; seconded by White

**Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

End of Past Year's Statement: \$24,576.67  
Proposed Current Year Budget: \$29,330.00

**Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place**

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Lawton Chiles HS Band Room at 6:00pm

**Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA**

Register to Vote

Amendment #5

Amendment #7

Amendment #9

FBA 3+1 Discussion: Best Practices for Marching Band read from FBA website.

Discussion of FSMA and FBA's involvement with guidelines/regulations.

**Summary of Discussion:**

The Current Best Practices for Marching Band lacks specificity in its wording concerning the definition of a "competitive event" and how many hours is considered "excessive." The District feels that the proposed "3+1 Rule" is applicable only to marching band field shows. Parades should not be included. The District feels the proposed "Penalty of no participation in Solo & Ensemble or Concert MPA" is in contradiction to encouraging directors to provide a well-balanced music education, and would increase the costs of each District's assessment by reducing the amount of revenue caused by the proposed penalty. The District further recommends that FSMA look into a fine system for schools found in violation of the "3+1 Rule" and ask that FSMA consider a specific amount per each occurrence over the "3+1" limit. The District also feels that FBA and its local Districts should not be held responsible to police the rule or assess these fines. The District feels it is the role of FBA and its membership to encourage its fellow directors to

Present and Promote a Balanced Music Education Program for its students through collegial conversations and the mentorship program!

## **Item 7: Announcements**

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine.

## **Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets**

Discussion of On-line information

## **Item 9: Unfinished Business**

## **Item 10: Committee Reports**

Ryan Kelly, Mentoring committee chair, will send out information via e-mail to help new directors in the area get acquainted to District 3.

Monica Leimer, In-service committee chair, planning an In-service clinic for October 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Contact Monica Leimer at Godby HS with suggestions for clinics.

## **Item 11: New Business**

**Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms - due September 1** - earlier if you want uninterrupted FMEA and MENC magazine delivery. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION FOR ALL-STATE IF BAND DIRECTOR IS NOT AN FBA MEMBER.**

Send to: FMEA, or PAY DUES ON-LINE AT [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org)

**FSMA school dues** payment (to FSMA by September 1)

**Classification Forms due October 1 to the District Chairman.** Principal and Director Signature Required

Report the enrollment of your ENTIRE SCHOOL, not just your band program.

Senior High: Report grades 9, 10, 11, 12 or 10, 11, 12 as appropriate

Junior High: Report Grades 7, 8, and 9 (unless you plan to not use any 7th graders in any phase of MPA, then only count 8th and 9th graders)

Middles School: Report Grades 7 and 8 only

FINE: 50.00 for submitting this form late (Payable to FBA); \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.

Form is on the FBA website: <http://www.flmusiced.org/fba/dnn/ForDirectors/Forms/tabid/71/Default.aspx>

**All State Auditions:** (forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) )

Site: TBA (possibly Godby H.S. or Montford M.S.)

Audition Date: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Deadline: Forms and Your School's Check for fees must be in the District Chairman's hands no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

Fees: \$10.00

LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline. Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 1 in order to have students audition for all-state.

**Small School Honors Band** and 7-8th Grade Honor Band Nomination:

Forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)

Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.

**Marching Band MPA:**

Date: October 25, 2008

Site: Gene Cox Stadium (Lincoln H.S. Band Boosters will operate concession.)

**Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): October 1<sup>st</sup>**

No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors

**Remember: the larger the gate = the lower our assessment.**

**District Honor Band:**

Becky Carlan discussed procedures for honor band. Instructions for All-District Honor Band passed out; **Registration forms and fees for All-District Band due at the next FBA meeting on November 3rd**

Shelby Chipman will check on FAMU Lee Hall availability.

Nathan White and Monica Leimer suggested that each school has at least 1 student for every 15 students involved in their school MPA performing band given the opportunity to participate in All-District Band. This will allow more students the opportunity to participate and encourage smaller schools and programs to participate.

Nominations for the Oliver Hobbs Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"):

None at this time

Nominations for the Tom Bishop Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"):

None at this time

**Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites**

- Auxiliary Solo and Ensemble MPA: February 6<sup>th</sup> @ Madison County H.S.
- Solo and Ensemble MPA (MS/JH): February 7<sup>th</sup> @ FAMU
- Solo and Ensemble MPA (High School): February 7<sup>th</sup> FAMU
- Concert (JH/MS): March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> @ Godby H.S.
- Concert (High School): March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> @ Leon H.S.
- State North Solo and Ensemble MPA: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, & April 1<sup>st</sup> @ West Port H.S. Ocala (This is Spring Break for some Districts (i.e. Leon)
- State North Concert MPA: April 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Ft. Walton Beach & Univ. of FL

**Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators**

**Marching:**

- Music Jason Duckett
- Music Bob Allen
- M+M Eddie Steadman
- G.E. Lee Ponder
- Aux. Tina LaFerriere

**Solo and Ensemble**

- Tim Douglass – Brass / Jazz
- Tom Fitzpatrick - WW / Jazz
- Eric Rivero - Brass / Jazz
- Bruce Brazinski - Brass
- Eddie Steadmen – WW/Brass
- Julian White - WW/Choirs
- Travis Henry - Brass
- James Brown - WW - Clarinet / Piano
- Mike Ginesin - WW - Clarinet / Sax
- Jim Layton - Brass /WW
- Percussion
- Auxiliary
- Auxiliary
- Auxiliary

**Middle School Concert:**

- STAGE Jamie Roth
- Craig Bean
- David Fultz
- SR ?

**High School Concert:**

- STAGE Tom Fitzpatrick
- ?
- ?
- SR ?

**Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)**

No nominations at this time.

**Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees**

Music Committee (before Oct 1st for Concert titles, Dec 1st for S/E):

None

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):

None

Other: None

**Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board**

None at this time.

## **Item 17: Correspondence**

None at this time.

## **Item 18: For the Good of the Association**

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Review the marching band etiquette guidelines that were prepared by Martha Stark and published in the FBA handbook.

Remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines published in the FBA handbook.

Wanda Speir (FBA Auxiliary Judge) suffering with Multiple Sclerosis. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Dr. Shelby Chipman, FAMU wanted to thank District 3 for their support.

Monica Leimer wanted to thank Nathan White for his help at the end of the school year with the Godby Band.

FSU Prism concerts held at Godby HS this December. Contact FSU Band Office (850) 644-3507 for ticket information.

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Kelly; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gorman

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### **Name of District Secretary:**

Angela McKenzie

### **Signature:**