



**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73<sup>rd</sup> year**  
**DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES**  
(ver. 08-08)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 17</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: April 27, 2009</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 4</b>	<b>LOCATION: Landmark Middle School</b>

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

Thank you to Landmark Middle School for Hosting

**Item 2: Members and Guests Present**

Jonathan Maerkl	Fletcher High	W. Kevin Brown	Landmark Middle
Stan Barry	University Christian	Shawn Barat	DASOTA
Asa Jernigan	Mandarin Middle	Wes Peters	Fletcher Middle
Brandon Williams	W.M. Raines High	Marc Dickman	UNF
Paul Weikle	FCCJ	Ken Williams	LASOTA
Joe Rayhill	Wolfson High	Yannick Innis	Terry Parker High
Paula Thornton	DCPS	Lee Ponder	Mandarin Christian
Karen Wilhelm	Ft. Caroline Middle	Andy Shepard	Yulee Middle
Ace Martin	DASOTA	Rachel Pomeroy	Sandalwood High
Donald Reynolds	West Nassau High	Kent Staples	Forrest High
John Peasant	Butler Middle	Ryan Whalen	Oceanway Middle
Randy Hamm	Fernandina Beach Middle		

**Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

MOTION - Disperse with the reading of minutes (Jernigan/Ponder) - **PASSED**

**Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

Checking account balance for summer - \$2875.44 Budget summary was passed out.  
Next year's budget will include funds to move us to digital judge's comments for next year.  
Asa encouraged us to increase security amount in next years budget as police will be needed at all events hosted in Duval County per DCPS policy.

**Item 5: Announcements, etc.:**

NONE

**Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues with FBA and FSMA**

Shawn encouraged us to **call** our legislators. It is very easy.  
Dr. Williams reminded us that phone calls are more effective than e-mail. We need to find different revenue sources to fund education.

**Item 7: Unfinished Business**

MOTION – The District Chair be responsible for posting concert MPA ratings in a prominent place as has always been done in this district. The ratings will be posted after the director of that school band has seen his/her ratings and agreed to have them posted. If a director wishes, ratings for that band will not be posted until that band has left the MPA site (Ponder/Reynolds)

AMMENDED MOTION - The District Chair be responsible for posting concert MPA ratings in a prominent place as has always been done in this district. The ratings will be posted after the director of that school band has seen his/her ratings and agreed to have them posted. ~~If a director wishes, ratings for that band will not be posted until that band has left the MPA site~~ (Reynolds/Jernigan) **PASSED**

The issue of Photographs at Concert MPA was discussed. Photography for Concert MPA will be used next year. We will investigate a person or company to take them for us.

Thank you to Ernie, Pam, Asa, and Marc for hosting the various FBA MPA events

## **Item 8: Committee Reports**

Thank you to Don Reynolds and Paul Arnold for their work as chairs of the District Honor Band. HS Honor Band Chairperson for next year is Jonathan Maerkl. The All-District Band has approximately \$9500 in the account. Different times of year for the band were discussed from anywhere from the fall to April. Don Reynolds discussed the problems of getting the fees paid in a timely fashion.

Jonathan Maerkl discussed the goals of FBA District 17 Honor Band and asked which ones were most important. It was discussed that if we compromise too much then we serve none of the goals. The idea that some directors should take it upon themselves to put together an "honor band" of their own that is more inclusive (not in place of, but in addition to the currently existing honor band) was brought up. In this way more of the needs could be met.

## **Item 9: New Business**

NONE

## **Item 10: District Adjudicators for Next School Year**

Shawn is working on this.

## **Item 11: Sites for Next Year**

Please bring a letter signed by you and your principal to the August Meeting.

## **Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)**

Jonathan Maerkl was nominated to start the adjudication process for Marching, Concert, and Solo/Ensemble MOTION (Whalen) **PASSED**

## **Item 13: Suggestions to Committees**

NONE

## **Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board**

NONE

## **Item 15: Correspondence**

NONE

## **Item 16: For the Good of the Association**

Upcoming Concerts:

Sandalwood High School - May 14 6:30 pm

- Concert Band - William Tell Overture, Legend of the Petrified Forrest, Concert Overture, Penguins on Parade (with our upcoming 9th graders)
- Jazz Band - Shake, Rattle, & Roll, Night and Day, Ticket to Ride, China Grove
- Music Appreciation - Original Composition arranged by R. Pomeroy
- Music Appreciation Arrangements - performed by quartets from members of the concert band

Mandarin Middle School Spring Concert is Tuesday, May 12th @ 7:00 PM

Fletcher High School Spring Concert is Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 PM

Marc passed out info about UNF Summer Music Camps including two letters that can be passed out to students and will serve as \$100 scholarships.

Paul Weikle talked about the changes at FCCJ. It will become Florida State College at Jacksonville. Paul is going on sabbatical to pursue his doctorate. Burt Creswell will be taking the place of Paul.

Summer Convention: July 9-10. Altamonte Springs Hilton Dr. Williams spoke about the importance of attending the FBA Summer Convention. It is a more relaxed atmosphere than FMEA. It often includes adult ensembles that we can participate in with phenomenal conductors.

Job Openings Next Year: NONE  
Teachers of the Year: Stan Barry at University Christian

Paula congratulated District 17 on such wonderful representation at North State Concert MPA

Jonathan Maerkl distributed flyers about the First Coast Community Music School - High School Band Camp.

### **Item 17: Next Meeting Date**

Date: Monday August 21, 2009

Location: DASOTA

### **Item 18: Adjournment**

MOTION - (REYNOLDS/PONDER) - PASSED

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

Jonathan G. Maerkl

### **Signature**

*Jonathan G. Maerkl*