



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73rd year DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES (ver. 08-08)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 17	MEETING DATE: 11-10-08
MEETING NUMBER: 2	LOCATION: N.B. Forrest High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Thank you to Forrest High School for hosting the meeting and providing the food.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Shawn Barat	DASOTA	Paul Weikle	FCCJ
Asa Jernigan	Mandarin Middle	Pam Chaffin	Mandarin High
Adrian Jackson	Ed White High	Max Cordell	Trinity Christian
Joe Rayhill	Wolfson High	Lee Ponder	Mandarin Christian
Kent Staples	Forrest High	Ken Williams	LaVilla Middle
Don Reynolds	West Nassau High	Andy Shepard	Yulee Middle
Ryan Whalen	Oceanway Middle	Wes Peters	Fletcher Middle
Bill Hazlett	Providence	Karen Wilhelm	Ft. Caroline
Brandon Williams	W.M. Raines	Angie Perry	First Coast Music
Jonathan Maerkl	Fletcher High School	Tammy Braddock	First Coast Music
Rachel Pomeroy	Sandalwood High	Ace Martin	DASOTA
Yannick Innis	Terry Parker High	Vicki Nolan	Retired
Paula Thornton	DCPS	W. Kevin Brown	Landmark Middle
Jim Daniel	LaVilla Middle SOTA	Randy Hamm	Fernandina Beach Middle

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

MOTION – Dispense Reading of Minutes (Williams/Jernigan) **PASSED**

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Checking account balance - \$4034 (once Buffet check is received) Budget summary was passed out. The amount collected at the Marching Gate was the highest in recent years

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Continue advocacy organization in your boosters. Remind parents to write or you're your representatives, especially those that are new, to let them know they think the arts are important.

Item 6: Communications

NONE

Item 7: Unfinished Business

All-State Auditions

- The Sonic Quality of our district's CDs were very good.
- All-State List was e-mailed out and will be on FBA Website

Marching MPA

- Please complete the Marching Adjudicator Evaluation Form
- We may seek out a different video company next year that can provide DVD's before we leave the site or possibly allow a video pass for one parent.

- All band directors should send a thank you to Buffet-Crampon for their sponsorship:
Francois Kloc, Director of Sale and Marketing
Buffet Crampon USA, Inc.
14125 Beach Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32250

Attend the FMEA Clinic/Conference. Tampa Convention Center – January 7-10, 2009.
Online registration NOW AVAILABLE: www.flmusiced.org

Item 8: Committee Reports

District Honor Band Auditions on January 13th for MS and January 15th for HS
Rehearsals January 22nd and 23rd 6-9pm, January 24th 2-6pm. Concert on January 25th 3pm
The site is Mandarin High School for all events.

The Scale Requirements will be: All-State (7 for MS, All 12 for HS), Memorized, 3 minute time limit.

\$10 Entry fee due to Don Reynolds by December 19th **No Late Entries Accepted**
(Booster Check or School Check made out to: District 17 FBA Honor Band)

Don Reynolds c/o Nassau High School
1 Warrior Drive
Callahan, FL 32011

Audition material will be posted on our district website. <http://bands.banddirector.com/fba17>

E-mail Don with any questions or problems. DONALDREYNOLDS07@comcast.net

Item 9: New Business

Jazz Band MPA

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2009
Site: Univ. of North Florida, Robinson Hall

Solo and Ensemble MPA

Date: Friday, February 13 & Saturday, February 14, 2009
Site: Yulee High School

Scheduling S&E and Jazz Band MPA

Enter day and/or time preferred on solo or ensemble event screen
Shared accompanists must be entered using the exact same name and spelling to avoid conflict

High School Concert MPA:

Date: Friday, March 13 & Saturday afternoon, March 14, 2009
Site: Mandarin High School

Middle School Concert MPA:

Date: Friday, March 20 & Saturday, March 21, 2009
Site: Mandarin Middle School

Scheduling Concert Band MPA

Enter 1st and 2nd choice on ensemble info screen

MPA online help contact is Asa Jernigan. Jonathan Maerkl will also e-mail out an instruction sheet.

Entries done on-line and print the following forms:

- From S&E Screen: Entries List and Student Roster
- From Concert Screen: Roster for each band
- From Jazz Screen: Roster for each band
- **Do not print the assessment form.** We will e-mail you our District 17 assessment form.
- Any Special Permission Forms you received back from the music committee.

All forms and a check for assessment due to district chairman by: **MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009 (at the 3rd District Meeting)**

Remember: *On the 15th day past the due date, entry forms will no longer be accepted.*
Assessment Form and Check must accompany entry.

Requests for reclassification:

- Sandalwood CC
- Mandarin A
- Ed White C
- Englewood CC
- First Coast Christian School JS-C
- Wolfson CC
- Raines C
- Terry Parker B

MOTION – Approve all reclassification requests (Williams/Reynolds) **PASSED**

MOTION - Approve Mandarin Christian for comments only (Reynolds/Williams) **PASSED**

Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

S&E North – March 30-April 1 @ West Port HS in Ocala
South – April 6-8 @ Palmetto Ridge HS in Naples
MPA North – April 20-24 @ Ft Walton Bach HS and Univ. of Florida
South April 20-24 @ North Port HS in Ft. Myers

Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List

None

Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees

Suggestions for Clinics

- Would like to see clinics repeated because sometimes three or four that you'd like to see that are scheduled at the same time.
- Arranging to fit your ensemble.
- Don't put FBA clinics at Riverside. We have too many people.
- We would like to meet all of the all-state directors.
- What gets directors in trouble in their first two years?
- We would like to see the new music reading session added back.
- College and Successful HS Teachers teach a clinic, without selling something, on each specific instrument.
- Conducting techniques.
- S&E Literature selections and how to judge it.
- Successful fundraisers & squeezing out \$ from where? (choices, prizes, how to run them)
- Invite clinicians to your classrooms – List possibilities. (College, Colleagues, Symphony, Navy Band, Retirees)
- Handbook Contents (What's in, What's out, Wording, etc...)
- Booster Groups (Making One, Formation, rules, Boundaries, By-Laws, Examples)
- Building Prism Concerts.
- Student Leadership (Developing Positions and Leaders, a Manual, Training, Resources)
- Teach Me to Oversee my Colorguard / Auxiliary / Winterguard / Visual Ensemble.
- Starting, Maintaining, and Competing with Winter Percussion.
- Developing 6th through 12th grade curriculum – coordination from Beginning Instrumental & Vocal Programs through the Senior Year and into College. MS/JH Director to Sr. High Director.
- How to do online registrations – All of them!

- Marching Band GE ideas & resources i.e.) dance, movement, props, etc...

Item 13: Proposals to the Executive Board

Discussion on the motion limiting adjudicated marching events.

- What are the consequences for non-compliance?
- Extra Rehearsals are also a concern.
- It was brought up that if FBA does not take action then FSMA will and they make take action without knowledge of what is in our best interest. Their rules may limit us in areas that we do not want them to limit us. It is much better for us to regulate ourselves.
- What about bands selected for a bowl game or a parade where it is judged?
- Where did this come from? Principals and Superintendents came to the organization to ask for guidance about what was appropriate.
- There are some bands that can handle more than 4 and still have a strong well-rounded program.
- It was mentioned that the concern was more for those small rural bands who try to build credibility only through marching band success.
- One of the younger directors expressed that the guidelines were helpful

Item 14: Other

NONE

Item 15: For the Good of the Association

- Read you handbook for changes to rules about Auxiliary MPA solos.
- Don Reynolds is teacher of the year for West Nassau High School.
- Shawn Barat will be conducting his Wind Symphony at the President's Concert on Wednesday of the FMEA Clinic/Conference.
- Paula will be guest conducting the Palmetto Concert Band at the Midwest clinic on Saturday morning.
- Ryan Whalen distributed information about Teal Sound. Drum Corps Experience Day is 9-5pm on November 29, 2008. The cost is \$25. It is at Middleburg High School. Auditions are also at Middleburg on December 13th and 14th. 8:30am Registration.
- Karen Wilhelm is in need of a sub for at least 6 weeks in January.
- Yuleslide @ UNF Saturday, December 20. 10am Rehearsal. Performance at St. Johns Town Center 1:30pm
- Jacksonville Tuba Xmas will be at the Landing on Saturday Dec 13 (10am rehearsal, 2pm Performance, rain, snow, or shine) - Band directors who bring students get complimentary registration. All age/skill levels ok! Dr. Marcus Dickman conducting - UNF tuba ensemble to play during intermission. Kids are welcome to decorate horns and dress festive. Sousaphones and marching euphoniums and baritones ok too!
We'd like to break the record of 117 performers.

Item 16: Next Meeting Date

January 12th at Yulee High School – Meet at 6pm. Eat at 7pm.

Item 17: Adjournment

MOTION (Nolan/Whalen) **PASSED**

Name of District Secretary:

Jonathan Maerkl

Signature

Jonathan Maerkl