



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

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 18</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: December 1, 2008</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 2</b>	<b>LOCATION: Florida Gulf Coast University</b>

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

Call to order at 7:04 pm

- Thanks to  
Dr. Chesnutt - for hosting the MPA online training session and providing the meeting site!  
Mike Wenzlaff - of first Note Music for providing food funding for the all state auditions  
Thank you to all that assisted with All state auditions  
Mark Dahlberg and his staff - for hosting the marching band MPA on Nov 1st

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Tab Langis - Varsity Lakes	Linda Mann - Diplomat MS
Jay Parales - Lehigh Senior High	Bethany Smith - Lexington MS
Christina Moffat - NFMAA	Paxon Roan - Cypress Palm MS
Bill Reaney- Palmetto Ridge HS	Jerome Edwards – retired Naples HS
Richard Brown- Ida Baker HS	James Samz - Estero HS
Josh Blair -Cypress lake HS	Kelly Parker – Baron Collier
Julian Eckmann – N Fort Myers HS	Rod Chesnutt - FGCU
Tom Howell - CMS	John Stein – Lely HS
Chuck Flory – Alva MS	Sarah Bambrey - VPAA
Jan Hessney PL Dunbar MS	Emily Widrick – Labelle HS
Gordon Hardy - Lee MS	Dan Davis – Caloosa MS
Dana Williams –Canterbury	Steve Detjen - IHS
Burt Ross -Oakridge MS	

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

- If there are no comments – the minutes from Meeting #1 will be approved as sent to the membership
- The minutes can be found on the FBA website: [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)
- Our 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be Jan 12th

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report – Jan Hessney

- Marching MPA Receipts - \$7290.00
- Custodian Fee: \$300.00
- Judge's honoraria: \$750.00
- Judge's expenses including hotel: \$1152.97
- Tape Recorders: \$199.95
- Cassettes: \$65.00
- Total MPA Expenses: \$2467.92
- Total realized from PA: \$4822.08
- Uncashed All-State refund checks: Immokalee \$30.00, LaBelle @20.00, Lely \$20.00

## Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Harmful have been removed!

## Item 6: Communications

## Item 7: Unfinished Business

### 7.1 – Marching MPA Followup

Bill Reaney brought up that Stopping EVERY car that came into the parking lot for MPA made people feel like they HAD to donate. Jan Hessney made the point that with the economy the way it is ALL programs are struggling and every little bit helps.

### 7.2 MPA Online

- Reminder - You have to re – register each year. You can use the same password – but your information from last year is not available. All MPA registrations will be using the Online system
- Begin entering students as soon as you can – DON'T WAIT!! – requests are granted by the date that all your information is received.
- Assessments this year are \$3.80
- Deadline to have everything in the computer is 1/11/09 at 11:59pm. Otherwise you are locked out.
- <http://www.flmusiced.org/mpaonline/login.aspx>

### 7.3 MPA

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
- From Main Screen: Assessment Form (\$3.80)
- Any Special Permission Forms you received back from the music committee.

All forms and a check for assessment due to district chairman by: **JAN. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009** Remember that on the 15th day past the due date, entry forms will no longer be accepted.

### Solo and Ensemble MPA:

Date: February 5-7, 2009

Site: Lehigh Senior High

- MS Jazz – 2/5
- HS Jazz – 2/6
- S&E - 2/6 2/7
- Auxiliary - 2/7

Accompanists must be listed by first and last names – no nicknames. Make sure that the names are identical if they are playing for other schools!!

### High School Concert MPA

Date: March 5-7, 2009

Sites: March 5 Golden Gate HS  
March 6-7 Cypress Lake High School

### Middle School Concert MPA

Date : March 26 – 28, 2008

Sites: March 26-27 Lehigh Sr. High School  
March 28: Golden Gate High School

#### 7.4 All-State Auditions – next year - September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- A new site is needed for next year – we will need 6 rooms for auditions
- We discussed having a co. come in and do the recording for us. Linda Mann brought up that many districts are doing that now – and it makes for a higher quality recording for our kids auditioning.
- We may not have enough Superscopes and CD recorders for our needs

#### 7.5 – Potential Committees To Be Formed - Partially tabled until next meeting.

There was interest in directors chairing committees. Bill Reaney – would like to chair the Meeting Performance Committee. Jay Parales said he would chair the Publicity committee. Mentoring and MPA Committees are not needed at this time.

#### 7.6 – Marching Band motion:

Read the proposed motion and the best practices for marching band (URL Below)

<http://www.flmusiced.org/fba/dnn/performances/bestpracticesformarchingband/tabid/188/default.aspx>

**Motion: Conte/Dunsizer: limit the number of Marching Band Field Evaluations to a total of four per school year, one of which must include Florida Bandmasters Association Marching Music Performance Assessment. High Schools that do not comply with this requirement will not be eligible to participate in any other Florida Bandmasters Association events for the remainder of the school year.**

Rationale: - In order to align our activities with the FBA philosophy and the “best practices” for Marching band, it is necessary to establish an equitable balance between different aspects of the band programs. Excessive participation in Marching band competitions has potential ramifications for our profession, including excessive fees, lower retention rates which may effect teacher units, and de-emphasis of other significant aspects of our curriculum.

#### Marching Band Motion – District 18 meeting #2 Discussion

The district tried to keep the discussion to no more that 15 – 20 minutes

- Richard Brown made the point that marching band is a vital part of the WHOLE high school band experience.
- Paxen Roan stated that we are professionals and FBA should treat us as such. If we are truly professionals in our field we should not be told “what to do” with our own programs.
- Linda Mann made the comment that this MAY have started a few years ago when there were a few schools that had a problem with principals thinking that their band programs were “exploiting” students and charging excessive fees.
- One of the biggest concerns that District 18 (as a whole) has is the fear that if this motion is passed it will cause a huge rift between the younger directors and FBA.... Causing directors to not join FBA or move to another state.
- Rod Chesnutt mentioned that he has been in many states – and this is happening in other states and that we must remember that sports are considered extra curricular while band is STILL curricular.
- The question was asked “does this include bowl games and major national parades?”
- District 18 unanimously OPPOSES this motion.

FBA Ex. Director Duane Hendon States:

If FBA does not do anything about this issue, someone else will and you may not like it. If the board votes YES, then it will come before the membership at our meeting on Thursday at convention.

## **Item 8: Committee Reports**

There are currently no committees

## **Item 9: New Business**

Requests for re-classification must be approved by district vote:

Cape Coral HS	from A to B
Ida Baker HS	from A to BB
Island Coast HS	D (new School)
Lehigh Senior HS	from BB to CC
Lely Senior HS	from BB to CC
Oak Hammock MS	MD (new school)

Riverdale HS

from BB to B

Motion by Paxon Roan to approve reclassification for the above mentioned schools. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Detjen

MOTION PASSED

### **Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites**

April 6-8, 2009 South State S&E MPA – Palmetto Ridge HS

April 20-24, 2009: South State Concert MPA – North Port High School

### **Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List**

None at this time

### **Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees**

None at this time

### **Item 13: Proposals to the Executive Board**

(must be in the form of a motion)

### **Item 14: Other**

### **Item 15: For the Good of the Association**

- Please respond to E mail inquiries ASAP – Consider creating an FBA folder on your Desktop to store all FBA related information, messages, minutes etc
- As always, remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies and guidelines published in the FBA handbook
- Linda Mann wanted to let everyone know that Summer Convention is now on a 3 year loop – instead of doing the Masterworks. The 1<sup>st</sup> year (this summer) will be master classes on each instrument. 2<sup>nd</sup> year will be Artistry. 3<sup>rd</sup> year will be rehearsal techniques.
- Make sure that you cancel any unneeded hotel rooms for FMEA convention – or give them to someone who needs them – otherwise you will be charged cancellation fees.
- Congratulations to James Samz and Estero HS for making FMBC finals!

### **Item 16: Next Meeting Date**

- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009: Florida Gulf Coast University – 7:00pm. THIS IS THE DEADLINE FOR MPA FORMS AND ASSESSMENTS TO BE TURNED IN

### **Item 17: Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Steve Detjen / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh Blair

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

**Name of District Secretary: Christina L. Moffat**

### **Signature:**

Respectfully Submitted by

Christina L. Moffat

FBA District 18 Secretary