



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73rd year
DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES
(ver. 08-08)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 19	MEETING DATE: August 23rd, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 1	LOCATION: West Port High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 10:00A.M. by Scotty Vance. Welcome to WPHS.
Thank you to Ictus Limited for providing breakfast for the meeting.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments

Scotty Vance, West Port HS	Cassidy Gleaton, Trinity Catholic HS	Elizabeth Short, Vanguard HS
Jack Hart, East Ridge HS	Craig Lilly, North Marion HS	Glenn Maerkl, Howard MS
David Fritz, Fort King MS	David Harden, Eustis HS	Francisco Garcia, East Ridge MS
Brandon Tolmach, Clermont MS	Lynn Stocker, Gray MS	Ryan Wright, South Lake HS
Gabriel Fielder, Leesburg HS	Marla Langford, Leesburg HS	Brooke Miller, Oak Park MS
Matt Bruzzi, Carver MS	Gerry Ricke, Eustis MS	Robbie Riddle, Villages HS
L. C. Coney, Retired	David Christensen, Lake-Sumter CC	Bob Allen, Retired / PACE Travel
John Leschak, Lake Weir HS	Alonzo Braddon, Retired	Pete Perrone, Tavares HS
Allen Venezio, Tavares HS	Doug Yopp, Mt. Dora Bible	Jason Dobson, Dunnellon HS
Nick Reardon, Belleview MS/HS	Cara Canedi, South Sumter HS	Donald Scott, Wildwood MS/HS
Kirsten Kenny, Blessed Trinity	Russell Brun, Dunnellon MS	Michael Martin, Lake Weir MS
Kimberly Lieser, Mt. Dora MS	Bob Thompson, Guest	Rachel Fritz, Guest
Steve Tyree, Ictus Limited, Guest	Chuck Newton, Newtoc Media, Guest	Pat/ Suzy McLaughlin, Guests

Mentors assigned to new teachers or any teacher desiring a mentor.

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

The minutes are posted online. There are no corrections to the minutes.
Minutes approved. (Hart/Yopp)

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

We currently have \$476.26 in our account and are awaiting the deposit from FSMA.
Copies of the budget have been distributed.
Clarification: Line 09 refers to All-District Band.

Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

November 8th, 2008 10:00 A.M. at Mt. Dora Christian Home & Bible School.

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

The power point presentations were sent out to the District several weeks ago. If you didn't receive them and would like to, please see Scotty.

Review of power point and Amendments 5, 7, 9.

Suggestions for advocacy (Ricke) –

Place a link on your band's website where parents can view these issues.

Promote your band programs! Speak at events like the Rotary Club about musicians making better businessmen.

(Fielder) Link arts-supporting articles on our District website so we all can access them.

Item 7: Announcements

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

Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

Packets with calendars, budgets, directory information forms, and agendas were at the door. Please take one back if you know someone that is not present at the meeting.

Attention to: 9/6/08 – FMEA Hotel Blocks Open at 9:00AM – Rehearsal sites posted online.

Hall of Fame Weekend – November 15th-16th at Stetson University.

All-State deadline pushed back to 9/4/2008 due to school closings for T.S. Fay.

Item 9: Unfinished Business

FMBC Proposal to the FBA State Board – determined out of order.

Concerns for the new marching band requirements mentioned at Summer Convention:

- Concern: taking away the decision making of Band Directors; who are professionals.
- People may leave the FBA because of this ruling, if it is finalized.
- Scheduling should be at the discretion of the Director and their Principal, so the Principal has the option to veto items on the calendar or stop the excess.
- Administration is looking for a guideline, just as FHSAA gives guidelines to Athletic programs
- Possible solution: Include limitations as a guideline in the handbook, just as the etiquette guidelines are posted.

All District Band Site: Tabled at last meeting. Ryan Wright would like to host at South Lake HS. Passed.

Item 10: Committee Reports

All-District Band Committee officially created, with guidelines and deadlines. Will be overseen by the board. Volunteers to serve on the committee: Ryan Wright, Jack Hart, Glenn Maerkl.

Discussion of All-District Band audition materials and clinicians.

The District trusts the committee to determine requirements – should be less than All-State.

Suggestions for improvement: Bring in a clinician for the directors as well. (Langford)

Possibly collect a donation at the door or the concert to help support ADB?

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 ALLSTATE IF BAND DIRECTOR IS NOT AN FBA MEMBER.**

Send to: FMEA, or PAY DUES ON-LINE AT www.flmusiced.org

The website and forms were shown to the directors on the internet website through the video projector.

FSMA school dues payment (to FSMA by September 15)

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: www.flmusiced.org/fba

You may get these counts on the 20th day of school.

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

Site: Mt. Dora MS

Date: 9/13/2008

Deadline: 9/4/2008

Fees: \$25 per audition

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.

The District will create a monitor procedure list in case problems arise in an audition room, and will meet with monitors prior to the recordings if necessary.

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

Forms are in August Bulletin and on www.flmusiced.org/fba

Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form. Do not send to District Chairman!

Marching Band MPA:

Date: 11/1/2008

Site: Leesburg HS

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): 9/26/2008

No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors working the gates and collecting money.

Reminder that directors must have a letter from their Principal to be excused from the festival, or a \$150 fine will be charged. In the letter there must be a person named to take the directors place and work their Marching MPA shift.

Motion to return to a day festival, beginning at 10:00A.M., with bands performing every 20 minutes. (Leschak/ Fielder). Motion passes.

Motion to retain no re-entry policy. (Tolmach/Maerkl). Motion passes.

Note: Please make sure your band parents understand this policy beforehand!

Gate fees clarified: \$8.00 per person.

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

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

Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites

Jazz MPA (MS/HS): 2/19, Lake Sumter Community College

Solo and Ensemble MPA (MS/HS): 2/20-2/21, Tavares HS

Concert (MS/JH): 4/24-4/25, West Port HS

Concert (High School): 3/14, East Ridge HS

Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators

Marching MPA: Rivero, Viking, Brazinski, Shellahamer, Fultz, Moore

Jazz MPA: Dorsey, Dressman, Malcolm, Rivero, Wansley (2 rotate as clinicians)

HS Concert MPA: Pattishall, Wansley, Sullivan, Thompson

MS Concert MPA: Frankenstein, Ammerman, Brazinski, Wansley

We are still in need of Solo and Ensemble Judges.

Please be sure to fill out your Adjudicator Evaluation Forms after an MPA – Otherwise, we don't know anything about some of the judges, and who you would like to have judging in our district!

Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

None

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

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

Is there a way to get the new music selections approved and published earlier?

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):

Gary Smith – University of Illinois, presentation on marching band drill writing

(he lives in Florida through the winter)

General Music clinics for middle and high school teachers.

Other: None.

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

None.

Item 17: Correspondence

None to report.

Item 18: For the Good of the Association

Review the 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.

Discussion of benefits and drawbacks from incorporating booster organizations.

Why are dues \$157 if we are no longer paying to print and mail bulletins and handbooks?

Leschak – Marion County Optimist Marching Band Festival – 10/28 at Booster Stadium

Pete Perrone is offering private percussion lessons – please have interested students contact him.

Yopp – Lake County directors, be sure you received your All-County packet. Send ONE check.

Dobson – Inquiry as to how many Directors are teaching out of their field (ex. Reading, math) – 3.

Christensen – Revamping LSCC Music program – offering private lessons for credit and band class as a recruitment – students may not receive credit for band. Meets Wednesday 4-6pm. Also looking for teachers with a Master's Degree to teach lessons.

Fielder – Lake County Music Mentors – in rough draft phase. Meet afterwards to discuss.

McLaughlin – repair comments and award for worst instrument repair 2007-2008.

Fielder – Marching MPA ads for program – gives back to your school. You'll receive an envelope in the mail with instructions and forms.

Braddon – Marion County – Optimist Dinner 9/18.

Vance – Take packets for absent people. Having another baby! #3!

Item 19: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Hart/Venezio. Meeting was adjourned at 12:05P.M.

Name of District Secretary: Cassidy W. Gleaton

Signature: *Cassidy W. Gleaton*