



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 73rd year
DISTRICT MEETING #3 MINUTES
(ver. 08-08)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 19	MEETING DATE: 1/31/2009
MEETING NUMBER: 3	LOCATION: South Lake High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Scotty Vance.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Scotty Vance, West Port HS
Jack Hart, East Ridge HS
Ryan Wright, South Lake HS
Brooke Miller, Oak Park MS
Allen Venezio, Tavares HS
Cara Canedi, South Sumter HS
Russell Brun, Dunnellon MS
Philip Porter, Mount Dora HS
Cory Lowery, South Sumter MS
Nick Reardon, Belleview MS/HS
Gerry Ricke, Eustis MS
John Leschak, Lake Weir HS

Cassidy Gleaton, Trinity Catholic HS
Brandon Tolmach, Clermont MS
Gabriel Fielder, Leesburg HS
Kevin Blackstock, Villages Charter MS
Doug Yopp, Mt. Dora Bible
Donald Scott, Wildwood MS/HS
Kimberly Lieser, Mt. Dora MS
Michael Urich, Windy Hill MS
Bob Allen, Retired PACE Travel
David Fritz, Ft. King MS
Glenn Maerkl, Howard MS

Elizabeth Short, Vanguard HS
Lynn Stocker, Gray MS
Marla Langford, Leesburg HS
Pete Perrone, Tavares HS
Jason Dobson, Dunnellon HS
Kirsten Kenny, Blessed Trinity
Tina Laferriere, Tavares MS
Jon North, East Ridge HS
Don Cromer, Ft. McCoy MS
Mark Bailey, Umatilla HS
Michael Martin, Lake Weir MS

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

The minutes were emailed out and approved – they are posted on the website as well.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: 16,724.87.

A new district laptop, printer, and scanner was purchased for around \$1000, as approved at the last meeting.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Articles have been published about our supplements being cut, and in Marion County they intend to let all 1st year, 2nd year, and some 3rd year teachers go in order to balance their budget. Find your job description and be certain of what is eligible for a supplement. If supplements are cut, consider pulling out of parades or football games to alert the community to this. Make your band very visible now – at community performances, school functions, and other activities. Invite your city and county commissioners as well as school board employees. This is a way you can be proactive with your bands and jobs, rather than reactive once supplements are taken away.

Remember that they may not be giving you a supplement, but they are giving you a program. If you avoid things like football games, parades, and public performances, there is no reason for your school to have a band program! Allow students to be in band classes – even if they are a manager, videographer, etc. They are still members of your band, though they do not play an instrument.

Remember that the arts are a part of the No Child Left Behind Act, which affects federal funding.

Be sure you have the numbers in your program. Put up pictures and announcements around your school to remind administrators and students of the value of your program. Be visible. Recruit!

Bottom line: we better communicate to the people that ask us to do their activities – let them know our budgets have been cut and our supplements have been challenged. Be proactive in educating people about what's going on, letting them know how valuable band programs are.

Item 6: Communications

Two of the three bands that attended our Marching MPA from out-of-district sent their assessment fees and letters indicating that they enjoyed our MPA.

Letter from Ft. McCoy MS asking to attend MPA for Comments Only due to recent restrictions because of the FCAT. This was approved by the district in an email vote following the meeting.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

The 3+1 motion did not pass.

Item 8: Committee Reports

ADB: Bands sound great this year. How can we encourage more students to try out and fill out the band? Be very careful to hire clinicians who are exciting and fun to work with – not just names for us. Have a clinician come in to work with students on their individual instruments so they learn something beyond just the music.

Motion to reimburse SLHS and MDHS for ADB costs. (Fritz/Fielder)

Discussion on ADB Situation with two girls being removed from the ensemble due to a violation of the contract (attendance policy). Rewording of contract to be even more clear and specific.

Allen Venezia brought up that the Director's Band had been voted out by the district three years ago, so we would need to vote it back into existence. Discussion from the district: This could've been brought up in an email to the district officers and ADB Committee prior to ADB and the meeting, when the schedule was announced. We need a manual or handbook to pass on from district officers and committee heads so all of the rules and policies are printed and changes are notated. This will help the new officers to know what has been done in the past and avoid conflicts in the future.

Item 9: New Business

Entry forms, and assessment checks due!

Solo & Ensemble Information: Jazz MPA at Lake-Sumter Community College 2/19
S & E at Tavares High School 2/20-2/21

Title Changes: 10 days before.

Concert MPA Information:

High School: 3/14 at East Ridge High School, Clermont

Middle School: 4/24-4/25 at West Port High School, Ocala

Schedules were mailed out this week – there were wrong classifications and this will be corrected before a new schedule is emailed out. Middle school schedule will be corrected to reflect the correct days.

Programs – Deadline for director information: HS – Solo and Ensemble, MS – watch your emails.

Recording. Leave it to the officers to make these decisions in the best interest of Newtoco and the District.

Other Information.

Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

Senior High Directors—If you have not received your State MPA Entry Bulletin by early March, CALL the executive director.

Item 11: Election of Officers (if applicable)

Item 12: District MPA Dates for Next Year

All-State Auditions: 9/12/2009

Marching MPA: 11/7/2009

All-District Band: 1/28/2010-1/30/2010

Solo&Ensemble: 2/18/2010-2/20/2010
High School Concert MPA: 3/13/2010
Middle School Concert MPA: 4/23/2010-4/24/2010

Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

Item 14: Nominations for All-State Clinicians

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

(Must be in the form of a motion)

Motion: Provide FBA members secure online access to the voting records of all State Executive Board members on motions presented to the board.

Rationale: To provide a clear and transparent system of accountability to all members of the Florida Bandmasters Association and to ensure that the interests of the individual districts are being represented accurately by their elected representative. This motion will serve to empower District Chairpersons to vote the conscience of their district without concern of pressure from outside influence. This is similar to the United States Legislative Branch, where the voting records of all Senators and Congressmen are recorded and a matter of public record.

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

Watch the coach situation in Kentucky – make sure you hydrate during marching band!
See Allen about Trumpet 101 – published this past Fall.

Item 18: Next Meeting Date

May 2nd, 2009 at Trinity Catholic High School, Ocala; 10:00AM

Item 19: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. (Tolmach/Dobson)

Name of District Secretary:

Signature: