



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

DISTRICT NUMBER: 20	MEETING DATE: August 23, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 1	LOCATION: Florida Christian School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

District Chairman, Carolyn Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. She welcomed everyone and then directors introduced themselves.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments

Lee Johanson – Archbishop Curley Notre Dame
Ken Goff - Florida Christian School
Angela Goff – Florida Christian School
Carolyn Hutchinson – Florida Christian School
Bobby Keating – Gulliver Academy Middle School
Susan Bazin – Key Largo Middle School
Derek Shute – Miami Christian School
Salvatore Vinciguerra – Miami Country Day School
Doug Jordan – Palmer Trinity School
Cathi Leibinger – Ransom Everglades Middle School
Jon Hamm – Ransom Everglades Upper School
Erika Fernandez – Westminster Christian School
Eric Tindle – Westwood Christian High School

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Available on line. Accepted as submitted. (A. Goff/Hamm)

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

End of Past Year's Statement:	End of year balance:	\$500 (\$6467.12 sent to FSMA for the summer)
	Deposit:	\$1089.00
	Svc charges (June/July)	\$ - 15.00
	Current balance	\$1059.00
	Pending FSMA check	<u>\$6467.12</u>
	Balance	\$7526.12

New district computer is not needed until next year, since improvements to the MPA have been made.

Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

Saturday, October 25, 2008 at Key Largo Middle School (10:00 AM)

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

Read alerts sent by James Perry. Pending amendments to the state constitution concerning vouchers and FCATs. Look on the FSMA website regularly. Some schools reflect diminished enrollment. Cathi Leibinger recommends forwarding links directly to parents. Please contact her if you need some advocacy articles. She has some good ones.

Item 7: Announcements

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine. Deadline is September 1st.

Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

Handbook and bulletins are on-line. In order to conserve resources, no printed copies will be sent. Please consult the website. Published quarterly after executive board meetings.

Item 9: Unfinished Business

None

Item 10: Committee Reports

All-State: Angela Goff (chairman) and Ashby Goldstein (for the Keys)

An audition demonstration included David Aguiar, a talented freshman from Florida Christian School. Carolyn Hutchinson used script verbatim. Please do not ad lib and give no indication of approval/disapproval (which may lead to confusion if the student doesn't make the band).

Directors check in at media center upon arrival to receive color-coded card for each student. CD recorder and Script are already in the audition room. As student enters, please confirm student data on the card (name, instrument, band they are auditioning for) and code (which must match the code on the CD). Check level before they start to play. Read script loud, clear and slow.

Once they are done, remember to finalize the CD and check to make sure it recorded. "Just say thank you" without embellishment, as they leave.

Solo and Ensemble MPA: Bobby Keating (chairman)

Deadline: October 8 (postmark); October 10 (in hand by 4:00)

Forms found at www.flmusiced.org/mpaonline/login.aspx

Honor Bands: Doug Jordan (high school) and Susan Bazin (middle school)

Ransom Upper will host on January 16 – 17, 2009. (Jon Hamm did a wonderful job last year.) Shelby Chipman (HS) and George Walters (MS) will conduct. Nomination forms are due by the next meeting. Send HS student names/qualifications to Doug Jordan. Send MS student names/qualifications to Susan Bazin. Please do not forget to include parent contact information on the form. Please get commitments from participating students since it is a holiday weekend. There was discussion about production of CDs (including music rights, distribution costs, MP3 format vs. cost.)

Concert MPA needs a venue:

Lee Johanson and Derek Shute will investigate; Susan Bazin will coordinate efforts
We need one site for three days, centrally located with 3 performance areas (sight-reading, performance and warm-up). Ideas discussed are: church, college, private auditoriums. These may not be cost effective and equipment will have to be transported to and from. Stephen Whitfield may be able to host in the new MHS auditorium, but it is a long distance to travel from Dade County. Also suggested was the possibility of different venues with judges who move from site-to-site. (Please send ideas/suggestions to BazinS@monroe.k12.fl.us)

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

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

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

Recommendation: send only well prepared students, prescreen for ability prior to audition. Don't use it as a learning experience for them since some walk away discouraged if they don't make the band.

North Site: Florida Christian School; South Site: Marathon High (to be confirmed)

Date: September 20, 2008

Deadline: September 3 (postmarked); September 5th (in hand by 4:00)

Fees: \$15 per entry

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.

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.

Marching Band MPA:

As the only marching band groups, Keys schools will have to go out-of-district. Please submit letters to Chairman for official authorization. (MHS letter has been received.)

Nominations for the Oliver Hobbs Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"): None

Nominations for the Tom Bishop Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"): None

Item 12: District Dates and Sites

Solo and Ensemble MPA	North site:	Gulliver Academy
	Date:	November, 7 – 8, 2008
	South site:	Key West High School
	Date:	February 14, 2008
District Honor Band	Date:	January 16-17, 2009
	Site:	Ransom Everglades Upper
Jazz Band MPA	Date:	February 19, 2009
	Site:	Ransom Middle School
Concert MPA	Date:	March 19-21, 2009
	Site:	TBA
State S-and-E (Jazz)	Date:	April 6 – 8, 2009
	South site:	Palmetto Ridge HS (Naples)
	Date:	March 30 – April 1, 2009
	North site:	West Port HS (Ocala)
State Concert	Date:	April 20-24, 2009
	South site:	North Port HIS
	North site:	Ft. Walton Beach and Univ. of Florida

Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators

Bobby Keating did an outstanding job acquiring adjudicators this year.

Solo and Ensemble: Steve Gardner, Jim Hacker, Kim Miles (brass)
Rick Miles, Gerri Hacker, Eugene Timmons (wind)
John Keon (percussion)

Jazz Band: Rick Miles, Eugene Timmons, Al Hager

Concert Band: Rick Miles, Shelby Chipman, Jim Hacker, Gerri Hacker (sight-reading)

Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

Angela Goff nominated for woodwinds (Ken Goff/Leibinger) elected unanimously by secret ballot.

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

Music Committee (before Oct 1st for Concert titles, Dec 1st for S/E): none

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1): none

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board None

Item 17: Correspondence

Need letters from Ransom Middle (for Jazz Festival) and Marathon HS (for potential MPA)

Item 18: For the Good of the Association

Remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines published in the FBA handbook. Download manual if necessary and refer to it as needed. Don't hesitate to call Carolyn if you have a question, but information is easily accessible on the website.

Brian Wuttke's letter regarding MDC Wind Symphony: Please call Carolyn for specific details. Recertification credit is available. This community band is open to adult players and will meet on Wednesday evenings. Probably very good literature will be played and directors are encouraged to participate. In exchange, Brian is offering clinics at your school for participating members.

Lee Johanson (Archbishop Curley Notre Dame) would like to acknowledge the generosity of some of the instrument contributions received from other schools in our district. He still needs equipment and instruments, including an upright bass.

Derek Shute (Miami Christian) is rebuilding some percussion equipment and needs some spare parts.

Eric Tindle (Westwood Christian) is looking for a good piano accompanist.

Bobby Keating (Gulliver Academy) would like to thank the All-State committee for scheduling the rehearsal groups near the convention site. We all agreed that this will alleviate travel during the convention.

The venerable Wellington Gilbert (AKA "Tops" "The Reverend Mayor Gilbert" and "Big Guy") passed away recently. He will be missed as he was always listening to bands and always had a joke to tell.

We are pleased to welcome new directors to our District: Adrian Gordon (assistant director at Gulliver Academy), Leo Altimiranda (Dade Christian School), and Erika Fernandez (Westminster Christian School)

Item 19: Adjournment

11:55 AM (Jordan/Leibinger)

Name of District Secretary:

Susan Bazin

Signature:

Susan Bazin

Key Largo Middle School

Keys Community Concert Band