



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

DISTRICT NUMBER: 21	MEETING DATE: August 25, 2008
MEETING NUMBER: 1	LOCATION: Creekside HS

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Called by Jason Duckett at 7pm. Thank you to Creekside HS and the CHS band boosters for hosting our first meeting of 2008-2009. Also thanks to Music and Arts (Kenny Chinn) who helped pay for the yummy food!! We all missed some time at school last week with **FAY**, glad you are safe and here!!

Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments

New members for sure need a mentor! Heck, old members need them too!
Tommy Bledsoe, SJCart's Coordinator; SeaJay Smith, Grandpa's Music; Rick Fowler, Creekside HS;
Jason Duckett, Bartram Trail; Laura Beard, SAHS; Michael Johnson, Nease; Dorothy Bush, PVHS;
Charlie Rankin, PBMS; Trista Philips, Murray; Jim Beck, Clay HS; Sarah Sacharski, Orange Park JH; Mike Summers, The Oakleaf School; David McGuffin, Ridgeview HS; John Wilkerson, Middleburg HS; Bert Creswell, Fleming Island HS; Mara Rys, Fleming Island HS; R. Bruce Scott, Indian Trails MS; SteveKnob, Matanzas HS; Susan Morden, Buddy Taylor MS; John Seth, Flagler Palm Coast HS; Don Isabelle, Fruit Cove MS; Scott Boyer, Wilkinson JH; Jack Pierson, Retired SAJazz Society; Charlie Propper, Keystone Heights J/SH; Scott Forsythe, Pedro Menendez HS; Paul Bavington, Liberty Pines K-8; Haley Scheuerman, Lake Asbury JH; Sarah Smith, Sebastian MS; Madeline Huffman, Switzerland Point MS.

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Creswell – Forgo with reading of minutes, sent to you and on FBA website.
FBA Bulletin's will now be going **GREEN** and minutes will be sent via Email.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

End of Past Year's Statement: Balance to start year is \$3,408.56
Proposed Current Year Budget: See handout of 08-09 budget and note adjustments

Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place

November 10 – at Nease HS. 10550 Ray Rd. Dinner at 6pm and Meeting at 7pm.

Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

Discuss November amendments in election! These concern EDUCATION. Go to **FSMA** website to learn even more! PLEASE educate yourselves and **VOTE!!**

Amendment 5 – Removed from Ballot as of 2 weeks ago. Removed advalorum taxes from homeowner earmarked for schools (9 billion dollars)

Amendment 7 – "Freedom of Religion Act". Talks about allowing private organizations, religious organizations to help reinvigorate the voucher system (use public funds)

Amendment 9 – Redefines how much money is spent and how education is defined in state law. Specific language is on the FMEA website. (at a minimum...%65...how much is spent in classroom...) the language releases the state from providing more than the stated amount.

Talk about these amendments with your BOOSTER groups and let them know the positives and negatives about these amendments and more!

See state minutes for changes in this years' handbook. A few minor changes have been made, but YOU need to read the minutes to be prepared for these changes!!

Potential motion in January to limit outside evaluated events to 3. Much spirited discussion took place. More discussion in November. Be there in Tampa in January to vote.

Item 7: Announcements

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine. Principal, Demonstration schools, etc.

Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets

None at this time. Rick will communicate a lot if your email is correct!

Item 9: Unfinished Business

None at this time.

Item 10: Committee Reports

None at this time.

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)-we are **ALL** good here!!

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) Rick will send the All State Database to all who provided an email by Wednesday August 27th.

Site: Creekside HS

Date: Thursday, September 18 2008

Deadline: *IN MY HANDS* no later than Thursday, **September 4**

Fees: \$20 per entry (\$10 of this is recording fee) money accompanies form!!

There are no late fees for this event- simply put....anything in my hands after Sept 4 will **NOT** audition- Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by September 1 in order to have students audition for all-state. We will **NEED** you to help read scripts, run machines and help out. It is a very serious event and must be followed to the **T**!! If you have a student auditioning, YOU MUST be in attendance! Schedules will be sent on the 5th or the 8th of September.

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 (small school chairman) whose name and address are on the form. HS Small band is classified as B or lower.

Marching Band MPA:

Date: Saturday November 1

Site: Fleming Island HS (unanimous – letter received)

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): Must be submitted no later than **October 1**

Regular late fees apply here (50 dollars, then 100 after 7 days, no entries after 14 days)
No assessment money collected at this time.
Bands scheduled according to size. We yield to the host band on where they want to perform. We do not have pictures at this event. District voted to NOT have pictures 2 years ago. Start time should be around 3:00pm.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors at gate and monitoring of kids. We will do our best to make sure you are there for your feeding band! We all take advantage of the gate, so we ALL need to participate at some point! Ticket price will be \$6.00 per person (kids NOT in school are not charged, and middle school students in a middle school band shirt are not charged)

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

Nominate David McGuffin (Wilkerson/Beck)

(David...fill out the form and send to the appropriate people!)

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

None at this time

Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites

Solo and Ensemble MPA February 12-14 2009 (Jazz on Thursday night, all other events Fri and Sat)

Event will be held at Bartram Trail HS- Jazz will be held at Creekside High School.

Concert MPA- March 6,7th at Flagler Palm Coast HS – HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

Clay County has opted to test for FCAT during the week of March 2nd. (T-W-TH) Proposal from Boyer JH/MS goes separate from HS at a later time. Boyers motion – 2nd summers. Motion to move Middle School to March 27th. Motion is passed.

Item 13: District MPA Adjudicators

I will have them for you soon- promise!!! Working on getting 6 judges for marching (guard and percussion too!!)

Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

None at this time.

Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees

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

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):

Other:

Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board

None at this time.

Item 17: Correspondence

None at this time.

Item 18: For the Good of the Association

Review the marching 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.

Jim Beck – "Band After Dark" voluntary for all directors to bring district together to help each other for Concert/Marching and invite a clinician or director over to watch a rehearsal for 1 hour (or bring a clinician in for 1 hour). Students leave, then discussion about what happened over the rehearsal for the good of

the association. 6pm rehearsal and 7pm - ?? for discussion. If you are interested, contact Jim Beck at Clay High School. Would like to host it in October/November and then do 3 for the remainder of the year. Would love to do District 21 and 17 combined....invite them all!! Submit for in-service points based on your county specifications. Jim will send emails around to help decide when the first event will be.

All District Band – Discussed but tabled at this time. (Clay County does one every year that is very successful) maybe something to work on in 2 years? Steve Knob will see what people are available to do and go from there.

St. Augustine Jazz Society will be hosting a Jazz Pre-fest Invitational on Tuesday January 20th at Creekside High School featuring UNF Jazz Ensemble and ending with a jazz jam. This event will feature many adjudicators and jazz greats to help with your preparation for Jazz MPA. Times will be announced (start around 5pm) Look for info for all District 21 members over the next few months from Jack Pierson, Vice President of the SAJS.

Charlie Rankin – Concert Band at UNF. Meets Monday nights in rm. 1420. Open to high school kids and directors to sit in during rehearsals. Contact Charlie Rankin if interested.

Ancient City – St. Augustine HS – October 25th. If interested, see Laura Beard.

Echoes of Excellence – Middleburg HS – October 11th. If interested, see John Wilkerson.

Wynton Marsalis – at UNF in January with Lincoln Center Jazz.

Daytona Beach Festival – Featuring London Symphony in the Spring of 2009.

Item 19: Adjournment

All in favor, stand up and leave!!

Name of District Secretary:

Rick Fowler
Creekside High School
District 21 Secretary

Signature: