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## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67<sup>th</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-02)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 8</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: April 28, 2003</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER:</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: Boone High School</b>

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

The meeting was called to order by District Chairman, Paul Wilson at 7:01pm.

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Roll was taken via a sign-in sheet. Angela McKenzie, FSU intern at Lee M.S.

Members present: Abby Powell-Lee MS, Paul Wilson-Edgewater HS, Jeanie Berry-Southwest MS, Mark Cole-Cypress Creek HS, Ken Boyd-Olympia HS, Lisa Bujnicki-Lakeview MS, Kristie Smith-Corner Lake MS, Ken Rogier-Union Park MS, David Laniewski-West Orange HS, Mike Parks-OCPS, Ken Pearce-Jackson MS, Aaron Lefkowitz-Dr. Phillips HS, Chris Segó-Chain of Lakes MS, Franklin Jennings-Discovery MS, Lee Sellers-Glenridge MS, Eric Simpson-Boone HS, Keith Nichols-Conway MS, Jim Smisek-University HS, Michael Janeiro-University HS, James Henderson-University HS, Ryan Thomas-Gotha MS, Joel Moody-Winter Park HS, Pam Guess-Arbor Ridge School, Heather Harding-Discovery MS, Tim Douglass - Odyssey MS, John LaCognatta - Winter Park HS, Rhett Cox - Timber Creek HS, Mark Campbell - Oak Ridge MS, Adam McIntyre - Edgewater HS

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Last minutes stood as issued

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Current Budget Status - Balance \$11,614.35

State Assessment - - \$ 6,873.30 = 7543 entries @ \$.90 (last year 6732 entries @ \$1.00 = 6,732.00)

Balance for 2003-2004 - + \$ 4, 741.05

### Item 5: Communications

Duane Hendon's email regarding legislative action was discussed.

### Item 6: Unfinished Business

Proposal of video tapes of marching MPA from Mark Bujnicki **PASSED** Smisek/Sego

Dates next year: Confirmed by State

Marching MPA - November 8, 2003 - Citrus Bowl

HS S&E MPA - February 6, 7 2004

HS JAZZ MPA - February 5, 2004  
MS S&E MPA - February 20, 21 2004  
MS JAZZ MPA - February 19, 2004  
HS Concert MPA - March 4, 5, 6 2004  
MS Concert MPA- April 8, 9, 10 2004

### **Item 7: Committee Reports**

Mike Parks - Orange County Marching Band Report

A huge packet was made available at the meeting. Mike was to present the packet at the School Board Meeting the following evening. Band Directors need to be prepared to explain to principals the purpose of any and all of their supplements.

### **Item 8: New Business**

None

### **Item 9: District Adjudicators for Next School Year**

Some S&E MS and HS judges have been hired for next year.

### **Item 10: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators**

None

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

Ron Reitz = retired band director of Bishop Moore, nominated by Smisek

Scott Bliege = trombone player in Lake County, nominated by Laneiwski

**PASSED**

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

1. Jeanie Berry suggested that for sight-reading at MS Concert MPA there be no piano reductions and if there is a condensed score it should be standard.
2. Ryan Thomas suggested that sight-reading at state be a clinic. Band Directors could choose from 5 major works that they have not worked on throughout the year and receive feedback in form of a clinic.
3. Jim Smisek suggested that taking away sight-reading from state takes away accountability of directors teaching three pieces all year by rote.

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

1. In regards to its previous proposal of reinstating sight-reading at the State Concert level (*see below in italics*), District 8 would like to add the following **RATIONAL**: In a time when reading is such a high priority in the state, de-emphasizing sight reading at state is contrary. Sight-reading coincides with the standards of FCAT reading rationale. Sight reading is a much truer test of teaching and band skills. The directors in our district that attended the state with bands had the following comment/observations: 1. The clinic was a positive for the director as inservice, but the students were uninterested at this point. 2. With no rating tied to the clinic as it is with sight-reading, students are not as motivated to make it relative. 3. There was very little playing or actual clinic. It was mostly talk about philosophy. 4. Kids were bored "they zoned out". 5. It is redundant. Most of us have guest conductors in our band rooms for clinics as part of prep for event. 6. Remember it is called **MUSIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT. PASSED**

#### **Sego/Jennings**

*(1. District 8 recommends that sight-reading, as an integral part of MPA, be re-instated at State Band MPA, and maintained at High School and Middle School District MPA. (submitted by Mike Parks) Motion to submit proposal PASSED Parks/Wunsch)*

2. Heather Harding proposes “FBA add a middle school AA State Jazz Band to the performing ensembles at the FMEA Clinic and Conference. **PASSED Harding/Berry**

**RATIONALE:** Student performance in Jazz Band demonstrates skill in all areas of the state and national standards, with special emphasis on improvisation. FBA recognizes that this is important for students in high school, but fails to recognize the importance of this ensemble in middle school. The state and national standards are not limited to high school students.

Research has shown that teachers are more insecure teaching improvisation than any other area of the standards. Adding a middle school jazz band would provide an additional opportunity for teachers to learn about improvisation, while recognizing the talent and abilities of our middle school students who have benefited from strong jazz education programs.

FBA should be an advocate for strong instrumental programs that include jazz education at all levels.

3. Paul Wilson proposes that “the FBA Executive Board re-approach FSMA to find another way to come up with funds for membership dues raises instead of the 5 cents per entry”. **PASSED Berry/Jennings**

#### **Item 14: Other (Swan Songs)**

1. Jim Smisek will be leaving University High School in pursuit of his Doctorate in conducting at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He has been teaching in Orange County for 10 years and will be keeping in touch with the district.
2. Franklin Jennings will be leaving Discovery Middle School in pursuit of his Masters in conducting at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.
3. Paul Wilson turns his Chairmanship over to Becky Segó after his third term in office. It was his extreme pleasure in serving District 8 and representing them at FBA Board meetings.

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

1. Florida Southern is having its summer camp for 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders. There will be three different bands at this camp. (Berry)
2. The farewell concert to Dr. James Croft in Tallahassee on Friday April 25, 26<sup>th</sup> was outstanding. (Berry)
3. Lee Sellers has tux shirts, old music, cummerbund and bow ties available through Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. You must see him during the school day if you want any of these items.
4. Thank you to Mike Parks for putting together the marching band packet and presenting it at the school board meeting. (Lefkowitz)
5. High School band directors need to come here MS at MPA. (Simpson)

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

TBA

#### **Item 17: Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm by Paul Wilson. Smisek/Jennings

#### **District 8 Secretary:**

Abby D. Powell