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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67th year DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-02)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 9	MEETING DATE: November 19th, 2002
MEETING NUMBER: 2	MEETING LOCATION: Clearwater HS

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

7:03 pm

Thanks to Kay Fachko and her band parents for the food, hosting, and FL Music Service help.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Josette Harris-Dixie Hollins HS	Kay Fachko-Clearwater HS
Tamara Lewis-Meadowlawn MS	Chad Guess-Seminole MS
Camilla Loomis-Coachman Fundamental MS	Daniel Wood-Seminole HS
Jason O'Bara-Kennedy MS	Bob Barfield-Tarpon Springs HS
Randall Kile-Keswick Christian	Sam Hayward-Countryside HS
Jack Henderson-Pinellas Park HS	Ann Deisler-Largo MS
Robin Benoit-Largo MS	Chris Benoit-Largo HS
Anthony Fuoco-Oak Grove MS	

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Dispensed-Obara/Lewis-Passed

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

\$11,101.17 currently in the account.
All deposits from marching MPA have been made.

Item 5: Communications

None

Item 6: Unfinished Business

All-State auditions went very well. Using Chris Gaines and his equipment greatly helped this year. Thanks to David Tag and his band parents for hosting the auditions.

We had 39 make it into All-State ensembles:

MS band-10
9-10 band-7
10-11 band-5
11-12 band-9

Small Schools band-8

Marching MPA-Thanks to Kay and her boosters, and to Jason O'Bara, Camilla Loomis, and Tamara Lewis for helping in the press box. Also special thanks to the marching committee for their hard work. We will not hold the MPA during the day next year! It will go back to the evening format we've always had. Gate receipts were up this year- \$3,937.00. Having the Gator Band there helped to get more people to come out and watch. Al Reuchel will also return to announce the event next year. Thanks go to the middle schools who participated in the Star Spangled Banner to start the MPA.

Unfortunately, only 6 schools participated. In the future, we would like to see many more bands involved in this event. The problem with the plaques has been fixed.

FMEA Convention is Jan 8-11 at the Tampa Convention Center. It is important for everyone to try and make it to the rehearsals and clinics. The deadline is November 29th, so try and take care of it before the break.

Hannah Ehrmann-Older directors need to help out the new directors in getting on top of all of the paperwork for festival and solo/ensemble.

Item 7: Committee Reports

None

Item 8: New Business

Entry disks are due on January 21st at the meeting at Steak and Ale on US 19. Late fees WILL be enforced. Have your disk, check, and hard copies ready to turn in. Be sure to include the recording fee for Chris Gaines to record all MPA's. This year's recording fee will be **\$35.00**.

Chip Wood-Band directors need to be at solo/ensemble if they have a student performing. If a problem arises, that student is going to need to find his/her band director, plus it's in the handbook that the band director needs to be there.

Robin Benoit-We need to find a way to fix the scheduling problems that arose last year concerning piano accompanists. Many had such a bad experience that they vowed to never do it again. Check with other districts on how they get around that problem.

Randall Kile-Everyone needs to spell the accompanists name the same way when they input it in the Festival program. Otherwise, the computer thinks that Rob Smith and Robert Smith are two different people when they're not, and schedules him in two different places at once. Also, putting a pianist in the same room for an extended period of time can help, and get that pianist used to that piano. Go back to last year's schedule and see who accompanied a great deal of students, and would have run into this problem. Then publish a list of spellings to be used by everyone in the district so that the computer does the scheduling the right way.

Get the Festival program, if you don't already have it, from the FBA website.

High School Concert MPA's will be on March 14th-15th at either Tarpon Springs or Countryside HS pending approval and letters from the principal. This might create a transportation problem for some south county schools, but they'll work around it.

Middle School Concert MPA's will be on April 11th-12th at Boca Ciega HS

Item 9: State MPA Dates and Sites

State Solo/Ensemble will be held on March 31st-April 2nd @ Satellite HS

State Concert MPA's will be held on April 21st-25th @ University of North Florida

And April 22nd-26th @ Northport HS

Item 10: Nominations for Adjudicators List

None

Item 11: Suggestions to State Committees

None

Item 12: Proposals to the Executive Board

None

Item 13: Other

None

Item 14: For the Good of the Association

Robin Benoit on behalf of Jeanne Reynolds-The class-size issue is a hot topic; get people involved NOW! Contact local politicians, and have them narrate, MC, or conduct a piece on your Holiday concert. Include music advocacy information on your concert programs. Mary Brown, who was just elected to the school board, is very pro-music. Also, get your music instrument request in to Jeanne NOW! The forms will be used for this year and next year. Articulation between high school and middle schools is at an all time high. CHOICE is probably a driving force in this movement, but she's glad to see it happening.

Hannah Ehrmann on behalf of Frank Williams-Do the St. Pete MLK parade. It's a well-run parade and good for the community. If that's too far to go, there is one in Clearwater also. Jeanne would like to present all of the kids that made an All-State ensemble to the school board on January 28th.

Please mark this on your calendars if you have kids that made All-State.

Randall Kile-One of his alumnists from Keswick Christian, a Julliard grad, would like to do a clinic on Dec. 3rd on trombone. He'll set it up and send out info on this.

Tamara Lewis-her band will be playing for the Student Measures show, recording will be done at Northeast HS.

Chris Benoit-Largo's Expressions will be on channel 14 during the holidays.

Kay Fachko-Clearwater HS had to pay for the Gator Band's food during the marching MPA's-\$1200.00! Could each of the director's kick in \$20 to offset this very unexpected cost?

Randall Kile-We could just pull some of that out of the marching assessment account. We would need the invoice to submit.

Hannah Ehrmann-FBA could do a full reimbursement.

Loomis/Guess-Motion-To have the FBA do a full reimbursement pending that the invoice is submitted.-Passed

Randall Kile-In the future, we need to include this in the assessment fees.

Chip Wood-Maybe the Arts Council could kick in some or all of that cost? That might be something to look at for next year.

Kay Fachko-She will submit next year's date for marching MPA so that we don't run into a conflict this time.

Sam Hayward-He has one student who made it into an All-State ensemble, but she needs to room with someone. Call him if you can help.

Item 15: Next Meeting Date

January 21st, 2003

Steak and Ale on U.S. 19

6:00 pm EAT

7:00 pm MEETING

Item 16: Adjournment

Camilla Loomis-motion to adjourn

Tamara Lewis- 2nd

Adjournment at 7:55 pm.

Name of District Secretary: Stephen Cantin

Signature: