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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 67th year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES (ver. 08-02)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 13	MEETING DATE: August 23, 2003	
MEETING NUMBER: 1	MEETING LOCATION: Okeechobee HS	Okeechobee, FL

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Mrs. DiFruscio called the meeting to order at 9:09 am.

Item 2: Roll Call, Introduction of New Directors/Guests, Assign Mentors

In attendance:

James Perry	FSMA & FMEA	Special Guest
Rob Roadman	FBA President	Martin County HS
Tamyra F. DiFruscio	District Chairman	Northport MS
Joann S. Kinder	District Secretary	Southern Oaks MS
Amy Wood	Host	Okeechobee HS
Rod Keiser		Lincoln Park Academy MS
Steve Gardner		Lincoln Park Academy HS
Ralph Phillips		Forest Grove MS
Wayne Hillard		St. Anastasia MS
Bill Lindner		St. Joseph MS
Nick Eggen		St. Lucie West Centennial HS
Allen Gilbert		Hidden Oaks MS
Deborah Miller		Ft. Pierce Westwood HS
Tim McGinley		Ft. Pierce Central HS
Kevin Collier		Avon Park MS
Bob Brewer		Avon Park HS
Daniel Frankenberger		Sebring HS
Ryan Miller		Lake Placid HS
Steve Harris		Hill-Gustat MS
John McGallagher		St. Lucie West MS
Sherry St. Petery		Oslo MS
Shanti Simon		Vero Beach HS
Jim Sammons		Vero Beach HS
Sean Srigley		Gifford MS
Shanando Jackson		Yearling MS
Robert Lampi, II		Osceola MS
Amy Clark		Murray MS
Al Hager		Stuart MS

Paul Marcucci
Eric Allen
Jonathan Hinkle

South Fork HS
Sebastian River HS
Sebastian River HS

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Available on FBA Website

Motion: Roadman/Lebon to accept the minutes as posted on the website.

Passed.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Schools owing recording fees were notified by mail

2002 – 2003 Budget	\$40,240.00
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2003 – 2004 Proposed Budget	\$42,740.00
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Current Balance in account	\$ 6,511.52
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Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

James Perry spoke at length about music advocacy issues.

Jean Reynolds, the Music Supervisor of Pinellas County has been working towards promoting music advocacy. There is now an Advocacy Calendar posted in each edition of the Florida Music Director to be used by Band Directors and parents as a resource for deadlines. We were given a list of our State Senators and of our State Representatives. We need to have "in hand" hard data to send to our senators and representatives. Included in our packet is a survey, that needs to go to each and every school, filled out, and returned ASAP. We need evidence of what music does for students and of how the current changes in the legislature are hurting the music programs. This survey is a start as it will provide raw data. Do the legislators have children? If so, where do they attend school and what kind of music programs are available at those schools? Are their children involved in these music programs? This information could help us find a resource person in the Senate or House who is willing to promote music advocacy if they are actively involved as a band parent.

Each county needs to have a "point" person to contact each of our representatives, set up a meeting with them individually, and to keep all music educators informed of current senate/house involvements in music advocacy.

Mr. Perry also discussed the three year graduation plan. This came about as a result of the smaller class size amendment. There seems to be a consensus among teachers that it is not a good idea to graduate students with only 18 credits. In the forthcoming FMEA Bulletin there will be survey about the 18 credits. Please complete this survey. Again, the more data/facts, the more ammunition to take to our senators and representatives.

We are in the unique position, unlike other members of the fine arts community, of having a "Grass Roots" organization already in place. Our Band Parent Associations, in all of their shapes and forms, can have a major impact on the legislature. They need to be kept informed and educated as to happenings in music advocacy. Mrs. DiFruscio stated that each county should have a "20 minute parent network" in place and ready to go. When something important is unveiled, our parents should have a phone or e-mail network in place, so that each and every parent can be notified within 20 minutes, with the necessary information to contact their representatives and senators immediately. Mr. Perry also explained that the FMEA working with the FBA, FVA, etc. have created an Associate Membership available to Parents, so the they can stay part of the music advocacy network. This Associate Membership is called MAESTRO. Annual dues are \$10.00.

Available on the FMEA website is the list of legislators, but also the lists of committee members, specific to our needs, the education committee. The education committee members are listed by county and will change soon, so keep checking the list for updates. Casey Lunceford mentioned that Ken Pruitt (education committee) lives in Port St. Lucie, our district, and is very supportive of education.

FMEA conference in January 2004 will have the “American Horn Quartet” as one of the featured groups. They also will go to each of the All-State Band rehearsal sites and perform for the students. Make sure students fill out the Academic Performance contract for students with below a 2.0 GPA. The second session of the conference, please make sure your parents know to attend as this session will address advocacy and what parents can do to help.

Who has been affected by the recent legislature changes (smaller class size & 18 credits)? In our district, we asked for a show of hands, and **approximately 1/3 of our members have been affected**. When discussed, bands are losing their band rooms, ensemble rooms, chorus rooms, they are losing programs (chorus especially), they are having to teach music appreciation or other music classes instead of band, and their numbers are dramatically falling as juniors will now graduate with the seniors. Mrs. DiFruscio said that a former District 13 member stated that they would not be affected by the changes and didn't have to worry about Music Advocacy, because they had such a strong music program operating in their school. Unfortunately, that school was affected and the changes were so drastic that they opted to teach elsewhere.

Mr. Perry asked us to work with and mentor the other fine arts programs and combine our “talents” to promote music advocacy.

Item 6: Communications/Distribution of Packets

Packets were distributed to all members in their brand new binders. Additions/changes to the packets can be easily added or taken out.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

FBA District 13 Handbook revision committee consists of the following directors..

Eric Allen, Chairman
Karen Crocco
Amy Wood
Allen Gilbert
Kevin Collier

Eric Allen read the new handbook and mentioned the points of contention from the last meeting. With the correction of one grammatical error,

Motion: LeBon/McGallagher to accept the new handbook.

Passed

Item 8: Committee Reports

Please see website: www.flmusiced.org

Item 9: New Business

a. Membership Dues & enrollment Forms – due September 15 – *earlier if you want uninterrupted FMEA and MENC magazine delivery.*

Send to: **FMEA, or PAY DUES ON-LINE AT** www.flmusiced.org

Amount: Active - \$ _____: includes MENC/FMEA (Required).

(See Enrollment Form for others)

Make check payable to: **FMEA**

Send to: **FMEA, 207 Office Plaza Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301**

- FSMA school dues payment due to FSMA by September 15th also

- b. Classification Forms – **due October 15** to District Chairman, Principal and Director signatures are required
Senior High – Report grades 9, 10, 11, 12 or 10, 11, 12 as appropriate
Junior Highs – Report grades 7, 8, 9 (**Unless you plan to not use any 7th graders in any phase of MPA, then count only 8th and 9th grade.**)
Middle School – grades 7 & 8 only
FINE - \$50.00 for submitting this form late. (Payable to FBA)
\$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline. (Payable to FBA)

c. All-State Auditions

Site: Stuart Middle School

Date: 09/20/03

DEADLINE: Application forms due to District Chairman by: 08/30/03

Forms were in the August Bulletin and on the web site.

Fees: \$10 for Audition (per student)

\$10 for Recording (per student)

\$20 TOTAL

Eligibility: 7th & 8th Grade Band - grades 7 & 8

Senior High Bands - grades 9, 10 - Concert Band

grades 11, 12 - Symphonic Band

FINE: - \$50.00 for submitting this form late. (Payable to FBA)

\$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline. (Payable to FBA)

ASSIGN DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

d. All-State Jazz Band Auditions (See Requirements)

e. Schedule for Auditions

f. PLEASE SCREEN STUDENTS CAREFULLY!! This is an audition for exceptionally talented and prepared students. Have a **MOCK AUDITION.**

g. Small Schools Honor Band & 7th and 8th Grade Honor Band Nominations Fee:

\$15.00 per students (Application Forms were in August Bulletin and online)

Completed forms should be sent to respective Chairman whose names and Addresses are on the form

h. Marching Band MPA

Date: 10/25/03

Site: pending

Host: pending

Lawnwood stadium is creating issues for our district. They have always been amenable to us using Lawnwood stadium for our FBA Marching MPA, and we have always had rights to the concession stand. Gate receipts go to FBA, and we do not charge for parking and programs. Security and Medical is the responsibility of the host school. Concession stand proceeds have offset the costs for the host school and made this a worthwhile venture. This year, Lawnwood has stated that no is allowed to run concessions except for them and they keep all proceeds. This puts us in the position where no one wants to host. After much discussion a motion was made as follows:

Motion: Allen/Ryan to:

Work things out with Lawnwood ASAP

If that fails, then

Vero Beach HS hosts @ Crown Jewel

If that fails, then
Okeechobee HS hosts @ Okeechobee HS

If that fails, then
Sebastian River HS hosts @ Sebastian River HS

Everyone involved is to check with school principals and/or athletic directors and take the necessary steps to insure a smooth MPA.

Passed

Entry Form due to District Chairman by: 10/08/03

FINE: - \$50.00 for submitting this form late (Payable to FBA)

\$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline. (Payable to FBA)

No assessment money collected at this time.

SCHOOLS MUST HAVE CURRENT CLASSIFICATION FORM ON FILE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCHING MPA.

Need MPA assistance from Junior High/Middle School Directors

***Those directors who do not attend and assist will have a higher assessment fee.**

Item 10: District MPA Dates and Sites

10/25/03	Marching	pending (see above)
02/6, 7/04	S&E	SouthFork High School, Stuart

Voted at May meeting, however SFHS has a new director, Paul Marcucci who has filled out the proper forms and wishes to host as originally planned.

03/5, 6/04	HS Concert	Sebastian River High School, Sebastian River
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Since our May meeting, SRHS, LPA, and IRCC have all submitted letters offering to host. We discussed dates (IRCC would need us to change dates), sound shells/panels, etc. at the various sites.

Motion: Collier/Eggen to hold HS Concert MPA at Sebastian River High School

Passed

04/16, 17/04	MS Concert	St. Lucie West Centennial High School, PSL
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Since our May meeting, LPA, SLWCHS, and Hill-Gustat @SFCC have all submitted letters offering to host. We discussed travel issues, as our Western Counties (Highlands and Glades) have not hosted anything for two years, although they continue to support the district by offering to host.

Motion: LeBon/Hager to hold MS Concert MPA at St. Lucie West Centennial High School

Passed by a vote of 14/12

Noted: no MPA's have been held in Highlands or Glades Counties for two years

Item 11: District MPA Adjudicators

Marching MPA		
Bill Hinkle	_____	_____
George Walters	_____	

Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Sherry St. Petery for S&E	nominated by: Sean Srigley
Amy Clark for S&E	nominated by: Joann Kinder
Tamyra DiFruscio for S&E/Marching	nominated by: Jim LeBon

The three nominees were sent out of the meeting. Mrs. Kinder asked for a motion or discussion.

Motion: Roadman/Allen by Acclamation

Passed

**Item 13: Suggestions to: Music Committee (Before November 1)
Clinics Committee (Before October 1)**

None at this time

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

None at this time

Item 15: Correspondence

We received a thank you note from Gus Figeac for allowing his group to perform out of district and with our Middle School festival. He is very appreciative.

Item 16: For the Good of the Association

State MPA April 26 – 30, 2004 @IRCC

IRCC is offering a class – Special Topics in Music Education – worth three continuing education credits that mandates attendance at State MPA as part of the course per Mr. Lunceford.

Jim LeBon and Emperor Music Press

Mr. LeBon has started a publishing company. He gave everyone a CD with 48 selections from the FBA music list, mostly grades 1 and 2.

Sebastian River High School is performing at Midwest on Wednesday @ 1:00.

Mr. Allen states it would be nice to see some familiar faces when they perform.

Jim Sammons once again reiterated that we are being unfair to our Western

Counties and that we seriously need to consider using them as a venue.

Casey Lunceford also stated that the Dallas Brass will be performing at IRCC on 1/5/04.

His group will be performing with them and if there are any outstanding HS Brass players interested, they should contact him.

Also, if we know any HS graduates with two or more years experience that are interested in Winter Guard, he is offering SPLAT

Because the Dallas brass will be performing on the date of our January meeting, the following occurred...

Motion: Miller/Hager to move our meeting to the following Monday, 01/12/04

Defeated 14/11

Motion: St. Petery/Roadman to move our meeting to Tuesday, 01/13/04

Passed 14/6

Item 17: Next Meeting Date

November 11, 2003

6:30 pm

Okeechobee HS

Item 18: Adjournment

Mrs. DiFruscio closed by stating that Copies of the District Handbook and the new Festival CD will be mailed to everyone in the District.

Motion: Eggen/Roadman to adjourn

Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am.

Name of District Secretary: Joann S. Kinder