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## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 68<sup>th</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-03)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 14</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: November 12, 2003</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 2</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: Jupiter Middle School</b>

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

Called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Paul Destito, FBA Chairman District 14.

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Guests: John Jarvis—Music Man, Larry Shaffer—American Music

Members: J. Aiello, S. Carlson-Wood, B. Castillo, J. Constance, P. Destito, J. Emigh, M. Fraley, A. Friedman, J. Goffe, C. Kloba, S. Knob, H. Lerner, C. Maloon, D. Markgraf, J. Jarvis, W. Miller, M. Oser, N. Patsis, G. Reed, T. Roggen, K. Sanz, P. Skowronek, R. Sonntag

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

**MOTION:** Patsis/Maloon: to waive the reading of the previous minutes. **PASSED**

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Total income: \$11,883.30 Total expenses: \$6,972.33 Overall total: \$4,911.07

### Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Mike Fraley passed out an advocacy packet. Check your voter registration card to see who your House and Senate representatives are to contact in your district. There is a sample letter in the packet. Organize three or four people to meet with a representative. Call James Perry before the meeting. Use the "talking points" when meeting with legislators. Get your band parents to join *Maestro* through FSMA.

### Item 6: Communications

Chairman Destito read a letter from Lake Worth High School. They will be hosting our FBA Solo and Ensemble Festival in February. Auxiliaries will use the gym Thursday night and all day Saturday. Thank you to Ben Skinner for hosting solo and ensemble festival.

## **Item 7: Unfinished Business**

Suggestions for next year's All-State auditions: have the auditions later in September, buy or rent tape decks, possible Saturday auditions, sound quality of audition rooms.

Marching band MPA: READ FBA rules in handbook BEFORE each MPA! Return marching judge evaluation forms to Paul Destito ASAP. Paul has marching band plaques. Limit marching band chaperones to one chaperone per ten students. THANKS to the band parents at Santaluces High School and to Evan Rogovin for a great job hosting this big event.

Join FBA now! Register now for FMEA Clinic-Conference in Tampa. Everyone please attend. You can register online.

Band directors: if you have a student in one of the District 14 jazz bands, you must be at all rehearsals and the concert.

## **Item 8: Committee Reports**

### **DISTRICT 14 JAZZ BAND COMMITTEE – Wayne Miller**

189 students registered for jazz auditions. Last year only 45 entered.

Positives: The high school bands are represented by seven of nine high schools that registered students. There are 21 total high schools. The middle school band is represented by nine schools. 65 students are performing this year compared to 16 students last year. The clinicians are highly qualified educators and we did not go over the \$2500 honorarium.

Suggestions for next year's chairman: Work to get more schools involved. Only one third of all schools entered students. Implement better criteria for selecting students especially for lead trumpet. Only double in the second high school band and the middle school band. Double second alto and second tenor saxophone, add one trombone and one trumpet, and have two piano and two drum players. Change the rehearsals to one long day and one short afternoon before the concert.

## **Item 9: New Business**

District 14 judges: Middle school MPA—Rick Miles, Jason Duckert, George Walker, Andre Aourett  
High school MPA—Da-Laine Chapman, Jim Hacker, Jason Duckert, Tina Lafarriere  
Jazz band MPA—Ed Ayola, George Walker, TBA

Solo and Ensemble/Jazz Band MPA at Lake Worth High School—Feb. 5-7, 2004

High School MPA at Boynton Beach High School—March 11-13, 2004

Middle School MPA at Royal Palm Beach High School (backup site—Palm Beach Central High School)—April 1-3, 2004

## **Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites**

See [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org) for state MPA dates and sites.

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

None

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

Suggestion to All-State Jazz Band selection committee—make sure that All-State Jazz judges are rotated every year.

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

**MOTION:** Patsis/Miller: Proposal to the executive board: Accept Microsoft Office as the standard for all computer software other than what is done with the Festival CD Program.

Rational: Microsoft Office is the defacto standard for most Windows based PC's and most files are compatible with software in the Macintosh OS. Microsoft Office is compatible with all versions of itself from Office 97 to the current version of Office XP. Microsoft Works is incompatible with all formats but it's own. This makes it difficult to turn in documents to district chairs without extensive extra work being done by all, especially the district chair. It would be cost effective because the state and educational discounts available make the product very affordable. Currently prices available from the state contract through Software House International are around \$60. Most home PC's come equipped with Microsoft Office so it would not be a big expense for most directors. **PASSED**

## **Item 14: Other**

**MOTION:** Miller/Patsis: Allow the Dreyfoos School of the Arts Wind Ensemble to perform at the Middle School MPA in April because their jazz ensemble will be performing in New Orleans during the High School MPA. Note: The Symphonic Band will perform at the regular time at the High School MPA. **PASSED**

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

John Jarvis suggested that District 14 create a list of quality instrument brands. He will talk to Tom Pearson about revising the bid list.

Thank you to Cleve Maloon and Chris Martindale for organizing the FBA chairman files and the laptop computer for Paul Destito. It has made his life much easier!

Thanks to Paul Maggersuppe and the staff at Jefferson Davis Middle School for hosting the middle school all district jazz band.

Paul Destito also thanked Randy Sonntag, Nick Patsis, and Wayne Miller for their extra help too.

Please get your schools, parents, students, and community to be proactive for music education.

Computer disk for solo and ensemble/jazz/concert MPAs are due at the January meeting.

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at 7 p.m. at Jupiter Middle School.

## **Item 17: Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Patsis/Miller: To adjourn at 8:12 p.m. **PASSED**

### **Name of District Secretary:**

Tammy Roggen

### **Signature:**