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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 68th year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-03)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 3	MEETING DATE: August 16, 2003
MEETING NUMBER: 1	MEETING LOCATION: Augusta Raa Middle School, Tallahassee

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Meeting called to order at 10:19am and we all introduced ourselves.

Representatives from several music stores were here and gave short presentations:

- Stubbs Music Center-Roger Duncan
- Beethoven and Company-Margaret Pendleton
- American Music, Chris Williams
 He mentioned some info about recruiting at www.musicachievement.org and www.discoverguitar.com as some good resources.
- Music Masters—Ken Kronholz
 - Instrument repair... please watch what your parents are buying. Some instruments made overseas require parts from overseas and that drives up the cost of repair.

Chuck added that eBay can be a problem.

Please be sure you pay your bills on time because these people are very nice to us.

Dave Rollins also added a warning that WalMart is selling trumpets. Sam’s Club is also selling instruments. Please warn your students’ parents that these are not high quality instruments and may be unrepairable. “Sinba” and “Star Performer” are some brand names to watch out for.

Thank you to Roger Duncan from Stubbs music center for providing the donuts.

Chuck encouraged everyone to take the meetings seriously, your voice is heard and all input is taken seriously by the district and the board.

Members were reminded that only FBA members are allowed to vote. If you haven’t paid your dues this year, you are not yet a member unless you were a member last year. Dues for this year are due September 15.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Michael	Antman	Swift Creek Middle School
Ruthie	Antmann	Holy Comforter Episcopal School
Josh	Bula	Leon High School
Becky	Carlan	Wakulla High School
Jennifer	Corizine	Maclay School
Roger	Duncan	Stubbs Music Center
Michael	German	Lawton Chiles High School
Scott	Gorman	Deerlake Middle School

Natalie	Hughes	Madison County HS (Intern)
Roxanna	Hebson	Fort Braden School
Geoffry	Hill	Madison County High School
Jon	Jones	Godby High School
Candalee	Jones	Tallahassee Home School Band
Lewis	Jones	Retired Exec. Director of FBA
Alex	Kaminsky	Lincoln High School
Holly	Kennedy	Florida State University School

Ken	Kronholz	Music Masters
Monica	Leimer	River Springs Middle School
Carl	Manna	Branford School
Ken	Michal	Suwannee Middle School
Bill	Miller	Cobb Middle School
Margaret	Pendleton	Beethoven and Company
Chuck	Perego	Agusta Raa Middle School

Dave	Rollins	Belle Vue Middle School
Aaron	Trkovsky	Taylor County High School
Nathan	White	Taylor County Middle School
Carmen	Williams	Fairview Middle School
Markus	Scott	Fairview Middle School (Intern)
Chris	Williams	American Music

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

MOTION to waive reading previous minutes. German/White. PASSED.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Included in packet handed out—Final District Financial report from last year.

- Total Budget \$27,953
- Total Expenditures 19,105.15
- Balance: 8,847.84
- Proposed Budget: \$28,250.00

The only thing went over budget is the cost of printing, mostly due to the high cost of duplicating the programs for our Concert MPA. Aaron Trokovsky will still produce the programs for district MPA, and Josh Bula will investigate the most cost effective means of duplication. Lewis Jones suggested Harvest Printing was a possible suggestion because they did printing for FBA when he was executive director. The Leon County Schools Print Shop was also mentioned as a possibility.

Members were reminded that gate receipts for Marching MPA festival is a potential source of great revenue for us, so please publicize the marching MPA as much as possible because that is great revenue for us. Michael Antmann and Mike German volunteered to contact the media. Alex Kaminsky noted that each school probably has a contact with the media within their band boosters or band parents. Mike German also suggested starting a business sponsorship program. Lewis Jones mentioned Mike Pate, publisher at the Tallahassee Democrat is a friend of music through FSU and Leon, and his wife Judy Pate is an ex band director Raa MS. Frank Ranicky, news director at WCTV, used to be a band parent in Leon county.

Mike German also passed out a financial statement for the district honor band account.:

- Total Deposits \$3595.49
- Total Expenditures \$2608.27
- Balance of \$987.22 will be transferred to Lincoln High School Band Boosters to use for the upcoming district honor band year.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

“Power of Music Education” and “Americans Support Music Education” handouts were given to all members present. It's a lot of great information to give to your students and their parents.

A couple websites to look at:

- www.supportmusic.com
- www.amc-music.com
- <http://www.namm.com/pressroom/pressreleases/2003Apr21.html>

FMEA/FSMA would like to identify one person in each county who would be interested in serving as the Government Relation's Chairperson to coordinate contacts with legislators and provide information about those contacts to the Tallahassee Office. Contact Chuck with the name of a person who will serve.

The 18 credit graduation legislation is a mess... it will eliminate electives, and can potentially eliminate seniors and even juniors from your programs.

Geoff Hill suggested that you make sure your administration knows that the more students they have in school classes that get college credit (dual enrollment classes and AP classes) the more FTE money the school gets. Make sure your parents know that dual enrollment classes and AP classes are FREE, whereas if they graduate early and take these classes in college they have to pay for tuition and textbooks.

Watch your e-mail... don't get in a habit of just deleting those advocacy e-mails from FSMA or James Perry.

Item 6: Communications/Distribution of Packets

Packets were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Please post your "2003-2004 Dates and Events" sheet in your office. Chuck stressed the importance of meeting the due dates, and the necessity of fines.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

None

Item 8: Committee Reports

Make sure you have read your minutes from the board meetings so you are aware of rules changes, for example timing on dance solos, etc... If you don't read your minutes and your handbook, you might get caught. Don't assume all the rules are the same as last year. They are all available online at www.filmusiced.org/fba and click on "Handbook."

Item 9: New Business

All-State

- September 20 is the date for All-State auditions
- Location Lincoln HS—side entrance by the band field.
- **Applications** due August 29, 2003.
- Please make sure that your students are prepared.
- There was a question about requiring an all-state audition in order to be eligible for middle school honor band. There was nothing found in the handbook requiring a student to audition for all-state to be eligible. This is what the handbook says:

Handbook 2002/2003 - 32

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in any of the All-State and Honors Bands, directors and students must follow these rules:

- a. The band director must be a member of MENC/FMEA/FBA.
- b. Audition applications, improperly completed by the deadline specified by the District, will be removed from consideration by the All-State Selections Committee member in charge of the band for which the application was submitted.
- c. Students must be a member of a regularly-scheduled curricular band program at their respective school, and be recommended by their school's Band Director and Principal.
- d. The band director or his/her qualified designee must be in attendance at the auditions site during the time his/her students are auditioning. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in students from that school being ineligible for any All-State Band groups. Exceptions may be granted by the District Chairperson in the event of true emergency. The District Chairperson will be responsible for reporting attendance infractions to the Executive Director immediately upon concluding their District's All-State auditions process.

5. NOMINATIONS INFORMATION:

(For Small Schools Honor Band and 7th & 8th Grade Honor Band)

- a. Nominations forms appear in the July/August Bulletin.
 - b. The fee for submitting student nominations for the Small Schools Honor Band and the 7th & 8th Grade Honor Band will be \$15.00 PER SCHOOL. Schools may nominate from one to five students.
 - c. Students may also audition for an All-State group of their choice but, if selected, will not be placed in an Honor Band.
- There was also a question about small schools honor band—you can have students audition for all-state and nominate students for small school honor band (same students or different students). (see above)
 - We need all band directors at the audition site beginning at 7:30am, and everyone to stay and help pack the tapes. We need to check and pack the tapes the day of the auditions, so directors are needed for that in addition to the directors who will be running the tape recorders. Everyone please plan on spending the day with us until everything is done.
 - If you have a problem with your bookkeeper because a price is not on the form, just type on your form "\$10 per entry must be included" before you print it out.
 - Clarinet clarification—no alto clarinets exist in all-state. The E-flat sopranos are chosen from the B-flat auditions.
 - We will know who made it November 4.
 - Recording Equipment (tape deck plus headphones, microphones, mic stands, and a mixer or preamp if microphones don't plug directly into the tape deck):
 - Josh Bula-2
 - Bill Miller

- Chuck Perego
- Ken Michaels
- Dave Rollins (Maybe)
- We need to check with Les Stevenson from Music Masters and see if they can provide 4 more.
- MOTION: Gorman/Rollins: To rent as much recording equipment as we will need to record all-state auditions. PASSED

Michael and Ruthie Antmann performed a mock all-state audition to demonstrate how the directors should run the auditions. Order—lyrical exercise, technical exercise, scales, chromatic scale, sight reading.

Suggestions:

- Don't make it a cold atmosphere, just keep it professional
- Make sure you read the script exactly as it appears
- Make sure you have the right person.

FSMA dues

- Leon County Schools have already been paid. Schools outside of Leon should check with your school principal or district, or check the www.flmusiced.org website. You can pay and register online.
- If you are not a member of FSMA you cannot participate in anything that FBA does—MPAs, all-state, etc.

Lewis Jones spoke about:

- Mentoring program—contact him for a list of names and contact info for mentors from FSU and FAMU.
- CD compilations of various instruments playing solos as examples for your students
 - Florida Music Service has CD's of easier solos on the FBA list "Music List Recordings".
- One of his former students, Andrew Priest, (386-2803) has a Bundy alto sax he wants to give away.
- Chris Moore is a new trumpet teacher at FSU working with Brian Goff. Contact them if you need a trumpet teacher.
- Tallahassee Winds—wonderful band and great way to associate with the other musicians in town.
- Need for publicity.
- He's willing to set up instrumental clinics for our students if there is a commitment of interest. A show-of-hands indicated that the directors are interested in doing this.

Classification form—wait until 20 days into the semester. Form is absolutely due October 15.

"Festival" software—you will get a new version. Do not use any of your old versions of this program. \$20 will be added to your assessment (in January) under the category of "other." First thing you should do is print out the instructions. The first things you enter into the program are all your students.

District Honor Band

- Auditions Nov 22 at Lincoln HS
- Rehearsals Jan 29-31; concert January 31
- Middle school will rehearse at Swift Creek MS, High School will rehearse at Lincoln HS
- The concert may be at Leon HS.
- Web site for directors (not students): www.swiftcreek.leon.k12.fl.us/band/adb will have the registration form.
- Questions should be directed to Michael Antmann antmann@swiftcreekband.net
- Audition requirements are the lyrical prepared pieces from the middle school or 9th and 10th grade high school all-state audition. Percussionists play all the prepared pieces from those all-state auditions. Scales are to be played in the all-state audition format. There will be sight-reading.
- Clinicians
 - Dr. Dunnigan high school
 - Ivan Wansley middle school
 - Discussion ensued about the money going through a booster account. Lincoln volunteered. Check the website on Monday afternoon for a new form.
- Applications are due October 17—before our next meeting.
- There was concern that there were some students that auditioned early for someone other than the regular judge for that instrument. This year we will make sure that all students in each section are judged by the same judge. Any circumstances that would prevent a student from auditioning during the regular time need to be brought before the honor band committee well in advance to try to find a solution early.

MOTION Leimer/MAntman: To provide plaques for superior ratings at district marching and district concert MPAs.

Lengthy discussion included:

- the cost of the plaques (\$35 each),

- directors can't just buy them like medals, they have to be bought by the district chairman
- you could just go to the trophy shop and have your own made... or would that be copyright infringement?... or not as prestigious or special as one given by FBA at the MPA?

The motion PASSED.

Plaques will be awarded as ratings are called at the massed band ceremony at the end of marching MPA festival.

Item 10: District MPA Dates and Sites

See attached list—"2003-2004 Dates and Events"

Marching MPA Festival—November 1 Cox Stadium

We need all the middle school directors need to be there to help, and because it lowers your assessment too.

Concessions will be done by Chiles High School. One chaperone/staff pass for every 10 performers, plus a spouse and director pass. If you have more staff than that, please purchase tickets for them.

MOTION M.Antmann/Gorman: Children of band directors who are working or participating in the event get into marching MPA festival free. PASSED

Item 11: District MPA Adjudicators

Marching MPA - Nov. 1st - Capital Stadium

Richard Davenport - Music

Tom Fitzpatrick - Music

Ernest Hebson - General Effect

Jamie Standland - Marching

Richard DeLaFuente - Auxiliary

Solo and Ensemble MPA - Feb. 13th and 14th - FSU / madison High

Sue Nicholson - Twirling friday / woodwinds Saturday

Mike Woodfin and John Wilk - Percussion

Barbara Kaminsky, James Brown, Annette Greive - Woodwind

Lamar Weatherman, Jim Layton, Richard Davenport,

Mike Mitchell and Joe David - Brass

High School Concert MPA - March 12th & 13th - Leon high

Cindy Berry

Mike Mitchell

Middle School Concert MPA - F.S.U. - March 12th

Bill Thompson

Many more have been contacted but have not been confirmed. If you have suggestions please don't hesitate to let us know.

Recommendations for Solo/Ensemble Judges:

- Sue Parsons—flute (German) – She's local so that might be a conflict of interest because she teaches like 20 students in this area.
- James Smith (already been called)
- Alan Oferrel
- Gloria Vagi

Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Rodney Jordan (Professor of Jazz Studies at FSU)

Jazz Band and Solo/Ensemble

Florida State University School of Music

Tallahassee, FL 32306

850.644.7807

PASSED

Chris Williams (percussionist with Jacksonville Symphony and freelance)

Solo/Ensemble Percussion

American Music
1839 Norman Dr
Valdosta, GA 31601
PASSED

Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees

Suggestions for All-State Clinicians:

- Mallory Thompson, Northwestern University (11/12 Symphonic Band)
- Gloria Vagi, Pioneer Middle School in Cooper City, FL (Middle School Honor Band)
- Alex Kaminsky, Lincoln High School (Small Schools Honor Band)
- John Southall, University of Missouri at St. Louis

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

(Rollins) It's recommended that we hold summer convention 2 weeks earlier, because year-round schools are already in session at the end of July.

Item 15: Other

Ricky Bell (Leon County) would like you to let him know when your concerts are for the master calendar of events.
bellr@mail.leon.k12.fl.us.

Special music requests due Nov 1 if you want to perform music that is not on the list.

MOTION Williams/Manna: District meetings will not go more than 15 minutes later than they are scheduled to end.

Discussion included suggestions to prevent meetings from going on too long:

- You should notify the district chairman or secretary if there is new business or a new motion you would like to propose so they may put it on the agenda and allow time for it.
- Perhaps we should be more formal with "Robert's Rules of Order"
- A copy of the agenda will be distributed at each meeting so questions won't be asked that might be answered later in the meeting, and to keep everyone focused on how much we have to do and how much time we have.
- Limit frivolous talking and discussion, pay attention at all times, and stay focused on the topic at hand, and speak more concisely and to-the-point.

Motion PASSED.

Item 16: For the Good of the Association

(Lewis Jones) J.R. Hershberger suffered a massive stroke about 5 or 6 weeks ago. He was paralyzed on the right side of his body. He is at Health South Rehabilitation center in Tallahassee, room 139. J. R. was an excellent flute player who many of you knew through Tallahassee Winds, or as a private teacher for some of your students. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

(Becky Carlan) Laura Hudson, the band director at Wakulla middle school, has several uniforms that are red, white, and blue. She hates to just throw them away, so if you are interested, please contact her.

Item 17: Next Meeting Date

November 17, 2003 6:30pm until 8:30pm at the Chaparral Steakhouse in Perry. Maps and directions will be e-mailed to you. We will be electing a district chair and secretary for next year at this meeting.

Item 18: Adjournment

MOTION Michal/Manna to adjourn PASSED Meeting was adjourned at 1:42pm

Name of District Secretary:

Josh Bula
Leon High School
850.488.4843
bulaj@mail.leon.k12.fl.us

Signature:

Florida Bandmasters Association District 3 2003-2004 Dates and Events

*****PLEASE POST IN YOUR OFFICE*****

August 16, 10:00am	District Meeting—Raa Middle School
August 29:	All-State Audition Applications and Fees DUE to <u>district chairman</u> . Be sure to use a separate form for each all-state ensemble (ms, 9/10, 11/12, Jazz, etc.) and include one check for all the auditions (\$10 each). Remember that no personal checks are allowed.
September 15:	Deadline for FSMA Enrollment Form and Dues Send to: FSMA, 207 Office Plaza Dr., Tallahassee, 32301. If you need an entry form, go to www.flmusiced.org and click "FORMS" at the top of the page. Check with your principal or school district to see if they have already registered your school.
September 15:	Deadline for FMEA/FBA Registration and Dues Send to FMEA, 207 Office Plaza Dr, Tallahassee, 32301. <i>(note that you do NOT send to MENC like you did last year, it goes to the FMEA office instead)</i> . If you need an entry form, go to www.flmusiced.org and click "FORMS" at the top of the page. You can also register online by credit card.
September 20:	All-State Auditions—Lincoln High School
September 25:	7 th and 8 th grade Honor Band Nominations Due— Send to Cathi Leibinger—address is on the form
September 25:	Small School Honor Band Nominations Due Send to Richard Davenport—address is on the form
October 15:	Classification Form Due to the <u>district chairman</u> (in his hands, not postmarked) It's available at www.flmusied.org/fba and needs to be signed by you and your principal.
October 15:	Marching Band MPA Festival Entry Form DUE to <u>district Chairman</u> <i>*The marching entry form is now generated by the NEW "FESTIVAL" PROGRAM you received at the first meeting.</i>
November 1:	Marching Band Festival, Gene Cox Stadium Middle school directors, please plan on being there to help, and encourage your students and their parents to attend. The gate profits help lower the assessment for <u>everyone</u> in the district--middle schools and high schools.
November 17:	District Meeting—6:30pm in Perry, FL
November 22	District Honor Band Auditions—Lincoln High School
December 16-20:	The Midwest Clinic—Chicago
January 7-10:	All-State/FMEA Convention—Tampa
January 17 10:00am	District Meeting—Leon High School (location subject to change) The Following are DUE at this meeting: <input type="checkbox"/> Solo/Ensemble Entry Form Printout <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Festival Entry Form Printout <input type="checkbox"/> Cover Page signed by you and your principal <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK for Assessment with the assessment form <input type="checkbox"/> Entry DISKETTE from the new "Festival" program (3½ inch floppy disk only-no zip disks and no CD's please) **please make sure you have removed the old version of the Festival program, and installed the NEW FESTIVAL program from the CD you received at the August meeting. This needs to be done <u>before</u> you begin entering your students names and events.
January 29-31:	District Honor Band—Chiles High School
February 13:	Auxiliary Solo/Ensemble MPA Festival, Madison High School
February 14:	Solo/Ensemble MPA Festival, FSU
March 12-13:	District Concert MPA Festival- Middle Schools at FSU-Opperman, High Schools at Leon HS.
March 19:	State MPA Festival Entry form and Assessment due to <u>Duane Hendon, Executive Director of FBA</u> . Make checks payable to FBA
April 26-May 1:	North State Concert MPA Festival
May 10:	District Meeting