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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 68th year DISTRICT MEETING #3 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-03)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 3	MEETING DATE: January 17, 2004
MEETING NUMBER: 3	MEETING LOCATION: Leon High School Band Room

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Meeting called to order by chairman Chuck Perego at 10:10am

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Michael	Antmann	Swift Creek Middle School
Ruthie	Antmann	Holy Comforter Episcopal School
Josh	Bula	Leon High School
Becky	Carlan	Wakulla High School
Jennifer	Corizine	Maclay School
Michael	German	Lawton Chiles High School
Scott	Gorman	Deerlake Middle School
Roxanna	Hebson	Fort Braden School
Don	Heinz	Griffin Middle School
Laura	Hudson	Wakulla Middle School
Wayne	Hunter	North Florida Christian School
Candalee	Jones	Tallahassee Home School Band
Jon	Jones	Godby High School
Alex	Kaminsky	Lincoln High School

Monica	Leimer	River Springs Middle School
Theo	Leimer	
Marc	Lentsch	Suwannee High School
Carl	Manna	Branford School
Ken	Michal	Suwannee Middle School
Bill	Miller	Cobb Middle School
Stan	Norton	Rickards High School
Chuck	Perego	Augusta Raa Middle School
Joshua	Perez	Chiles High School (Intern)
Dave	Rollins	Belle Vue Middle School
Aaron	Trkovsky	Taylor County High School
Nathan	White	Taylor County Middle School
Nathan	Wilson	Jefferson High School

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were e-mailed or faxed to all members.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

No action over the last month.
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Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

(These issues were brought up in e-mail communication prior to this meeting)

Alex Kaminsky recommended the following sites:

MAESTRO is a good way to get our parents involved with advocacy:

<http://www.flmusiced.org/advocacy/index.html#maestro>.

There is a copy of the advocacy brochure that was distributed at the 2nd General Session on the FMSA web site, as well: <http://www.flmusiced.org/advocacy/2004AdvocacyBrochure3.pdf>.

With so many state officials here in Tallahassee, be sure to invite them all to your concerts. Jon Jones suggested sending them greeting cards as well, like the Christmas card he sent out.

Item 6: Communications

Taylor High School requests a reclassification from B to CC.

Chiles High School's second concert band requests to perform for comments only.

Item 7: Unfinished Business

none

Item 8: Committee Reports

All District Honor Band

- Folders of music passed out at this meeting.
- Middle school is missing 2 pieces that they will get on Thursday
- Copy of the schedule is included in the packet.
- Make sure your students have pencils
- There was a question about a Tuba player that may not be able to do it because of a chemistry class. The directors are reminded that this is a field trip absence, and teachers in Leon County are required to excuse the absence and allow the student to make up work.
- Everything will be at Chiles High School.
- Percussion Assignments will be done by the percussion judges.
- Friday, they will need to bring a sack lunch—the Chiles cafeteria will not be able to accommodate All-District students.

Item 9: New Business

Solo/Ensemble MPA Festival—FSU February 14.

- If you have a problem, tell your students to find you, then you come to the FBA office. People working in the office should only talk to directors, not parents and students.
- Hospitality suite may not exist this year because Williams music won't be providing it this year. Please don't go into the judge's lunch area thinking it's the hospitality suite. After the judges eat, then we can have the left-overs. We will be trying to find another sponsor for the hospitality suite.
- Sheets for students who have played will be in a file folder with your school's name on it, approximately 30 minutes after they perform. You can check these sheets, but do not take them until the end of the day when you check out. Do not take any sheets from anyone who is not official (Chuck, Josh, Chuck's Wife or Chuck's Daughter) They must go into the computer before you get them.
- Last year, a lot of music seemed to get lost when the judges didn't give the originals back to the kids, so feel free to tell your students to wait for the judge to finish writing so he/she can give the original back to the student. Also, make sure that the school name is on each original, so in case it gets lost, we can put it in your folder along with the adjudication sheets.
- Stick to the schedule. If you need any changes, let us know ahead of time (preferably 2 weeks before the festival). Time changes need to go through the office so the judges are not confused.
- It was requested to use only the upper entrance to DRH instead of the downstairs exit—we will look into that.
- Be sure to tell Dr. Dunnigan thank you for doing such a great job organizing the entire festival.
- Auxilliary Events will be February 13 at Madison High School. Geoff Hill will be e-mailing details shortly. We will start around 3:00pm.
- Judges:
 - Auxiliaries: Sue Nicholson
 - Woodwinds:
 - James Brown
 - Barbara Kaminski
 - Annette Greive (Jazz also)
 - Steve Kelly
 - Sue Nicholson
 - Brass:
 - James Layton
 - Wayne Whitman
 - Robert Bean
 - Brass and Woodwinds:
 - Steve Sims (Jazz also)
 - Eddie Paige
 - Richard Davenport

Mike Mitchell
Jim Dodd
David Plack
Ron Branning
Jodi Wunsch
Jamie Standland

Percussion:

Mike Woodfin
John Wilk

Brass/Woodwind/Percussion: John Bradley (Jazz also)

Extra: Rodney Jordan (Brass)

Jazz MPA Festival:

- Judges: Annette Grieve, Steve Sims, and John Bradley
- Remember if you are recording, setting up your recording equipment is included in your allotted setup time. You have 30 minutes total to setup, perform, and tear down.
- The only thing provided is an acoustic piano, chairs, and music stands. No sound system, no guitar amps.
- Vocals are allowed, but remember no sound system will be available.
- There will be a scheduled warm-up room, similar to concert festival.

Concert MPA Festival:

- A lot of people are taking second band that haven't in the past, so we may need to have more on Saturday, even if you requested Friday. We will look into a Thursday night, and/or moving middle school to Saturday morning before the high school festival starts.
- Middle school will be at Opperman Music Hall at FSU. We will request that Lindsey Recital Hall is used for warm-up because it is so close. Dr. Shellahamer is taking care of providing our facilities for us.
- Don't leave cases in the warm-up room.
- Suggestions:
 - Tell the sight-reading judge to give us a 1 minute warning during the talk-through period.
- Judges:
 - Middle School:
 - Tim Willis
 - Wayne Whitman
 - Bruce Brazinski
 - High School:
 - Mike Mitchell
 - Cindy Berry
 - Mike Waller
 - Sight Reading: Eddie Page

Special Requests for Concert MPA:

- Lincoln HS top band needs to go early on Friday because of their musical
- Monica/Riversprings MS wants her 2 bands close to one another
- Swift Creek MS wants his bands scheduled far apart from each other.

If you have any other similar requests, please e-mail Chuck sometime this week.
The schedule will be sent out in about two weeks.

Election of Officers for 2004—2006 term:

Our New Chairman: Josh Bula

Our New Secretary: Mike Antmann

Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

FBA STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE MPA

North State S&E - March 29, 30, 31, 2004 - West Port High School (Ocala)

South State S&E - April 5, 6, 7, 2004 - J.P. Taravella High School (Coral Springs)

FBA STATE CONCERT BAND MPA

North State - April 27-May 1, 2004 - Florida State University, Tallahassee

South State - April 26-May 1, 2004 - Indian River Comm. College, Ft. Pierce

Item 11: District MPA Dates for Next Year

A Special Committee will be meeting—Mike Antmann is the chair. Get your calendars to him by Tuesday.

These are suggested dates that the committee will research:

- Marching MPA Festival: October 30, starting at 9:00am November 6 is the backup date.
- Solo/Ensemble MPA Festival: February 11-12. We need to go to a 2-day festival. You can request all your events on either one date or the other. This works in most other districts.
 - There was a suggestion for jazz festival be the weekend following S/E, because there is too much going on and it should be in an auditorium. Discussion ensued. Some would rather have it on the same day as S/E. The special committee will look into it.
- High School Concert MPA: March 5-6
- Middle School Concert MPA: Thursday/Friday March 10-11
 - Discussion: Many directors would like the middle school festival to be later than high school festival. However, many middle school directors believe it should be before spring break.

Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List

none

Item 13: Nominations of All State Clinicians

Glorida Vagie: MS Honors Band

Shawn Barratt: Small Schools Honor Band

Mallory Thompson: High School

Laslo Marosi—UCF: High School Bands

Joseph Hermann--Tennessee Tech: High School

Alex Kaminsky: Middle School and Small School Honors Band

Item 14: Suggestions to State Committees

State Music Committee:

There is concern over the changes in the solo/ensemble list.

- It is felt like the committee should better communicate the changes to the s/e list—perhaps make a list of added and dropped selections like they do for the concert music list.
- It is suggested to the committee to revise the list over the summer, and have a new list available at the beginning of August. The rationale is that many schools must have their music orders in at the beginning of the school year to take advantage of their schools' textbook funds.
- There are many publisher mistakes.

Item 15: Proposals to the Executive Board

- Proposal to executive board: (Antmann/Leimer) That the music committee publish changes to the solo/ensemble list before the beginning of the school year. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
 - Rationale: a majority of the district had major problems because music must be ordered at the beginning of the year in order to not lose funding from textbook budget.
- Proposal to Concert Music Committee: (Miller/Michal): look for more grade 1 pieces, and look into a greater variety of music. PASSED.
 - We understand that there is a lot of bad music being published, but there are also a lot of good grade 1 literature that could be considered.
 - *(Members are encouraged to submit special permission to perform pieces that are not on the list... perhaps if the music committee approves these pieces as special permission, they will also consider adding them to the list. This must be done by November 1 each year, and the forms are on the FBA website)*

Item 16: Other

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

Congratulations to those that were nominated to the Hall-Of-Fame and Roll of Distinction.
Thanks to Gail Perego for the great breakfast.

Item 18: Next Meeting Date

May 10, 2004 at the home of Chuck Perego.

Item 19: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.

Name of District Secretary:

Josh Bula

Signature: