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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 68th year DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-03)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 3	MEETING DATE: May 10, 2004
MEETING NUMBER: 4	MEETING LOCATION: The home of Chuck and Gail Perego

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

7:53pm

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Attended Meeting 4

First	Last	School
Ruthie	Antmann	Holy Comforter Episcopal School
Michael	Antmann	Swift Creek Middle School
Josh	Bula	Leon High School
Becky	Carlan	Wakulla High School
Shannon	Collins	QSP Fundraising
Michael	German	Lawton Chiles High School
Lewis	Jones	retired
Jon	Jones	Godby High School
Alex	Kaminsky	Lincoln High School
Holly	Kennedy	Florida State University School
Marc	Lentsch	Suwannee High School
Bill	Miller	Cobb Middle School
Chuck	Perego	Augusta Raa Middle School

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Motion to waive the reading of the previous minutes. Carlan/Lentsch PASSED

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Current Budget Status: \$8567.74

Budget Next Year:

We need to order 2 or 3 more plaques than this year for each festival.

We need to add Jazz Band plaques (see motion below)

Award Plaques for Superior at Concert MPAs were handed out at this meeting. If you didn't get yours, contact Chuck.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Physical Education bill was tabled indefinitely. The wording was changed to make it a different bill. Appreciation expressed to all who assisted with preventing this bill (in its original form) from passing. Please do not worry about this for the next couple of years.

Leon county might implement a health program that may have a similar effect in Leon county.

Tallahassee Association of Bands—Lewis Jones—Next meeting June 3

James Perry wants advocate representative for each county. We may need to find some replacements for those that are retiring or who no longer want to serve in this capacity.

There is a great article in the paper today about arts. It is on the Tallahassee Democrat's web page at: <http://www.tallahassee.com/mid/tallahassee/news/local/8629614.htm>

Item 6: Communications

Becky Carlan, Wakulla High School would like to host Jazz Band MPA festival. (Becky called me later and said that her auditorium is actually not available on our new festival date.)

Item 7: Unfinished Business

District Honor Band: January 27-29, 2005.

- Monica Liemer wants to volunteer to head the committee with assistance from Mike Antmann.
- We would like to use Chiles High School again.
- All-state rules in regards to Eb clarinets and piccolos and other rare instruments
- Audition material will again be the All-state 9th - 10th grade lyrical exercise and all-state scale requirements.
- Auditions will be November 20, 2004 at Lincoln High School
- Reading rehearsal on January 20, 2005
- Clinician Suggestions:
 - o Gary Green-high school
 - o Shawn Barratt-middle school
 - o Quincy Hilliard-middle school
 - o Cindy Berry – high school
 - o Gordon Brock-high school
- All-District Jazz Band?
 - o Mike Antman, Becky Carlan will form a committee to look into it.
 - o Suggested Dates: Concert on Nov 18. Rehearse 2 or 3 days before that
 - o Suggested Clinicians:
 - Leon Anderson
 - Someone from UNF in Jacksonville ...Bill Prince
 - Mark Dickman
 - Ace Martin-Anderson School of the Arts
 - Rodney Jordan

Item 8: Committee Reports

MPA Dates Committee 1/31/04

Members Present: Michael Antmann, Ruthie Antmann, Josh Bula, Chuck Perego, Alex Kaminsky, Becky Carlan, Marc Lentsch, Mike German, Jon Jones, Candalee Jones, Nathan White, Aaron Trkovsky.

2004-2005 MPA Dates:

- Marching – October 30, 2004 (Nov 6 Backup Date)

- Solo and Ensemble – February 18-19, 2005 (Aux. on 2/18 at Madison High School)
- Jazz Band – February 25, 2005
- High School Concert – March 11-12 Leon High School
- Middle School Concert – March 10-11, 2005
 - We'll try to get Opperman-Godby and Leon are backups
 - Middle School and High School MPAs will not overlap.

Item 9: New Business

All-State Auditions are tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2005.

Motion: Give plaques to superior jazz bands at district jazz MPA. Antmann/Carlan PASSED

Item 10: District Adjudicators for Next School Year

Solo/Ensemble judges that we have received contracts back from:

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Title	Last	First	MI	School
Dr.	Brown	James	W.	Gadsden Co. Schools
Mr.	Dodd	James	M.	Bruner Middle School
Mr.	Folsom	Randy		Ft. Walton Beach High Sch.
Mr.	Layton	James	A.	Lakeside Middle School
Mr.	Reinecke	William	T.	Apopka High School
Mr.	Schmidt	Fred	W.	Tequesta Trace Middle School

If anyone has suggestions for adjudicators for next year's MPA's, please submit names to Josh Bula. Due to the change-of-date of our S/E date, many of our "regulars" are not available. Therefore, many judges will be new to our district this year.

Recommendations:

Bob Allen

George Walters

Dirk Schmidt

Gloria Vagi

Joe Luchauer

Item 11: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators

none

Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Mike German to be added to concert and jazz. (He's currently just marching)

Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees

State Solo Ensemble MPA Committee:

- Use real pianos—it's hard to play things like the Hindemith Sonatas on electronic pianos. It just doesn't sound as good, and that could be a distraction to the student who is accustomed to practicing with an acoustic piano.
- Provide a couple warm-up pianos in warm up room for piano soloists to warm-up on.

Sight-reading Committee: We had a discussion about the middle school sight-reading. It is understood that it is difficult to find good music to use for sight reading, but we would like the

committee to try to find music that has parts for at least 2 or 3 percussionists, and it should have some sort of noticeable melody. Many directors of MC bands felt it was too easy this year.

Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board

Travel expenses for Judges should be raised because of the price of gas. (Perego/Carlan) PASSED

(This may be a suggestion to FMEA instead of FBA): There is not enough time for bands to submit applications to perform at the FMEA convention. By the time the call for performing ensembles was published, it left very little time for directors to submit application packets to meet the deadline. (M. Antmann/Carlan) PASSED

Item 15: Other

Comments about Last Year's District Concert MPA Festival:

- Facility: Many would like to look into the possibility of having it at Opperman—we will look into that, but that is a busy time for FSU. We almost weren't able to get middle school MPA there. It was mentioned that we should probably leave it up to Josh to find the best location. Leon is centrally located, and this summer they are adding new audience seating.
- Recording: Many felt the quality was not very good for the price that we're being charged. Many felt we should look into hiring a company to record our festivals.
 - Mark Henkin at FSU was suggested.
 - Opus Audio out of Tampa specializes in festivals like that and does many for other districts
 - Vestige-. They have done All-State in the past.
- Picture—On-stage? Look into Champion or Walters. Josh will find out who they use at FSU summer music camps (I think it's Bob O'Leary).

Item 16: For the Good of the Association

Summer Convention July 8-10. Visit www.flmusiced.org/fba for more info.

Monica Liemer... congratulations on the new baby, due in June

Don Heinz... congratulations on retirement. Thanks for your many years of dedication to your students.

Schools that will be looking for band directors next year:

- Griffin MS
- North Florida Christian
- Rickards
- Fort Braden

Thank you to Readers Digest /QSP fundraising for providing the meat for the dinner.

Thank you to Gail and Chuck Perego for the other delicious food, as well as the great hospitality.

German: Encourage directors who are not here to come to district meetings.

Miller: Thank you to the district chairman, Chuck Perego, and district secretary, Josh Bula.

Upcoming Concerts:

May 11: Swift Creek MS (Opperman 7:30)

May 11: Godby HS 7:00pm

May 13: Wakulla HS Jazz Band 7:00pm

May 13: Holy Comforter, 7:00pm

May 13: Lincoln HS 7:30pm

May 14: Florida High

May 17: Leon High School Steel Band 7:00pm

May 18: Raa MS 7:00pm

May 20: Cobb MS 7:00pm

May 22: Leon HS 7:00pm

Item 17: Next Meeting Date

Monday, August 16, 2004 6:30pm Leon High School Band Room

Item 18: Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm

Name of District Secretary:

Josh Bula

Signature: