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

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 8</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: November 24, 2003</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 2</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: West Orange High School</b>

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

- a. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Kristie Smith
- b. Becky , chairman, is out sick and regrets not being able to attend.

**Item 2: Members and Guests Present**

<b>Member/Guest</b>	<b>School/Affiliation</b>	<b>Member/Guest</b>	<b>School/Affiliation</b>
1 Pam Guess	Arbor Ridge	23 Lee Sellers	Glennridge Middle
2 Nicole Nasrallah	Ocoee Middle School	24 Paul Wilson	Edgewater H.S. / BDIE
3 Chris Sego	Chain of Lakes M.S.	25 David Laniewski	West Orange H.S.
4 Kevin Davis	Lee M.S., intern	26 Missie Ellis	Lakeview Middle School
5 Joel Moody	Winter Park High School	27 Lisa Bujnicki	Lakeview Middle School
6 Jack Eaddy	Westridge Middle School	28 Ken Rogier	Union Park Middle School
7 Eric Saidat	Lockhart Middle School	29 Marianne Flanagan	Colonial High School
8 Jeanie Berry	Southwest Middle School	30 Michael Janeiro	University High School
9 Angela McKenzie	Discovery Middle School	31 Cliff Walker	Timber Creek H.S.
10 Jason Ford	Piedmont Lakes Middle	32 Rhett Cox	Timber Creek H.S.
11 Amy Wolek	Windy Ridge Middle	33 Bruce J. Green	Meadowbrook M.S.
12 Kristie L. Smith	Corner Lake Middle	34 Mark Ellis	Apopka High School
13 Angelo Lindine	Odyssey Middle School	35 Ken Boyd	Olympia High School
14 Brian Nichols	Freedom High School	36 Mike Parks	OCPS
15 Keith Nichols	Conway Middle School	37 Jodi Wunsch	Apopka Middle School
16 Adam Steff	Cypress Creek H.S.	38 Bernie Hendricks	Robinswood M.S.
17 Jill Gutierrez	Hunter's Creek M.S.	39 Chris MacTavish	Liberty Middle School
18 Derek Shapiro	Cypress Creek H.S.	40 Chris Sharp	
19 Phil Obado	University H.S.	41 John Lennard	Evans High School
20 Chris Perez	Oak Ridge High School	42 Jennifer Frankenstein	Maitland Middle School
21 Ryan Thomas	Gotha Middle School	43 Eric Mendez	Maitland Middle School
22 Justin Davis	Freedom High School	44 Heather Harding	Discovery Middle School

### **Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

There were no objections or changes to the previous minutes, therefore, they stand approved as distributed.

### **Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

- a. So far we have deposited \$7988.75 from the MMPA gate and program sales. Still receiving deposits from donations, t-shirt sales, and \$5 per tape from O-Tech.
- b. Our district could greatly benefit from a treasurer.
- c. Take extra programs to sell to students, etc. for \$1.00 each

## Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

Materials were distributed and explained. Sample letters could be used to send to administrators, board members, politicians, etc.

## Item 6: Communications

Letter from Winter Park offering to host High School Concert MPA. Motion to accept: Perez / Ellis, PASSED

## Item 7: Unfinished Business

### a. All State Auditions

1. Numbers: MS Slots 133 / auditioned 113  
HS slots 192 / auditioned 179  
Jazz slots 22 / auditioned 20
2. Comments/Concerns/Suggestions: Big thanks to Skip Perry and the students and parents of Piedmont Lakes for their usual fantastic job with hosting!
  - a) Concern: (Berry) Use of portable with no air conditioning for student audition. Also expressed concern over actual recording being done by non-FBA members/directors. C. Sego stated that tapes were checked for proper recording throughout, and that recordings seemed to be consistent.

### b. Marching MPA

1. Adjudicator Evaluation Forms – please complete form found in packets, or on website, if any concerns or comments regarding judges and send to B. Sego.
2. Parking – overall, better this year. Potential need for crossing guard?
3. Magic/DCI – Wanted to have the Orlando Magic Drum Corps perform at MMPA as exhibition group; however, Hendon suggested that they should not due to the fact that DCI is a competitive organization.
  - a) Discussion: Berry – understood that selling items on our site was the real issue; also, competition should not be imposed on FBA since Magic is competitive. Wilson – district should have control over some issues and this should not have been a board issue. Flanagan – miscommunication, was originally told it would be no problem for Magic to perform. Thomas – they should have performed; it would have been good for the kids. Mendez – issue of money/selling/advertising could get out of control.
4. MS National Anthem – Thanks to Jodi and Keith for a job well done! What to do for Ron Blocker? Parks – copy of video recording and simple “thank you” letter from District, also a program and picture. Apologies about water mix-up and not handing out all food that was available to middle school students. Thanks to Timber Creek officers for helping with distribution. Middle school directors should have costs of busses available to B. Sego as this expense may be covered in the future.
5. My ideas for next year: B. Sego stated that the board informed her that asking middle school directors to participate in assisting with marching performance assessment, or be assessed different amounts, was allowed. This will not be the policy next year. B. Sego also suggested that she would like to begin asking various businesses and companies for donations now. This may increase their willingness to include us in their budgets within their fiscal year. Also, if assessments can be cut in ½ through donations, additional monies could be given in the form of scholarships to senior(s) pursuing a degree in music. Two other thoughts: getting service groups to help with ticket taking, etc. or offering the job(s) to a particular group/school as a fundraiser. Finally, the Citrus Bowl itself is an incredible resource for us and helps with advocacy because it gives us the freedom to make this a “big deal.”
6. Comments / Concerns / Suggestions: Wilson – legality of raising money by FBA, Inc. cannot be distributed to different groups or people. Sellers – too many “ifs” yet. Berry – judges expressed concern over hearing and seeing in the Citrus Bowl. Laniewski – rope off area in second

### c. FMEA Clinic Conference

1. \$5 more on site – same for pre-registration
2. Cancel rooms on time! – penalty if canceled after November

3. Pre-conference is literacy - if principal gives you a hard time about attending without students, you can list the conference on your PDP and may stand a better chance of getting support.
  4. Ticket procedures are the same.
- d. Mentoring program – concerns? – none

## Item 8: Committee Reports

We have no committees at this time; however, consider an adjudication committee and treasurer to alleviate work for the next chair.

## Item 9: New Business

- a. MOTION 1: To disband the current policy of a higher assessment for middle school directors who do not help with marching MPA.

Rationale:

- a) The current policy was never discussed or voted on by the district 8 membership.
- b) In other districts where this policy has been adopted, this policy was discussed by committee (in some cases) and by the district membership before a vote.
- c) This policy in no way helps to raise the marching MPA gate receipts. Therefore it does not reduce the per-entry assessment for MPAs. Sellers / Berry PASSED

Discussion: Lots of work on middle school director's part

- b. MOTION 2: To adapt a policy that no alternative assessments be implemented by district 8 without going first through a committee selected by the district membership, discussed by the district membership at a regular meeting, and voted on by the district membership at a regular meeting.

Rationale:

- a) Every effort must be made to be sure the handling of taxpayers' money is done properly and lawfully. In addition, all district members must be given the opportunity to voice their concerns/opinions concerning the handling of money. Sellers / Rogier PASSED

- c. MOTION 3: To adapt the following policy with regard to venues for any FBA event:

Schools that participate in any FBA event held at a venue that requires a rental fee or any other costs beyond what is customary to cover and event held at a conventional facility (such as a public school), will share these above mentioned costs equally among the participating schools.

For example, if the middle school directors agree to hold their Concert Band Music Performance Assessment at The Bob Carr Performing Arts Center in downtown Orlando, the participating schools will share the cost of the hall rental and any other costs beyond what is customary to cover such an event held at a conventional facility (public school).

Rationale:

- a) As costs continue to rise and budget cuts are made, we must make every effort to reduce/minimize our per-entry assessment for MPAs. Because our income consists primarily of per-entry assessments, all unnecessary expenses must be eliminated.
- b) This motion provides for an exception for those who wish to upgrade to a venue requiring a rental fee or extra costs, without placing the additional financial burden on the schools that do not benefit from the upgrade(s). Sellers / Frankenstein OUT OF ORDER

Discussion:

- a) Parks – can we have different assessments for different festivals?
- b) Laniewski – concerned about seating, at Citrus Bowl all school's can sit on one side and see bands from the front.
- c) Mark Ellis – concerned about middle school vendetta
- d) Frankenstein – just like high schools want Citrus Bowl, middle schools want good hall for concert MPA.

- e) Janeiro – concerned over stress in unity of association
- f) Berry – assessment is killing middle school budgets
- g) Bujnicki – wants what’s best for kids
- h) Wilson – assessments are figured by adding all expenses and then dividing that amount by the expected number of participants. Also suggested lowering school’s assessments by doing fewer events.

Vote: A vote was taken by secret ballot on this motion. The result was 24 no, 18 yes.

- d. Solo/Ensemble MPA Dates:  
 HS: Feb. 6&7 (Jazz 5<sup>th</sup>) Site: Timber Creek HS  
 MS: Feb. 20&21 (Jazz 19<sup>th</sup>) Site: Colonial HS

- e. Concert MPA Dates:  
 HS: Mar. 4-5, Site: Winter Park HS  
 MS: April 1-3, Site: Lakeview MS

**\*Festival scheduling disk (for concert and S&E) DUE to district chair by:**

**HS – Jan. 20      MS – Jan. 27**      Assessment Form (from program) and check MUST accompany entry. *(on the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the original deadline for submission, no entry forms will be accepted. Fines after deadline and 10 days after deadline)*

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

- a. 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)
- b. FBA STATE CONCERT BAND MPA:  
 North State – April 27 – May 1, 2004 - Florida State University, Tallahassee  
 South State – April 27 – May 1, 2004 – Indian River Comm. College, Ft. Pierce

**Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List**

Adjudicators so for:

S&E MS: Jim Mathews, Asa Jernigan, Michael Waller, Neil Jenkins, Gerald Poe, William Miller, Jann Kinder, Alex Kaminsky, Charles Perego, Bill Moffit, Mara Rose, Gordon O’Hara, Ron Youmans, Cathi Leibinger, Roger Faulman, Ken Nickse, Andrea Tobin, Wayne Miller, Bill Hinkle

S&E HS: Jim Mathews, Bert Creswell, Bill Miller, Michael Waller, Gerald Poe, Alex Kaminsky, Ken Nickse, Bryan Goff, Shaylor James, Andrea Tobin

HS Con.: Brian Sullivan, Wayne Miller, De-Laine Chapman, Bill Hinkle

MS Con.: Bob Allen, Brian Sullivan, Ken Nickse, Bert Creswell

MS Jazz: Alan O’Farrill, Bill Hinkle

HS Jazz: John Almeida, Alan O’Farrill, Bill Hinkle

**Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees**

None

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

None

### **Item 14: Other**

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

- a. Mark Howard – in hospital, doing better
- b. Jones High School – Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- c. Colonial – Middle school S&E
- d. Heather Harding has all-county jazz information, see her after meeting.
- e. Flanagan and B. Seago passed National Boards.
- f. Frankenstein – suggestions put forth for fighting against level 1 and 2 students being pulled from music for math class.
- g. Paul Wilson has offered to help directors with Festival program.

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

February 2, 2004, 7:00 p.m., site TBA

### **Item 17: Adjournment**

8:20 p.m., Mark Ellis / Hendricks

**Name of District Secretary:** Kristie L. Smith, Corner Lake Middle School

**Signature:**