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## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 69<sup>th</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-04.1)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER:</b> 12	<b>MEETING DATE:</b> Saturday, 21 August, 2004
<b>MEETING NUMBER:</b> 1	<b>MEETING LOCATION:</b> Southwest M.S., Lakeland

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

Chair D. Fultz called the meeting to order at 8:02am and promptly thanked J. Cayer for hosting our meeting and his wonderful band parents who provided breakfast foods for us.

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments

L. Alvarez, K. Crawford, R. Lambert, B. Fultz, J. Bryant, S. Barat, K. Kessler, C. Beutel, K. Leduc, J. Cayer, G. DeGuzman, J. Buss, P. Rossi, B. O'Steen, J. Seybert, J. Carter, J. Sholine, A. Malott, K. Guira, D. West, M. Cuttell, F. Howes, K. Levine, C. Fredericks, J. Harden, R. Lagg, C. Harris, M. Booher, K. Johnson, J. DeYoung, B. Adams, J. Parker, J. Eckman, B. Agrella, M. Buckmaster, R. Combs, M. Lussier, B. Wharton, P. Wharton, A. Lamp, F. Nicsinger, J. Jossim

#### Interns:

Jeff Miller is interning at George Jenkins HS  
Kim Seria is interning at McKeel Academy  
P.J. Rossi is interning at Union Academy

#### Guests

J. Berry visited from Southwest Middle School in Orlando  
D. Hendon joined us from the FBA Office in Ocala

Chairman Fultz then asked any new directors to our district to contact him if they had not already paired up with an experienced director in the area.

Mr. Hendon spoke on several points:

- thanked the membership for their efforts through the trying times many have faced in the wake of Hurricane Charley and reminded us that our students will return with a myriad of different situations and issues that will require understanding and in many cases the strength of our programs to lean upon.
- the Sept. 10 deadline is crucial this year as missing it can prevent students from auditioning for All-State
- the Auxiliary portion of the Handbook has been condensed but should be read; there were many infractions at State Auxiliary Assessment last year that could have been prevented by Directors being more familiar with the section in the Handbook

- Schools that wish to reclassify should request to do so on their classification forms (Due Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>). Directors must attached a letter stating why they are requesting reclassification. The process is a request and members should follow up to determine classification to prevent selecting ineligible music in the spring.

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

There were no changes to the minutes proposed, therefore, reading of the minutes was omitted

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

We returned \$4911.98 to FSMA and expect our funds returned soon.

### **Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA**

Our current advocacy contact in the county is Mr. John Anderson, who is a chorus teacher. We could use some active band parents to assist in spreading the word regarding advocacy issues. F. Nicsinger volunteered to be an additional contact.

Mr. Hendon reminded the membership of the recent *Ezine* of advocacy issues from the FSMA. It contained information regarding a survey that was distributed to candidates for office this fall. Notable were the responses of some candidates and the lack of response from others. Mr. Hendon also commented on the importance of voting in the upcoming elections and that advocacy needed to be a year-round process, not something that only becomes important when the legislature is in session.

### **Item 6: Communications/Distribution of Packets**

Auburndale HS (Director A. Lamp) requests to perform first at Music/Marching MPA in October stating that the school's Homecoming Dance has been scheduled for the same night. In appreciation, they have offered to perform the National Anthem.

MOTION: To allow Auburndale to perform first at Music/Marching MPA (and perform the National Anthem) (C. Fulton/C. Harris) PASSED

### **Item 7: Unfinished Business**

Chairman Fultz reinforced Mr. Hendon's reminder concerning the Auxiliary Changes to the Handbook Likewise, he stated that the Classification Forms, if used to "reclassify" required a justification for the request and was a request and should be followed up on.

### **Item 8: Committee Reports**

D. West agreed to serve as the Piano Committee again for the coming year. D. Fultz thanked him for his work this past year when the contacted provider bailed on the district the week of Solo and Ensemble. Mr. West did the legwork to secure instruments nonetheless.

### **Item 9: New Business**

Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms Due September 10 (earlier than last year). Send to FMEA or pay online at [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org). *Students will not be allowed to audition for All-State if band director is not a member of FBA by September 10.*

Classification Forms due October 15 to the District Chairman. Principal and Director Signature Required

- Senior High: Report grades 9, 10, 11, 12 or 10, 11, 12 as appropriate
- Junior High: Report Grades 7, 8, and 9 (unless you plan to not use any 7<sup>th</sup> graders in any phase of MPA, then only count 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders)

- Middle School: Report Grades 7 and 8 only
- FINE: 50.00 for submitting this form late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the deadline.
- Form is on the FBA website: [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)

All State Auditions: (forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) )

Site: Sleepy Hill Middle School

Date: Saturday, 18 August, 2004

Deadline: Wednesday, 1 September, 2004 **Entry forms should be sent to Rob Lambert @ Harrison Arts Center**

Fees: \$16 per student payable to **FBA District 12**

LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the deadline.

Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by **September 10** in order to have students audition for all-state.

D. Fultz reminded the membership that directors (or in special cases a designee) must be on-site when students are auditioning

C. Fulton stressed the fact that our professional responsibility is to see that our students are prepared and the audition process does not hurt them: **Get the right student on the right tape and that tape to the right place.** Also:

- read the script as presented in the rooms
- your manner in the room should be professional and efficient, but encouraging to the students
- check the tape; check the tape in several places; check the tape before the student leaves; check the tape!

THE SCALE PORTION OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITION CONSISTS OF SEVEN SCALES (G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, & Db - concert pitch). ONLY THOSE SCALES WILL BE JUDGED. ANY OTHER MAJOR SCALES PERFORMED WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE AUDITION.

Small School Honors Band and 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Band Nomination:

Forms are in August Bulletin and on [www.flmusiced.org/fba](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)

Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.

Marching Band MPA:

Date: Saturday, 23 October, 2004

Site: Denison Stadium, Winter Haven hosted by Winter Haven High School Band

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): 23 September, 2004 to Dave Fultz

LATE FINES: \$50.00 for submitting forms late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the deadline.

Start Time: MOTION to begin with the National Anthem at 5:45pm and the first band at 6:00pm (K. Levine/B. Wharton) PASSED

No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors

Scheduling will be smallest to largest with the exception of Auburndale HS (per Passed Motion under Communications)

Mr. Jim Parker will again work to obtain sponsors for our event in order to help our gate receipts. If any director has contacts for possible sponsors, they may have them contact Mr. Parker or may pass their names to him for him to contact them.

Passes for chaperones and field workers will be distributed at the October Meeting.

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

Solo and Ensemble MPA: 11 and 12 February, 2005 Bartow HS

MOTION (J. Eckman/J. Cayer) PASSED

Concert (High School): 4-5 March, 2005 Branscomb Auditorium

MOTION to hold District Concert Assessment at Winter Haven HS (S. Barat/R. Combs) PASSED

MOTION to accept Winter Haven's offer to host Assessment if there was a cost to the District for Branscomb Auditorium (C. Fulton/C. Harris) PASSED

Concert (JH/MS): 10-12 March, site still needed

### **Item 11: District MPA Adjudicators**

Chairman Fultz is currently in the process of contracting our adjudicators for the year. A listing will be sent out when completed.

### **Item 12: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)**

None

### **Item 13: Suggestions to State Committees**

Music Committee (before Oct 1):

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):

Mr. Hendon mentioned that we have a new S&E list and that many pieces were removed, however, some literature may still be performed after obtaining special permission.

### **Item 14: Proposals to the Executive Board**

None

### **Item 15: Correspondence**

None additional

### **Item 16: For the Good of the Association**

P. Wharton – The Dr. Tim Leadership Seminar has been postponed until Sunday, 19 September from 2-5 pm  
Please contact R. Combs if you have registered students that will not be able to attend or more students interested.

J. Jossim – Florida Southern College will be hosting Band Day on Thurs., 18 November, 2004

- Thank you to local directors for supporting the FSC Band Camps this summer
- Hollingsworth Winds will be starting, hope everyone will come out and support the ensemble; still need tubas, some clarinets, and percussionists
- she will work on the arrangements for the Assessment at Branscomb Auditorium

D. Hendon - Thank you to Ron Lagg and Florida Music Service for stepping up and sponsoring the Fennell Birthday Cake and Drinks

R. Lagg- dates are filling up for bringing your students by the store to shop for S&E Music

- there is a discount available for staying within 30 days on your accounts ☺, once you fall behind you lose the discount for the remainder of the year. ☹
- there are resource CD's available now for the Clarinet Rose Book and the Oboe Ferling book
- FMS bought the band methods from Mars Music when they went out of business; they are available inexpensively from the FMS ebay store

R. Combs – thanks to R. Lagg and FMS for being a Tri-M sponsor

C. Harris – see her if you need blue concert medals

K. Levine – the County Health Dept. is requiring new things for concession stands; please be aware of the changes and contact Kevin if you want to discuss this

R. Lambert – Handouts are available regarding the Polk County Youth Symphony Orchestra

- this is to help supplement our county string programs
- extend new opportunities for our wind and percussion players
- since it tops out at 10<sup>th</sup> grade it will give those students new leadership opportunities

L. Alvarez – Central Florida Marching Band Showcase will be Saturday, 9 October, 2004 first band is at 4pm

J. Eckman – the prep clinic for this year will have to be cancelled

C. Beutel – introduced our members who current hold or have held state level office in our professional organizations

J. Eckman – John DeYoung's induction to the FBA Hall of Fame will occur at Stetson University on 13 November, 2004

F. Howes – distributed information regarding the Middle School Reform Act and it's effects on our curriculum, it is important to have active parents that can ask questions of legislators as to how it is going to affect the other activities they are interested in (MUSIC)

### **Item 17: Next Meeting Date and Place**

Monday, 11 October, 2004 Mulberry High School  
Dinner @ 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm

### **Item 18: Adjournment**

MOTION to adjourn (B. Fultz/ J. Eckman) PASSED

**Name of District Secretary: Kevin Crawford**

**Signature:**