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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 70th year DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-05)

DISTRICT NUMBER: One	MEETING DATE: August 10th, 2005
MEETING NUMBER: 1	MEETING LOCATION: Milton High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Chairman Eddie Steadman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
 Thanks to Gray Weaver and his parents for the delicious meal.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments

Sign the attendance sheet that is being past around the room.

We would like to welcome FSMA/FMEA Executive Director James Perry to our meeting tonight.

Members and Guests present:

Eddie Steadman	Ruckel MS	Jason Bennett	Rocky Bayou Christian
Dan Wooten	Niceville HS	Scott LaBorde	Bruner MS
Wayne Whitman	Richbourg MS	Dan Smith	Fort Walton Beach HS
Tom Ewing	Retired	Randy Nelson	Choctawhatchee HS
John Wilk	Retired	Joe Hooten	Tate HS
Stacy Yarborough	Navarre HS	Hank Phillips	Pryor MS
Larry Coleman	Bellview MS	Patricia Maness	Ransom MS
Pete Krostag	Pine Forest HS	Travis Coakley	Tate HS
Allison Scallan	Warrington MS	Janie Walker	Ransom MS
Scott Nall	Navarre HS	Alicia Trevino	Holley-Navarre MS
Jody Dunn	Crestview HS	Brian York	Pensacola HS
David Cadle	Crestview HS	Melanie Foote	Liza Jackson Prep
Bobby Lyles	Pensacola Christian	Roselyn Curtis	Milton HS
Nick Kosar	Pensacola Christian	David Riggs	Avalon MS
Chris Martin	Pensacola Christian	Jordan Wood	Escambia HS
Lilly Nelson	Pensacola Christian	William Shaner	Sims MS
Dan Akins	Davidson MS	John Dunlap	Pace HS
Nathan Witter	West Florida Home School	Lonny Finley	Pace HS
Mike Philley	Woodham HS	Connie Pettis	Jay HS
Scott Miller	Woodham HS	Susan Smithey	Gulf Breeze MS
Randy Folsom	Fort Walton Beach HS	Gayla Dodd	King MS
Paul Harris	Meigs MS	Don Snowden	Pensacola Junior College
Tony Chiarito	Baker MS / HS	Charles Sammual	Hobbs MS
Neal McLeod	Gulf Breeze HS	Grover Underwood	Brownsville MS
Gray Weaver	Milton HS	Tim Willis	Bailey MS
Markita Weaver	Guest	Chris Tredway	Lewis MS

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the April meeting are posted on the FBA web site for your perusal

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

End of Past Year's Statement: \$500.00 in the account to begin the year
\$7,444.04 to be returned by the FSMA

Proposed Current Year Budget: \$47,775.00

A copy of the submitted district budget for this year is in your packet.

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

Remarks from James Perry, Executive Director of the Florida School Music Association and the Florida Music Educator's Association

The 2006 FMEA Clinic / Conference will be a focus on technology

Technology Institute for Music Education (TIME) will present seminars at the Marriott Waterside

There will be sessions for all levels, pre-conference Wednesday

Curriculum-based training / Literacy-Reading-Math Connection

Concerts will be held at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center—hopefully

Tickets are required for TPAC – can order on-line or on-site – will be issued with badge

Saturday, 12:00pm, ticket booths close, tickets will \$10.00 after this time

(Get your tickets before 12:00pm Saturday!)

Advocacy Issues:

Reading requirements

DOE directives to line up with curriculum

The legislation DIED (DID NOT PASS)

Some districts are complying as if the legislation passed

There is no real consistency

Exert parental pressure “But the legislation didn't pass!”

Hard to justify from an instructional point of view

There is no data that suggests that force feeding reading by the hour works

Class Size:

Will be felt on a campus level next year

Especially hurtful at the middle and elementary level

Now is the time for active boosters

Align boosters in each county or district

Made up of all booster presidents?

County Arts Agency connection

Can help with pressure on district administration

Good legislative action is like a three-legged stool:

1) Legislative Liason

2) Grass Roots

3) Participation in Election Process

Proposed to the FMEA Executive Committee:

Formation of a PAC as a subsidiary to FMEA

PAC can make \$500 donations to candidates

Will be very narrowly focused

“What are they (candidates) doing for arts education?”

Have they been our friend in the past?

Are they in a position of influence for us?

PAC's can only be supported by individuals. Are you comfortable enough to reach into your pockets to give personal donations? \$25, \$50 donations...perhaps more than once? Do you trust us enough to use your money wisely?

Randy Folsom - Would this organization publicly endorse candidates?

James Perry – I don't know. I think so.

Folsom - ...run the risk of being on the wrong side.

Perry – Increased exposure means increased risk.

FSMA has written letters to four leading gubernatorial candidates requesting interviews concerning arts education. Two candidates will be invited to Clinic / Conference to see the support for arts education. FMEA would not make an endorsement. The PAC may or may not make an endorsement.

Tim Willis – Before people contribute, they need to know exactly where the candidates stand on the issues and how they will respond.

James Perry – Again, this will be a very narrowly focused issue, not republican or democratic. Since Republicans control the current legislature, there will be more contributions to that party – a fact of life.

Willis - Donations are voluntary? Not from yearly dues?

Perry – Right.

For legislative response, we have subscribed to CAPWHIZ. Simply enter your name and zip code and it automatically finds your legislators. You can use pre-selected paragraphs or compose your own. This allows us to track the number of e-mails received by any legislator.

The MENC National Anthem Project:

- A worthwhile project

- Link on FSMA website

- Media talking points

- Media kit

September 14th is the anniversary of the National Anthem. Plan an activity on campus at 9:00am that highlights the National Anthem and arrange media coverage.

MENC is using this as a hook for music education advocacy

The Jessica Lunsford Act:

People who are under contract to a school board who come on campus must have Level 2 screening and fingerprints. The legislature has not fully interpreted the legislation; so many counties are interpreting it differently. This concerns percussion and guard instructors, college professors, etc.

Paul Harris – Do they have to be fingerprinted in every county?

James Perry – It is up to each district. As of now, if you go to Orange County, you do.

Please be sure that whatever you do passed the “newspaper” test. I do not want to read of a music program in violation of this law. Err on the side of caution.

John Wilk – This FCAT reading...will the next governor push FCAT so much?

James Perry – No. The next administration will be different. This governor is very powerful and his administration enforces loyalty.

Item 6: Announcements

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine. There are 2 new FBA awards that will be given out this year.

Oliver Hobbs Award

Tom Bishop Award

Item 7: Communications/Distribution of Packets

1- Meeting Agenda *white*

2 –Membership Update form / Recording Equipment & Piano Equipment Form *cherry*

3 –District Calendar *yellow*

4 –Proposed Budget *tan*

5 –All-State Instructions *lilac*

The following forms may be found on the FBA web site:

All-State Entry Form, All-State Participant Contract, Classification Form, Marching MPA Entry Form, Medals Order Form

Chairman Steadman admonished all present to check the FBA website often for deadlines, etc. Fines will be assessed for lateness!

***Membership Update Form/Equipment Form** – please fill out and turn in to Eddie Steadman or Jody Dunn before leaving this meeting.

Item 8: Unfinished Business

Highlights from July board meeting

Chairman Steadman shared his thoughts on what FSMA does for us:

Financial Oversight

Date for advocacy issues

Builds and maintains alliances with state agencies

Mr. Steadman reminded all present to join FBA before September 1st.

Item 9: Committee Reports

Adjudicator Recommendations Committee – William Shaner

No report

Item 10: New Business

Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms Due September 11 (earlier than last year). Send to FMEA or pay online at www.flmusiced.org. *Students will not be allowed to audition for All-State if band director is not a member of FBA by September 1st.*

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 7th graders in any phase of MPA, then only count 8th and 9th graders)
- Middle School: Report Grades 7 and 8 only
- FINE: 50.00 for submitting this form late (Payable to FBA) \$100.00 on the 8th calendar day after the deadline.
- Form is on the FBA website: www.flmusiced.org/fba

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

Site: Pace High School

Date: Saturday Sept. 17th, 2005

Deadline: Wednesday August 24th

Fees: \$10.00

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

Band director must be a member of FMEA/FBA by **September 1** in order to have students audition for all-state.

Small School Honors Band and 7-8th Grade Honor Band Nomination:

Forms are in August Bulletin and on 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: Sat. Oct. 22nd, 2005

Site: Choctawhatchee High School

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): Sept. 15th

No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors

Adjudicators: Jason Duckett General Effect / Mike German M&M

Ticket Prices: (last year: \$7-premium; \$6-general; \$2-group; Free-under 6 & over 65)

Nominations for the Oliver Hobbs Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"): David Cadle

Nominations for the Tom Bishop Award (see latest "Florida Bandmaster"): Connie Pettis

Item 11: District MPA Dates and Sites

Solo and Ensemble MPA:	Feb. 17-18, 2006	Gulf Breeze HS
Jazz MPA:	Feb. 24, 2006	Crestview HS
Concert (High School):	Mar. 10-11, 2006	Ft. Walton Beach HS
Concert (Middle School):	Apr. 6-7, 2006	Ft. Walton Beach HS

Item 12: District MPA Adjudicators

Middle School Concert: Annette Grieve
Suggestions?

Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

Randy Nelson, Jody Dunn, Scott LaBorde, Neil McLeod
All approved

Item 14: Suggestions to State Committees

Music Committee (before Oct 1st for Concert titles, Dec 1st for S/E):

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):

Other:

Item 15: Proposals to the Executive Board

Item 16: Correspondence

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

FBA website: www.flmusiced.org/fba

FMEA/FSMA website: www.flmusiced.org

Don Snowden provided all-state prep folders to all who wanted them.

Nick Kosar offered free music, CD's and brochures.

David Cadle invited all to participate in the West Florida Classic Marching Contest, October 15, 2005.

Joe Hooten invited all to participate in the Gulf Coast Showcase of Champions, November 5, 2005. Mr. Hooten also encouraged all present to support our District Marching MPA.

Randy Nelson invited all to come to the Okaloosa Band Exhibition, October 18, 2005.

Item 18: Next Meeting Date and Place

Wednesday, October 26th, 2005, 6:00 p.m. – Choctawhatchee High School, Ft. Walton Beach, FL

Item 19: Adjournment

Motion (Hooten / Wooten) To adjourn

PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody Dunn

District 1 Secretary
