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## FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 70<sup>th</sup> year DISTRICT MEETING #4 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-05)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: April 19, 2006</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 4</b>	<b>MEETING LOCATION: Woodham High School</b>

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

Chairman Eddie Steadman called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. He thanked Mike Philly, band director at Woodham High School, and his band parents for the fine meal and for hosting this final meeting.

### Item 2: Members and Guests Present

<u>Name:</u>	<u>School:</u>
Eddie Steadman	Ruckel Middle Schhol
Jody Dunn	Crestview High School
Daniel Akins	Davidson Middle School
Susie Smithey	Gulf Breeze Middle School
Gray Weaver	Milton High School
Stacy Yarborough	Navarre High School
Jordan Wood	Escambia High School
Janie Walker	Ransom Middle School
Melanie Foote	Liza Jackson Prep School
Chad Foote	Guest
Lilly Nelson	Pensacola Christian School
Bobby Lyles	Pensacola Christian School
Paul Harris	Meigs Middle School
Mike Philley	Woodham High School
Don Snowden	Pensacola Junior College
Allison Scallan	Warrington Middle School

### Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Minutes were approved as posted on the FBA website.

### Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Current Budget Status: \$16,580.06. However, there are several outstanding bills (~\$2,000.00) and the state assessment @ \$.80 per entry left to pay/

Proposed Budget for Next Year: Will be similar to this year. The assessments should be in the same ballpark. Mr. Steadman said he has been urged (as well as all other chair persons) to trim the budget if at all possible. If we are over-estimating, we are needlessly raising our assessments. This will be discussed more at the board meeting.

## **Item 5: Announcements, etc.:**

None.

## **Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues with FBA and FSMA**

Chairman Steadman encouraged all members to remain ready and willing to respond to the legislative alerts he sends from FSMA.

## **Item 7: Unfinished Business**

Complete adjudicator evaluation forms for Solo/Ensemble and Concert MPA's. The forms are on the website. Mr. Steadman said that he has had several turned in already this year. He stated that this is a useful tool for the district chairman as well as valuable feedback for the adjudication committee.

State Concert MPA begins next Monday at Ft. Walton Beach High School. A number of bands from District 1 will be participating. The schedule is posted on the website. Mr. Steadman encouraged all members to try to go and listen to an outstanding collection of very fine bands.

Dates for 2006-2007:

All-State auditions	-	September, 19, 2006
Marching MPA	-	October 14, 2006
S&E MPA	-	February 16-17, 2007
Jazz MPA	-	February 23, 2007
HS Concert MPA	-	March 9-10, 2007
MS Concert MPA	-	March 22-23, 2007 (See Item 9)

## **Item 8: Committee Reports**

None.

## **Item 9: New Business**

Middle School Concert MPA dates:

Chairman Steadman led a discussion on the pros and cons of moving the Middle School Concert MPA dates. Can Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties do it the week after Spring Break instead of Okaloosa County? Do we want to look into doing it at another time, such as the same time as High School Concert MPA? What about FCAT? Is it too close to S&E? Susan Smithey, director at Gulf Breeze Middle School, suggested that the current date is too late. Gray Weaver, director at Milton High School, reminded the members that several districts combine the High School and Middle School MPA events. This was echoed by the Chair.

**MOTION:** Foote / Walker

Move the Middle School Concert MPA to March 22 & 23, 2007.

**PASSED**

## **Item 10: District Adjudicators for Next School Year**

Any suggestions should be submitted to Mr. Steadman or Mr. Dunn.

None.

## **Item 11: Nominations for State MPA Adjudicators**

See Item 10.

None.

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

Paul Harris, director at Meigs Middle School, nominated **Susan Smithey** (Gulf Breeze MS).

**APPROVED BY SECRET BALLOT**

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

From Eddie Steadman:

In districts where there are schools with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> bands at District Concert MPA, the district chair should have the ability to choose alternate sight-reading material commiserate with the ability level of these students. As it is now, these students are forced to read at the same level as students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> band. The students in a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> band do not possess the same reading skills as those in the 2<sup>nd</sup> band and, therefore, should be evaluated on a level more suited to their skills. Placing the task in the hands of the district chair would alleviate the need to create a separate sight reading folder and the expense that would accompany this need.

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

(must be in the form of a motion)

None.

### **Item 15: Correspondence**

None.

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

Upcoming Concerts: Don Snowden, Pensacola Junior College, invited all members to a concert featuring the first-ever PJC / UWF Symphonic Orchestra to be held at the Saenger Theater.

Summer Convention: July 12-15, 2006, Altamonte Springs, FL. All information is on the website. Chairman Steadman encouraged all to attend.

Job Openings Next Year: Pensacola High School

Teachers of the Year: David Cadle, Crestview High School

Retirements: None

Mr. Steadman suggested that the district may want to explore different ways of doing things. For example, have a full-time treasurer to “lighten the load” off the chair. He encouraged all members to consider ways of delegating responsibilities.

Susan Smithey, Gulf Breeze Middle School, asked about others’ compliance with the Jessica Lunsford Act, specifically as it relates to charter bus drivers being fingerprinted. Mr. Steadman offered his experience of having to get permission to use non-fingerprinted drivers. It, apparently, is up to each school district to decide how to interpret this act.

Gray Weaver, Milton High School, offered thanks and praise to Chairman Steadman for his service to District 1 over the past four years. This was echoed by the membership by applause and several stories concerning Mr. Steadman’s advancing years and recent forays into the world of fishing!

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

Meeting #1:	August 16, 2006	Milton High School
Meeting #2:	November 1, 2006	Crestview High School
Meeting #3:	January 17, 2007	Gulf Breeze High School
Meeting #4:	April 18, 2007	Ruckel Middle School

**Item 18: Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Wood / Scallan

To adjourn.

**PASSED**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

**Name of District Secretary:**

Jody Dunn

**Signature:**

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Dunn