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FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 70th year DISTRICT MEETING #2 MINUTES FORMAT (ver. 08-05)

DISTRICT NUMBER: VII	MEETING DATE: 10/8/05
MEETING NUMBER: 2	MEETING LOCATION: King High School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Cynthia Starling. She thanked King HS and Cheri Sleeper for hosting this meeting.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present

Nancy Barlar	Adams Middle School	Cheri Sleeper	King High School
Ken Norton	Alonso High School	Nicole Conte	Leto High School
Neil Theriault	Benito Middle School	Phil Verpil	Madison Middle School
Robert Griffin	Blake High School	Kevin Fuller	Mann Middle School
Peter Rowley	Brandon High School	Kassandra Thayer	Marshall Middle School
Kevin Lewis	Burns Middle School	Bryan Alspach	Monroe Middle School
Bruce Herrmann	Chamberlain High School	Tim Groulx	Newsome High School
Cynthia Starling	Dowdell Middle School	Matt Green	Plant City High School
Kerry Kline	East Bay High School	Robert Schoos	Rampello Middle (K-8)
Ken Shultz	Franklin Middle School	Jeremy Klein	Robinson High School
Christina Frye	Freedom High School	Mark Watson	Sickles High School
Brian Dell	Gaither High School	Chris Schultz	Tampa Bay Tech High
Christian Koserski	Guinta Middle School	Ruth Morris	Terrace Community M.S.
Kim Mieder	Hillsborough High School	Rebekkah Norton	Walker Middle School
Lauren Tucker	Jefferson High School	Kathy Childs	Williams Middle School
Darlene Diaz	Jennings Middle School		

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

There were no corrections the minutes, they stand as published.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: 4,050.96

Deposits:

FSMA \$3,395.36

All State Audition Fees \$3,385.00

Expenditures:

Suncoast Sound All State recording \$600.00

Fed Ex Kinkos - Mail All State Tapes \$26.96

FBA All State Assessment \$2,340.00

Motion: K. Norton/Sleeper – Passed - Accept the report as read

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues

None

Item 6: Communications

None

Item 7: Unfinished Business

Solo and Ensemble MPA:

- Date: February 17-18, 2006
- Site: Alonso High School

Jazz MPA:

- Date: February 11, 2006
- Site: State Fair

Please get the numbers of students participating in Jazz MPA to Ken Norton by Dec. 1. Also be reminded that you must have between 8-25 members with a complete rhythm section including, but not limited to a Bass, Piano, and Drum Set.

- “Festival” scheduling disk, forms, and assessment check due to chairman by: January 12, 2005
- Remember that on the 15th day past the due date, entry forms will no longer be accepted.

Concert MPA:

- High School Band 2 MPA
 - Date: March 3-4, 2006
 - Site: Robinson High School
- High School Band 1 MPA
 - Date: March 10-11, 2006
 - Site: Robinson High School
- Middle School MPA
 - Date: March 13-16, 2006
 - Site: Leto High School

Item 8: Committee Reports

Pianos for S/E: Report submitted by Kevin Lewis

The two top bid that were found were:

Dave’s Piano @ \$195 a piano

Piano Distributors @ \$200 an acoustic piano and \$150 an electric

We have gone with Dave’s Piano in the past. They were easy to work with and always very helpful, they seemed to want our business. Piano Distributors have good prices, but were hard to get a hold of. We asked them to fax a bid for today two weeks ago, but only received it yesterday.

Motion: K. Norton/Sleeper – Passed – To use Dave’s Piano for this year’s Solo & Ensemble.

Item 9: New Business

Don’t forget that Classification forms are due on October 15, 2005.

Request for Classification:

Motion: Shultz/Groulx – Passed - Riverview High School to play at BB

Motion: Sleeper/Groulx – Passed - Plant City High School to play at B

Motion: Conte/Sleeper – Passed - Tampa Bay Technical High School to play at C

Motion: Conte/Klein – Passed - East Bay High School to play at CC

Motion: Sleeper/Conte – Passed - Plant High School to play at BB

Motion: K. Norton/Sleeper – Passed - Sickles High School to play at A

All requested that passed will now be submitted for approval to the Executive Board.

Item 10: State MPA Dates and Sites

FBA State Concert MPA – April 24-28

Region: South Site: TBA

Region: North Site: Ft. Walton Beach High School City: Ft. Walton Beach

FBA State Solo & Ensemble – March 27-29

Region: South Site: TBA

Region: North Site: West Port High School City: Ocala

Item 11: Nominations for Adjudicators List

Motion: K. Norton/Sleeper – Passed - Nominate Jon Sever for All Areas

Discussion: K. Norton: Jon meets all the requirements and would be a great asset to the adjudicators list.

Motion: K. Norton/Sleeper – Passed - Nominate Nicole Conte for All Areas

Discussion: She would make a great adjudicator and we always need more percussion judges.

Item 12: Suggestions to State Committees

None

Item 13: Proposals to the Executive Board

None

Item 14: Other

None

Item 15: For the Good of the Association

B. Dell – Warren Benson passed away, please see attached for letter regarding this tragedy

Rowley – All County Jazz tapes are due Friday, October 14, 2005

C. Shultz – TBT Band Night will be the last Friday in October. Everyone is invited to attend, even if you have just a few students. All participants get a free T-Shirt.

K. Norton – At FBA Marching MPA we will be recognizing T. Edison James as the 1st recipient of the Hillsborough County Director's Hall of Fame.

Sr. High Directors please get the essays for the Gebhart Award in so that your students may be considered.

Sleeper – Marching MPA

Packets were passed out with a color copy of the shirt to be sold. Shirts are \$10 and XXL \$12.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids 10 and under, 3 and under are free. Middle school band students with their band shirts get in free. Parking is \$3 with a program.

There will be a walk through the stadium after the meeting.

There will also be assigned seating in the visitors stands.

Also, please keep uniforms on and zipped. We have a lot of school board members attend and it looks impressive to have all the students in their band uniforms.

Videos will be sold through the Hillsborough Secondary Music Council.

Item 16: Next Meeting Date

January 10, 2006 at Dowdell Middle School at 5:30pm

Item 17: Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00am.

Name of District Secretary:

Rebekkah Norton

Signature:

Rebekkah Norton

Submitted by B. Dell
Dear Friends,

Warren Benson, distinguished American composer, performer, conductor, educator and author, passed away in peace in the early morning of October 6, 2005. He had been hospitalized for nearly two weeks during which his health had steadily declined. He is survived by his wife, Pat; a son and three daughters; and ten grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in the First Unitarian Church of Rochester (see address below) at 10:00am on Saturday, October 29, to celebrate his life. An invitation is extended to all friends.

In lieu of flowers, his family has asked that donations be made to a newly established Warren and Pat Benson Forum on Creativity in care of the Eastman School of Music (see address below). Plans are being made for an event at Eastman in the spring that will most likely include a forum on creativity in the afternoon followed by an evening concert. This date has not yet been set.

Someone once said that even in the shortest casual conversation, Warren always challenged him to think creatively and to raise the standard. Warren will be sorely missed by our profession and friends alike. In closing, I think the poem he wrote in response to Takemitsu's death is a fitting tribute to both composers:

My music is like a garden

You find the path
and then the stone
and then the tree....

a manner gentle
in these three
in Torus garden;

but now
the gardeners gone,
soft spirit free

the flowers
ask our pardon

for Toru Takemitsu
19302/20/96

Warren Benson
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220 Winton Road South
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www.rochesterunitarian.org

Warren & Pat Benson Forum on Creativity
c/o Eastman School of Music
26 Gibbs Street
Rochester, NY 14604

The information above is a summary of communications from Don Hunsberger, Jack Delaney and Alan Wagner.

All the best,
Dick