



FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 71st year

DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES

(ver. 08-06)

DISTRICT NUMBER: 12	MEETING DATE: August 19, 2006
MEETING NUMBER: 1	LOCATION: Sleepy Hill Middle School

Item 1: Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Thank you to the Sleepy Hill Band Parents for providing breakfast and lunch today.

Item 2: Members and Guests Present,

Auburndale HS	Jason Gibbs	Lakeland Christian School	Chuck Fulton
Bartow HS	Jon Eckman	Lakeland Christian School	Kathy Johnson
Bartow MS	Mark Lussier	Lakeland Highlands MS	Amber Thompson
Blake Academy	Lindsay Samuels	Lakeland HS	Ryan Kelly
Boone MS	Cheryce Harris	Lakeland HS	Kristin NeSmith
Crystal Lake MS	Nicole Moore	Lawton Chiles Mid Acad	Jane Sholine
Daniel Jenkins Academy	Jason Harden	McKeel Academy	Brian Hawks
Davenport SOTA	Kyle Guira	Mulberry HS	Kevin LeVine
Denison MS	Bryan O'Steen	Mulberry MS	April Malott
Dundee Ridge MS	Tash David	Polk County Schools	Frank Howes
Fla Music Service	Ron Lagg	Private Instructor	Judy Buss
Fla Southern College	Dr. Jo Jossim	Private Instructor	Randy Manzi
George Jenkins HS	Dennis LoCurcio	Retired	Chuck Beutel
Haines City HS	Sean Harlan	Retired	Jim Parker
Harrison SOTA	Rob Lambert	Retired	David Fultz
Jewett Mid Academy	Barbara Fultz	Retired	John DeYoung
Jewett SOTA	Jermaine Chapel	Retired	Rob Raabe
Kathleen HS	Chris Revett	Rochelle SOTA	Jesse Bryant
Kathleen MS	David Szumlanski	Sleepy Hill MS	Brad Wharton
Lake Alfred-Addair MS	J. R. Boatwright	Southwest MS	Jeff Cayer
Lake Gibson HS	Matthew Clark	Stambaugh MS	Bill Agrella
Lake Gibson HS	Clint LaFlam	Union Academy	Kent Kesler
Lake Gibson MS	Michael McElwain	Westwood MS	David Christopher
Lake Region HS	Don West	Winter Haven HS	Sean Luce

Mentor Assignments, Don West

New Band Directors

Christy, Jeck, Fort Meade Middle/Senior
 Sean, Harlan, Haines City HS
 Chris Revett, Kathleen HS
 JR Boatwright, Lake Alfred Addair Middle
 Clint LaFlam, Lake Gibson HS
 Michael McElwain, Lake Gibson MS
 Brian Hawks, McKeel Academy
 Amber Thompson, Lakeland Highlands MS
 Sean Luce, Winter Haven HS
 Jermaine Chappel, Jewett School of the Arts

Mentor

Don West
 Jason Harden
 Kevin LeVine
 Jeff Cayer
 Matt Clark
 Brad Wharton
 Jesse Bryant
 Jane Sholine
 Dave Fultz
 Barb Fultz Item

Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes

Lagg/Harris – Motion to Dispense with the reading of the previous minutes Passed

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$5225.06

Proposed Current Year Budget: \$37,440

Item 5: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA

Be aware of what's going on at the district and state level. 100ideas.com click on music to see what ideas are coming up in the legislature. Information was provided at contact day by Frank Howes and James Perry.

Item 6: Announcements

- FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine. Read this each month.
- We will be using the **FBA online** scheduling system again this year. Class lists can be uploaded and it is much more user friendly. Look for and email from Jeff Cayer to let you know when you can get online and begin using the program.

Item 7: Communications/Distribution of Packets

- Forms are online at flmusiced.org/fba. Most are type and print.
- Private instructor lists were distributed by Jesse Bryant
- District contact list is going to be available at our second meeting. Updates must be sent to Phil Wharton and/or Roanna Combs at Ridge Community HS

Item 8: Unfinished Business

None

Item 9: Committee Reports

Benevolence Committee – Rob Raabe – Report available

Piano Committee – Jon Eckman: Thanks to Jon for taking care of this committee! No Report

Item 10: New Business

Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms Due September 1 (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. Enrollment must be based on the count done after the 20th day head count.**

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)

Middles 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: **Sleepy Hill Middle School**

Date: **September 23, 2006**

Deadline: **September 8, 2006**

Fees: **\$10.00 per student (without Ron Powell's Assistance)**

\$14.50 per student (with Ron Powell's Assistance) PASSED

Discussion: To have Ron Powell as a consultant for our 1st time using CD

Motion: to have Ron Powells assistance. Levine/Harris PASSED

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.flmusic.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: **October 21, 2006** Rainout Date: **October 28, 2006**

Site: **Winter Haven High School**

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): **September 23, 2006**

No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors

Letter received from Winter Haven HS to host Marching MPA

Motion: Harris/Lagg to have Marching MPA at Denison MS hosted by WHHS. **PASSED**

Discussion: Starting Time and Gate Fees

Last year we started at 6pm.

Motion: Levine/Kelly - To start Marching MPA at 6:00pm. **PASSED**

National Anthem at 5:45 Mulberry HS Band.

Gate Fees: \$4 for children 12 and under. \$7 for adults.

Roanna will take care of tickets for MS band members. These will be distributed at the next meeting.

Ron Lagg: Would we like to invite a college band to do exhibition at Marching MPA. Discussion decided there was interest. Ron will contact bands to find if there is a band available to do this.

Ron Lagg: DVD at Marching MPA.

Licensing must be taken care of to be on the DVD. Contact Ron Lagg if you are playing custom arrangements. Stock arrangements will be easy to get approved. Custom arrangements should already have permission and paid all fees for that performance. Permission from Publishers and Composers has become serious business. Forward information to Don West at Lake Region HS via email or courier.

www.ascap.com/ace is search engine for information about copyright and permission to arrange. Cost is likely to go up to cover the licensing needed to produce this DVD.

Procedes help to lower the student assessment.

Jim Parker / Publicity:

Expenses to run events are paid for by assessment. Marching Festival is our only fundraiser of the year. It's important to promote and fill the stadium to raise the needed funds. Last year was a good year and we had the 2nd lowest assessment in the state. Corporate sponsors are important. If you know of a business that would like to be a sponsor, please contact Jimmy Parker.

Dave Fultz to explain the following awards. Was chairman of the committee the created these.

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

Nominations: Barbara Fultz by Dave Fultz

Motion: D. Fultz/J. Buss **PASSED**

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

Nominations: Jason Harden Harris/Harlen

Discussion: Is there a minimum number of years required? Does going from having no program to having a program meet the criteria?

Motion to table until next meeting. Fulton/LoCurcio **PASSED**

Item 11: District MPA Dates and Sites

Solo and Ensemble MPA: Letter from Bartow High School February 8-10

Motion: LeVine/Lambert to accept. **PASSED**

Concert (MS): Letter from Winter Haven High School March 15 - 17

Motion: Harris/Sholine to accept. **PASSED**

Concert (High School): Letter from Mulberry High School

Motion: West/Harris to accept. **PASSED**

Item 12: District MPA Adjudicators

Marching MPA

Music 1 – Lee Ponder
Music 2 – John Southall
Marching – Steve Harris
GE – Alan Venezia
Aux – Cathy Kersten

A complete list of MPA judges will be published at a later time.

Item 13: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)

None

Item 14: Suggestions to State Committees

Music Committee (before Oct 1st for Concert titles, Dec 1st for S/E): None

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1): None

Other: None

Item 15: Proposals to the Executive Board

Jim Parker: Motion: Parker/Agrella - No registration fees for FBA Clinics/Conventions will be charged to retired members.

Rationale: This would be in line with FMEA.

PASSED

Item 16: Correspondence

From Winter Haven HS Band to perform last at Marching Band MPA.

Motion: Lagg/Harris to accept.

PASSED

From Ridge Community HS to perform first or second at Marching MPA due to a Homecoming conflict.

Motion: Harris/Harden to accept.

PASSED

Item 17: For the Good of the Association

January meeting date change. January 18th Conflicts with All-County Rehearsal.

Motion: B. Fultz/Fulton to change meeting to Tuesday January 16th. **PASSED**

Chuck Fulton: Hotel rooms for FMEA. There is a new policy on the FBA Website. September 1st is the first day to reserve. Middle School bands will be downtown at the new Embassy Suites across from the Convention Center. Policy about room reservations will be enforced.

Also, the Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants will be performing Thursday night, possibly at the TPAC. FBA General meeting would then be at 5pm on Thursday. Our breakouts for MS and HS directors will not happen before General Membership meeting. Those will be on Saturday morning and break out by school size and location for a discussion group setting.

Randy Manzi – Manzi's Music

Has been a band director in Polk County for 10 years and his wife has also been a piano and vocal teacher here. They are offering small and large group instruction. Flyers have been circulated.

Kent Kesler – District Website

Kent would be glad to design and update a page for our district. Ryan Kelly has already designed something. There is no cost to the district if it's hosted on the FBA site. Most districts are not hosting with FBA but through a private, local company. Department of Education has a hosting.

Judy Buss – Wendy Bickford, student of Judy Buss, Frank Howes, Lynn Putnam and Mike Hackbarth and others auditioned and has been accepted to "The President's Own United States Marine Band" in Washington D.C. We should all be very proud.

Kevin LeVine – Jazz Showcase will continue this year. We would like to make it like a Pre-Festival for District Solo and Ensemble MPA. Date will be forthcoming.

Ron Lagg – Solo and Ensemble music sale/show will be at Bartow High School on Wednesday October 11, 2006.

Rob Lambert - Polk County School Youth Symphony has trombone and horn openings. Contact Rob.

Jermaine Chapel – Seeking guest conductors/clinicians to work with student at Jewett School of the Arts. He will email rehearsal dates. Advanced band meets from 8:10 – 9:45 each morning.

J. Jossim – Friday November 17 is Band Day at FSC. Hollingsworth Winds will be starting up soon. Email J. Jossim or Frank Howes. Schedule was emailed. Ivan Wansley is on staff teaching clarinet.

Frank Howes - Bands that will only be participating in Solo and Ensemble must contact Dwayne Hendon. Band directors should have received information or the instrument that was ordered through the county last year. Band repair accounts should have been put in already. Make sure financial secretary has done this. County will not be able to help as much this year with assessments. Our efforts to make up the difference with Marching MPA and corporate sponsors is very important. Transportation money for marching bands should be out to us soon. Stay out of trouble with finances and indiscretion with students. Your job is on the line. Ask questions and stay in touch with Frank's office. Congratulations to Winter Haven and Lakeland HS Bands for earning the Otto Krausshar Award last year.

Dave Fultz – We have a legacy of strong bands and leadership in this county. We should be proud and keep it up. If county money is short for assessments, go to your principals. Don't always put this off on your booster program

Chris Revett - Central Florida Marching Showcase will be held again this year on Saturday October 7, 2006. Information should be received in the mail.

Jesse Bryant – Private Instructor list. If you have other names that we can add to the list please let him know.

Jane Sholine – November 14 at Lake Region HS for HS and November 16 at Lawton Chiles for MS. Audition Music will be available at All-State Auditions.

Randy Manzi – Charter Schools that need a resource person, please feel free to contact Randy.

Item 18: Next Meeting Date and Place

October 9, 2006

Ridge Community High School

Item 19: Adjournment

Motion: Kesler/Chapel

Name of District Secretary:

Don West

Signature: