

FLORIDA ELEMENTARY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
Annual Business Meeting
January 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President April Laymon at 6:00 p.m. in rooms 13-16 of the Tampa Convention Center. The Gene Witt Elementary "Orff"estra, under the direction of Julie Hebert, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem, and then followed with a fabulous performance! Betty Trascritti made a motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes. Steve Florio seconded the motion, which passed. Anita Travaglino gave the Financial Report for the year January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Hearing no questions, April Laymon stated that the Financial Report would be filed for audit.

Various board members gave Standing Committee Reports. Julie Hebert announced that there was no Necrology Report this year. Robert Todd reported that the All State Chorus has 205 singers this year. The 2013 All State Conductor will be Earlene Rentz. Karen Van Beek announced the recipient of the Dorothy Land Past Presidents' Grant, Janine Jones, for her grant, "*Game On*". MerryBeth Schmidt announced the recipients of the 2011 Janice Lancaster Professional development Scholarships, Alison Beck and Elizabeth Haulman. Karen Bouton announced the nominees for FEMEA President-Elect, Ann Leffard and Marie Radloff. There were no nominations from the floor. Voting will take place at the 2013 FMEA Annual Clinic-Conference.

Each District Chair presented a report highlighting All State students, upcoming workshops and concerts, highlighted clinicians, and voting results. Barbara Sullivan was re-elected as District II Chair, Rosemary Pilonero was elected to serve as District IV Chair, and Beth Ann Delmar was elected as District VI Chair. District VI won the award for the highest percentage attendance at the district meeting. District II won for the highest increase in membership with an 11.6% increase.

April Laymon recognized the Local Committee and Past Presidents of FEMEA.

In New Business, April Laymon reported that it has been a very long time since the annual dues for FEMEA have been increased, and we are finding ourselves in need of more funds in order to continue some of our special projects. Karen Bouton made a motion to increase the dues for FEMEA Active Membership to \$30. Julie Hebert seconded the motion, which passed.

Cynthia Tickel presented several door prizes which were generously donated by the vendors at the conference. At 7:00 p.m. Steve Florio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Mathews seconded the motion, which passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anita K. Travaglino
Executive Director