



**FLORIDA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION – 75<sup>th</sup> year**  
**DISTRICT MEETING #1 MINUTES**  
(ver. 08-10)

<b>DISTRICT NUMBER: 10</b>	<b>MEETING DATE: 8/16/10</b>
<b>MEETING NUMBER: 1</b>	<b>LOCATION: First Baptist Church Eau Gallie</b>

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

Mark Nelson, 7:00pm  
Introductions

**Item 2: Members and Guests Present, Mentor Assignments**

Guest: Cyndi Johnson, Music Resource Teacher, Brevard.

Mark Nelson, Satellite HS	Patty Lowe, Space Coast
Dan Lee, Stone MS	Jennifer Zahn, Titusville
Ed Dunne, Palm Bay HS	Ian Schwindt, Titusville
John Carpenter, PBHS	Bill Henley, OCSA
Dustin Werner, Madison MS	David Ammerman, Astronaut
Veronica Curran, EGHS	Michael Weintroub, St. Cloud MS
Jessica Russell, Edgewood	Christine Lundahl, Liberty HS
Jean Diaz, Clear Lake	Tamara Lewis, Southwest MS
Laurie Broadway, Jefferson	Kenna Veronee, Bayside, HS
Peter Hamlin, Gateway HS	Crystal McKinney, Hoover MS
Danilo Hernandez, Parkway MS	Jim Matthews, Jackson MS
Zanetta Barnes, Discovery Int.	Jill Carrick, Kennedy MS
Bill Molineaux, Celebration	Paul Dewberry, McNair MS
Jim Cochran, Celebration	Robert Clark, Melbourne HS
Bob Burns, Harmony	Mark Sanders, Central MS
Joshua Fry, Poinciana HS	Suzanne Gardner, Cocoa HS
Howard W. Hart, Neptune MS	Scott Smith, DeLaura MS
Richard L. Steirer, Narcoossee MS	Dominick Eggen, Viera HS
Russ Weaver, OCSA	Wayne Brusette, Viera HS
Ed Nagel, St. Cloud HS	Mark Sunderland, Satellite HS
J. Bernard Wilkins, Heritage HS	Mike Rowsey, Holy Trinity
Jimmy Higginbotham, MIHS	Dietrich Vasquez, Horizon MS
Paul E. Bryant, Rockledge HS	

**Item 3: Reading of Previous Minutes**

Motion, Scott Smith  
Second, Laurie Broadway

**Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

End of Past Year's Statement: \$1,747.58 with \$9,716.76 expected for a sum of \$11,464.34  
Proposed Current Year Budget: \$67,285.00

**Item 5: Next Meeting Date and Place**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, location TBA  
Motion to have meeting in Osceola County, Jim Cochran

Second, Russ Weaver  
Dinner at 6, meeting at 7

## **Item 6: Music Advocacy Issues-FBA/FSMA**

Important vote coming up so get to know your candidates. Get parents involved. Class size amendment does not help- no funding.  
Prop 6 is not going away. We must keep fighting.

## **Item 7: Announcements**

FMEA Awards Nomination forms are in the Florida Music Director Magazine.

## **Item 8: Communications/Distribution of Packets**

MPA online

Changes: FOA and FVA are included. Select all your components.

Tutorial has been emailed out. FOA and FVA spreadsheets column headings for spreadsheet are a little different. Be sure not to change the heading name.

All windows are open to access.

Website:

[flmusiced.org/mpa2](http://flmusiced.org/mpa2)

## **Item 9: Unfinished Business**

None

## **Item 10: Committee Reports**

FBA redistricting committee:

Proposal #1 per the July board meeting. **Due to time, financial, and procedural constraints, Osceola County will return to its original status within District 10 participating in the Marching, S&E, and Concert MPAs.** This was passed by the board. The FBA did not want to set a precedent for having super-small districts. There are no districts in Florida that are as small as Osceola County would be if it were a separate district.

## **Item 11: New Business**

**Membership Dues & Enrollment Forms** - due September 1 - earlier if you want uninterrupted FMEA and MENC magazine delivery. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION FOR ALLSTATE IF BAND DIRECTOR IS NOT AN FBA MEMBER.**

Send to: FMEA, or PAY DUES ON-LINE AT [www.flmusiced.org](http://www.flmusiced.org)

**FSMA school dues** payment (to FSMA by September 15)

**Classification Forms** due October 1 to the District Chairman. Principal and Director Signature Required  
Report the enrollment of your ENTIRE SCHOOL, not just your band program.

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](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba) --hover over "For Directors" and click "Forms."

**Procedure to request a different classification:** on the FBA website: hover over "About FBA" and click "FBA Handbook, Constitution, and Bylaws"

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

Site: Kennedy MS

Date: Saturday, 9/25

Deadline: 9/4, postmarked 9/1

Fees: \$10 per audition-payable to FBA

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](http://www.flmusiced.org/fba)

Completed forms and fees should be sent to the respective chairman whose name and address are on the form.

Student participation form must be completed and sent with honor band nomination forms.

**Marching Band MPA:**

Date: 10/23

Site: Palm Bay HS

Entry Form Due Date (to district chairman): 9/27 in hand. 9/25 postmarked

No assessment money collected at this time.

Assistance needed from Middle School/Junior High directors

Stone, Hoover, South West will perform the Star Spangled Banner.

Jill Carrick, time keeper

Motion to give District Chair ability to run event as it has been in the past. (Eggen)

Second by Jill Carrick

Motion Passes

**Nominations for Oliver Hobbs Award and Tom Bishop Awards**

Criteria for the Hobbs and Bishop Awards:

- FBA Member for at least 15 years and a current band director in the state of Florida
- Attends FBA District and State meetings (July and January) on a regular basis
- Superior (at least 75% of the time) ratings at the District Concert and Marching (if High School) MPA'S
- Participation and with outstanding results at the District SE MPA
- Service to the profession. (District Officer, served on FBA/ FMEA/FSMA committees, etc, and/or helps with the MPA's and other FBA events.

Selection Procedure:

- Each District may nominate one person (secret ballot, 75% positive vote of those present at the August or October district meeting)
- An application is completed by the nominee (due to the FBA Awards Committee Chair by Nov 1)
- Three letters of recommendation ( School Principal, Recent Marching or Concert Band MPA
- Adjudicator of the nominee's band program, and one other FBA member due to the Award
- Committee Chair by Nov 1)
- A committee will select the award recipients based on the application and other outside knowledge
- 0 - 4 Hobbs recipients selected per year.
- No limit to Bishop recipients selected per year.

No nominations at this time.

**Item 12: District MPA Dates and Sites**

Solo and Ensemble MPA: February 10-12

Concert (JH/MS): 3/22 and 23 Cocoa Beach

Concert (High School): 3/17 (possibly 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Osceola) at OCSA 18,19 Eau Gallie HS (Brevard)

Motion for split site for Osceola County S&E, Bill from celebration

Second, Russ Weaver

Passes

Motion: Osceola S&E dates are the same as Brevard (2/11-12), Bill Henley  
Second, Peter Hamlin  
Passes  
Letter from OSCA to host  
Approved

### **Item 13: District MPA Adjudicator**

Marching MPA:  
Music- Bert Creswell  
Music- TBA  
Percussion- Bernie Hendricks  
M/M- Rick Fowler  
GE- Robbie Roadman  
Aux.- Shawn McKaig

### **Item 14: Nominations for Adjudicators List (secret ballot)**

### **Item 15: Suggestions to State Committees**

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

Clinics Committee: (before Oct 1):

Other:

### **Item 16: Proposals to the Executive Board**

Since the Executive Director of the FBA decided unilaterally not to allow discussion of this matter, I see no recourse. An appeal to the board is futile since they cannot decide ex post facto to allow Osceola to have a separate site for the Marching MPA. No opportunity was afforded to the directors of Osceola to explain their plan.

(Supposedly someone tried to call and/or email unnamed directors of Osceola county for their input, but none of us were ever contacted.) Our district Arts Supervisor, Debbie Fahmie, was never contacted.

This is nothing more than retribution for last years fiasco at Marching MPA (which we have acknowledged and have developed a solution). The students and bands of Osceola county are being punished. Money that should be used for the benefit of students must now be used to pay for buses. District 10 will receive little to no gate revenue from Osceola's attendance at the Brevard MPA since the distance precludes most parents from traveling to the MPA.

District 10 loses the money from Osceola's Band Extravaganza (approximately \$4000.00). I find it ironic that three Brevard Bands must go out of district for Marching MPA because the date conflicts with their homecoming. They could have come to Osceola's Marching MPA if we had been allowed to hold it here.

The FBA has forgotten its own philosophy and purpose:

"The Membership of the Florida Bandmasters Association believes that it must always be flexible to change, to stay ahead of trends and to always protect the best interests of our students and music."

How is this decision in anyway in the best interests of the students of Osceola county?

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Celebration K8  
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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Aristotle

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke

"The test of your character is what it takes to stop you."

Bob Jones, Sr.

Music is one of the few things we do that when we have it 100% correct...we've just gotten started.

## **Item 17: Correspondence**

## **Item 18: For the Good of the Association**

Review the marching band etiquette guidelines that were prepared by Martha Stark and published in the FBA handbook.

Remember that each director is responsible for knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines published in the FBA handbook.

US army Jazz Ambassadors will be at Eau Gallie 11/3  
Saint Olaf's College

## **Item 19: Adjournment**

Motion, Bill Molineaux

Second, Jim Cochran

## **Name of District Secretary:**

Daniel Lee

## **Signature:**