

Florida State Music Teachers Association
2008 State Conference

First General Session

Paramount Plaza Hotel and Conference Center
Gainesville, Florida

Thursday, June 19, 2008
7:50 a.m.

Following a musical presentation by the Navy Band Southeast Ceremonial Band, President Paulette Kilts called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

The Navy Band Southeast Ceremonial Band then invited the attendees to stand while they performed The National Anthem.

The minutes from the October 21, 2007 State Conference Third General Session were read and approved.

Denise Homsley and Jo Plunkett, 74th conference Co-Chairs, welcomed everyone to the FSMTA Conference and encouraged everyone to visit the vendors and highlighted several of the events scheduled for the next three days, as well as the drawing information and the free continental breakfast.

Response from FSMTA Marc Hebda thanked the Co-Chairs and committee for all of their hard work and planning of the marvelous agenda and workshops for the 2008 FSMTA Conference.

Past FSMTA Presidents, as well as, Current District Presidents and Local Presidents in attendance were asked to stand and be recognized. Mrs. Kilts also asked for new members and those attending an FSMTA conference for the first time to stand.

Mrs. Kilts then asked Marc Hebda to serve as Parliamentarian for this General Session in the absence of Martha Stubbs.

OFFICER REPORTS

President President Kilts highlighted her activities since taking office. Some of these activities included updating the Florida portal for the MTNA Website, attending the MTNA 2008 National Conference in Denver March 29-April 1, 2008. Heard the Florida student performances, announced the Wellness Symposium for Summer 2008 while at the State Presidents Advisory council meeting, attended the awards brunch where FSMTA member, Tanya Brooks was awarded the Piano Technicians Guild Scholarship for Recreational Music. Appointed new board members for vacated positions. Certification chair-Helen Dingus and Taxation and Licensing Chair-Tanya Brooks. President Kilts then announced that the 2009 MTNA National conference will be March 28-April 2, 2009 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Treasurer Al Rozier began his report by comparing last year's Total Assets with the June 14, 2008 Current Total Assets of approximately \$65,000 and they are about the same. We took in approximately \$47,000 and spent approximately \$47,000. Also, \$4,000 was given to the Foundation. He is continuing his efforts to keep our organization budget driven. One area Mr. Rozier suggested that we can save money is for members to go to the FSMTA Website and choose to view the monthly newsletter online instead of having it printed and mailed.

President-Elect Marc Hebda reported his attendance at the MTNA 2008 Conference in Denver. The handmade Pelican mobile which he took to the conference for our participation in the State Pride Gift was well received. Next year, the 75th Annual FSMTA conference will be held in Tallahassee. Mr. Hebda would like to encourage the FSMTA membership to make contributions to fund the \$1,000 needed to nominate a State Representative for the National Foundation Fellow from Florida. The monies raised will be kept in this special fund until the sum of \$1,000 is reached and then the FSMTA will submit a Florida Fellow nominee to MTNA.

Our guest speaker for the First General Session was Dr. John A. Duff, Director of the School of Music at the University of Florida in Gainesville. After giving a warm welcome to FSMTA to Gainesville, Dr. Duff gave those in attendance an overview of the Music School. In spite of budget challenges, the school continues to have faculty members of outstanding experience and accomplishments and provides a diverse student population with degrees in performance, musicology, music education, ethno musicology, and composition.

Presentations Michelle Snow announced that there were no applicants for Local Association of the Year and stated that the applications will be on our website and hopefully next year will see some participation on the association level. She then presented the Excellence in Teaching Award to Helen Niedung from the Southwest Florida Music Teachers Association (District VII).

No unfinished business.

New Business Constitution and Bylaws Revision Chair, Maria Santilli read the Bylaws Revision proposed by the Executive board. It is to be voted upon at the Second General Session.
FSMTA By-laws, Article XIII, Section 4.d. regarding the Nominating Committee.

Present: The slate shall be published in the September issue of the official publication of FSMTA.

Proposed Change: The slate shall be published in the issue of the official publication of FSMTA that immediately precedes the state conference.

The announcement was made requesting that attendees sit toward the front of the room for workshops.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Jarvis
Recording Secretary