

Florida State Music Teachers Association
2008 State Conference

Third General Session

Paramount Plaza Hotel and Conference Center
Gainesville, Florida

Saturday, June 21, 2008
8:00 a.m.

President Paulette Kilts called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and thanked Jo Plunkett and the conference committee for the informative and entertaining drawing of prizes for the conference raffle.

The minutes from the Second General Session were read and approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice-President of MTNA Student Events Joanne Smith, announced that the 2008-2009 Florida MTNA Performance Competitions will be held Saturday, October 25th at the Performing Arts Facility of Hillsborough Community College in Ybor City-Tampa. The faculty host is FSMTA member, Kenneth Hanks. She mentioned that there is a need for monitors and judges for this event. Competition applications can be found at MTNA.org on August 1st, 2008 with a completion deadline of Midnight, September 9, 2008. The repertoire requirements were in the April/May 2008 *American Music Teacher*. Two significant changes are that downloaded music will be accepted and the 6 month rule for teachers has been lifted.

Vice-President of FSMTA Student Competitive Events In Mary Seal's absence, Paulette Kilts presented highlights of the report. The annual FSMTA Competitive Events was held May 9-10, 2008 at UCF in Orlando. Permission to hold these events at UCF was secured through Professor Laurent Boukobza, Keyboard Studies Chairman. Thank you to each individual events chairman, and also Nancy Shackelford, District V President, who helped to provide local teacher volunteers. The winners are posted on the FSMTA website and will be recognized in our next newsletter. We will be continuing the policy that concerto students will not be permitted to have their own teacher as accompanist. The next FSMTA Student Competitive Event is tentatively scheduled for May 8-9, 2009 at a location to be determined in District VI.

Vice-President of FSMTA Non-Competitive Events Tim Murphy reported 1718 students enrolled in the 2008 Student Day. The following certificates were awarded: Achievement-1418, Progress- 132, Performance-12, and Theory-32. There were 783 State Honors medals awarded. All 2009 District Student Day packets were available at the Student Activities Meeting on Thursday. There are 51 handbooks available at this time. Since October, Barbara Schaap and Genesis Eaves, both from District VI, have been approved for DSD judging.

FSMT Foundation President Millicent Callobre presented the report of her activities since October 21, 2007. The Wednesday evening Foundation Gala was a wonderful event including a cocktail hour, buffet dinner and entertainment by the Gainesville English Country Dancers and Baroque Musicians. Those attending the Gala were invited to join the dancers and we were treated to learning the choreography of four of the dances. There were 25 attendees. Approximately \$500 was raised at the Gala and \$75 in raffle money. Ms. Callobre then highlighted the donations made to FSMTF since the Winter Board Meeting. A new category for donations began with this year's Gala and Conference called the Foundation Friends. This will include anyone who has made a yearly donation of \$20 to FSMTF as a foundation friend. These funds will help support FSMTA-sponsored, non-endowed awards. These donors, including those attending the Gala, will be mentioned in our newsletter. The Board voted at the 2008 Winter Board Meeting to award \$150 to each winner of the new MTNA Senior Piano Duet Event and to increase the Local President's Community Service Award to \$200.

FSMT Foundation Treasurer In the absence of Bill Jennings, Millicent Callobre delivered the following information from the Treasurer's report. The report covers from October 2007 to May 31, 2008. The total income received is \$9701.00. Awards issued totaled \$4835. The total balance in the Endowment accounts now is \$120,708.60. At the Wednesday Foundation Board meeting, the Board voted to put \$114,000 of that \$120,708.60 into a 3 year CD at an interest rate of 4.25%. The projected difference is to be used for the operating expenses and awards. At the end of December, the projected funds are transferred from FSMTA to FSMTF.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Chairman, Mark Repasky presented the Leroy Greenspan Award to Nora Hansen from the Panama City Area. Tanya Brooks accepted the plaque and state and county certificates on her behalf. There were no applicants for the Local President's Award. Ms. Kilts then asked that we encourage the teachers in our associations to consider students to participate in these community service awards.

FSMTA WEBMASTER REPORT

Webmaster, Amy Turon highlighted updates to our FSMTA website. The FSMTA Official Directory is on the website and will no longer be printed. It will be updated regularly and be in three parts: (1) Bylaws of FSMTA & Foundation, (2) Handbook, and (3) Membership Directory. If any student winner names and pictures are to be posted on our website, please make sure that parents have signed the release forms.

NECROLOGY REPORT

Becky Barlar read the names of three FSMTA members who have passed away since our last annual conference. Ms. Barlar then asked the attendees to stand for a moment of silence in honor of these colleagues and friends.

CONFERENCE REPORT

FSMTA 2008 Conference Co-chairs, Denise Homsley and Jo Plunkett thanked all on the conference committee who worked hard to plan the 2008 conference. They were asked to stand for recognition. Ms. Plunkett gave some approximate numbers for conference attendance. Ms. Homsley thanked everyone for attending the conference. President Kilts then presented Ms. Homsley and Ms. Plunkett with a Certificate of Meritorious Service as co-chairs of the 2008 conference.

Resolutions Carolyn Troupin read the Conference Resolutions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Joanne Smith presented a motion:

To consider rescinding the second June Conference and move it back to Fall of 2009.

****The motion was seconded.** A lengthy discussion followed. There was a quorum of 40 present and a **call for the question.**

****The vote passed 22 to 16 in favor of the motion for consideration with two abstentions.**

Martha Stubbs presented a motion:

Email the general membership to ask about their preference of a June or Fall Conference for 2009 and response to be required by July 10. Based on that response, the Executive Board will be contacted to vote by electronic vote. The electronic vote needs to be unanimous.

****It was moved and seconded.**

****The motion passed unanimously.**

CALL FOR FSMTA 2009 STATE CONFERENCE

Dr. Julia Sublette, District 1 President, invited the membership to attend the 75th Anniversary of the FSMTA Conference. The official call is for the 2009 FSMTA Conference in Tallahassee and sponsored by Districts I and II. The co-chairs are Stephanie Womble of Pensacola and Dr. Julia Sublette, District 1 President with President-Elect, Marc Hebda as advisor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Kilts reminded the attendees that check out time is 11:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Jarvis
Recording Secretary