

NJAJE Executive Board Meeting
Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ
Monday, January 15, 2018, 8:30 AM

Call to order – 8:50 A.M.

Attendance: Joe Verderese, Jeff Haas, Randy White, Jeff Kunkel, Dave Demsey, David May, Mike Anzuini, Deb Knisely, Joe Bongiovi, John Maiello, Miguel Bolivar, Meredith Foreman, Tim Brent

Meeting Procedures: Robert's Rules should be followed.

Secretary Report – Joe Verderese

- October 2017 minutes were emailed to all members prior to the meeting.
 - Motion to accept minutes from last meeting - Deb Knisely
 - Second - David May
 - All in favor
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Treasurer Report – Joe Bongiovi

CURRENT BALANCES:

- PNC Checking - \$2,496.91
- PNC Money Market Savings - \$0.00 (Closed temporarily)
- PNC Certificate of Deposit - \$15,025.17

DETAILED EXPENSES/ACCOUNTS:

- Handed out at meeting. Major expenses included Honors Jazz Choir Director and the November Conference

OTHER FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

- Joe B is researching other options for the money in our CD which will be fully maturing in May.
- Motion to accept treasurer's report – Jeff Kunkel
 - Second – Joe Verderese
 - All in favor

President Report – Mike Anzuini

- NJMEA Calendar Dates
 - Auditions - March 11 (2nd Monday of March)
 - We will look at the weekend of April 5-6-7 for the Region festivals, to help avoid Easter/Spring Break issues
 - We will send out an email blast to survey Spring Breaks for next year
 - All State Auditions - May 7
 - All State Recap -
 - Wallace Roney was guest artist.
 - Band and choir did great
 - There was a disciplinary issue at the hotel during all-state
 - Justin Lee filled in for the All-State Jazz Choir Bass seat in Atlantic City
 - Members will take some time to submit possible procedures adjustments to be used for all-state jazz chaperone/security
 - All State Conductors - 2018 (November 6-7-8 in AC + date at NJPAC 11/16)
 - Discussion of a few top choices for this year's director. Mike A will reach out.
 - Governor's Award
 - Nomination of Caelan Cardano - Dave Demsey
 - Seconded - Joe Verderese
 - All in Favor
 - Spring Meeting
 - June 11 - 5pm - location TBA
 - Future Treasurer - 1 year from now - time to start reaching out to see if anyone would like to join us in consideration for the position
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Vice President Report – Jeff Haas

- **Conference**
 - Discussion regarding the direction of the next November conference
 - Can we do a follow up survey regarding the clinic to see thoughts about the conference - to help us shape the next year's clinic
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Membership Chair Report - Jeff Lesser - Via Email

- **Membership** - 110 Members - majority are up to date with payments, some purchase orders withstanding
- **All State Auditions** -
- **State Prelims Festival**
 - There are 46 bands signed up
 - Scotch Plains is bringing 2 bands at Bridgewater-Raritan, but will begin at 4:10 as to not extend the night any further.
 - There is also an additional band at Cherokee
 - Jackson only has 7 spots filled and Newark Academy has 8.
 - Jeff Kunkel is working on getting judges.
- **Finals Order** -
 - 1 - 7
 - 2 - 8
 - 3 - 9
 - 4 - 6
 - 5 - 5
 - 6 - 4
 - 7 - 3
 - 8 - 1
 - 9 - 2
- **Trophies**
 - Joe B and Mike A have been working on getting price quotes to reduce cost of trophies
- **Vocal Jazz Festival** - has 6 groups signed up currently
- **MS Jazz Festival** - continued work on putting this together

- **Combo Clinics** - ongoing based on interest from schools
- **Emcees** –
 - **Dates and emcees** for Prelims and Finals
 - **March 5** – West Orange – **Jeff Lesser**
 - **March 6** – Bridgewater Raritan - **Jeff Kunkel**
 - **March 7** – Cherokee - **Mike Anzuini**
 - **March 8** – Jackson – **Deb Knisely**
 - **March 9** – Newark Academy – **Joe Verderese**
 - **April 28** – JP Stevens - **Miguel Bolivar**
 - **April 28** – Princeton -
 - **April 28** – Burlington City - **Dave May (pending eligibility)** **Deb Knisely will take care of this one if Dave is unavailable**

Region I report – (John Maiello)

- HS Conductor - Mike Russo
- MS Conductor - Matt Gramata
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions at Ridgewood in 2018
- Festival Location West Milford HS - 1st rehearsal, Sparta for the rest of the festival

Region II report – (Miguel Bolivar)

- HS Conductor - TBD
- MS Conductor - TBD
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions - Rahway
- First rehearsal - Hopewell
- Festival Location - Rahway

Region III report – (Deb Knisely)

- HS Conductor - TBD
- MS Conductor - TBD
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions - Lenape in 2018

- Festival location - Cinnaminson

Various Region Festival Issues

- Must fix website - Region I and Region II dates should be the same
 - Each group is responsible for taking care of recordings of performances
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Vocal Jazz Report (Randy White)

- **Auditions** - are live on website for online submissions. Closes on March 4
 - Ideas from earlier report:
 - Trying to get some clinics presented at February clinic helping educators learn about vocal jazz
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Higher Ed Report – (Dave Demsey)

- Intercollegiate Jazz Band is put together
 - Concert is at NJMEA concert on Thursday night at 8:30pm
 - Gary Feinberg and Jim Saltzman are conducting
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Social Media Coordinator (Meredith Foreman)

- Facebook page is up and running
 - More coming - Twitter, Instagram, etc.
 - Goal is to have our audience be educators AND students
 - Hope to get Instagram up before festival
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Auditions Chair Report – (Jeff Brown - via Mike Anzuini)

- Danielle Wheeler will be taking over this position after this school year
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New Business

- Possibility of having students audition to be the vocal featured soloist with band as a part of the jazz choir audition (for next year)
- Looking for volunteers for the February reading band

Old Business

- N/A
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For the Good of the Order

- N/A
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Motion to adjourn – David May

Second – Deb Knisely

Adjourned – 11:47am

*****Summer Meeting** – June 11 - 5pm - location TBA