

NJAJE Executive Board Meeting

Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ

Monday, June 17, 2019, 5:00 PM

Call to order – 5:39 P.M.

Attendance: Deb Knisely, Miguel Bolivar, Danielle Wheeler, Randy White, Jeff Haas, Joe Verderese, Jeff Kunkel, John Maiello, Jeff Lesser, Mike Anzuini
Meeting Procedures: Robert's Rules should be followed.

Secretary Report – Joe Verderese

- January 2019 minutes emailed to the board of directors a few days ago.
 - Motion to accept minutes from January 2019 as posted on website - Jeff Kunkel
 - Second – Jeff
 - All in favor
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Treasurer Report – John Maiello

CURRENT BALANCES:

- PNC Checking - \$5,978.22
- PNC Certificate of Deposit - \$15, 147.82
- Major Expenses since last meeting:
 - Jazz prelims
 - Jazz Finals
 - Choir Festival
- PNC is changing our type of banking to "Business Checking"
 - This changes the number of transactions you can make
 - Balance maintenance is now \$500 (used to be \$2,500)
 - Monthly maintenance fee down from \$20 to \$10
 - John Maiello is having a phone call to discuss the possibility of using "ACH" transactions for various payments.

- Discussion regarding other various ways of collecting fees such as “Zelle” and “Venmo”
- Motion to accept treasurer’s report – Joe Verderese
- Second – Deb Knisely
- All in favor

President Report – Mike Anzuini

- Dennis Mackrell is approved as All-State jazz ensemble
- Band is set and ready to go
- Rhythm section and singers for choir is set and ready to go
- NJPAC is looking into Steve Turre as guest artist
- Pete Certo is managing
- 1st rehearsal is at Princeton
- NJMEA (Atlantic City) needs sessions to be presented
- Intercollegiate Band on Thursday night
- Reading Band is usually on Saturday
 - May need help finding music teachers from the area to fill the reading band
- Jazz Educator of the year award
 - Motion to award Mike Russo the Jazz Educator of the year award - Jeff Lesser
 - Second - Jeff Kunkel

Vice President Report – Jeff Haas

- **November Conference**
 - Clinician is not yet set. Has reached out to a few people to no avail to this point
 - We will reach out to Sherrie Maricle and Brenda Earle to present
- **Audition Etudes**
 - Jeff Haas will send these out to us for proofreading/approval prior to posting

Membership Chair Report - Jeff Lesser

- **State Jazz Festival -**

- Motion to adjust division I to be re-designated for “Large public school size, Magnet Schools & Private Schools” - Jeff Lesser
- Second - Deb Knisely
- All in favor, 1 abstention
- There is 1 school which has not paid yet for prelims
- HOSTS FOR FINALS 2019-2020
 - JP Stevens - Division 1
 - Princeton - Division 2
 - Burlington City - Division 3
- **Prelims:**
 - Monday - West Orange
 - Tuesday - Bridgewater-Raritan
 - Wednesday - Cherokee is unable to host the South Jersey event in 2019-2020
 - Thursday - Jackson can not host event in 2019-2020. Steinert will take their place
 - Friday - Newark Academy is unable to host in 2019-2020. PCTI will take their place.
 - Snow date is the following Monday for all 5 dates (assuming 0 or 1 event gets affected by weather)
- **Elections:**
 - Voting was done via Google Form
 - 36 members voted
 - Jeff Haas - 35 Votes VP
 - Joe Verderese - 36 Votes Secretary
 - John Maiello - 36 votes Treasurer
 - Miguel Bolivar - 34 President Elect
 - Election results declared official!
- **Website**
 - Let Jeff Lesser know if there are any issues on the website to address

Region I report –

- Ridgewood Hosts Auditions
- Looking for location for Region I Festival
- MS Conductor - Julius Tolentino

- HS Conductor - John Maiello

Region II report – (Miguel Bolivar)

- Rahway Hosts MS Festival in 2020
 - Discussion regarding date. Rahway will look into 4/25/19 and Nutley will look into availability to host if Rahwah is unavailable.
- Rahway hosts Region II festival
 - Hoping for concert on the weekend of April 3/4/5
 - Region II would push the entire schedule back a week to accommodate the concert date. (Rehearsals on 3/23 & 3/30)
- Region II will be obtaining a new auditions chair - TBD

Region III report – (Deb Knisely)

- Joe Henderson - will take over region III presidency
- HS Conductor - TBA
- MS Conductor - TBA
- Vocal Conductor - TBA
- Auditions - Cinnaminson
- Festival location - Maple Shade HS

Vocal Jazz Report (Randy White)

- Region I & II Choirs took place
- Region III had soloists
- Doug Hayburn conducted 2 of the choirs
- Festival had 6 groups
- 44 video auditions for honors choir
 - Steve, Jeff K & Randy judged
 - 18 different schools
 - 18 students accepted from 8 schools
- Ned Rosenblatt will conduct Honors Jazz Choir in November 2019
 - Will likely conduct all rehearsals, but if he can not make the trip, Randy White will rehearse the group in his stead

Higher Ed Report – (Jeff Kunkel)

- Intercollegiate Jazz Ensemble on Thursday night of NJMEA

- Discussion regarding the need to have hotel rooms for the students who are playing (due to new location in Atlantic City)
- Joe Verderese will work with Jeff Kunkel this year to learn the ropes of securing judges for the festival and will take over that duty upon Jeff K's retirement.

Social Media Coordinator (No Report)

Report of the Auditions Chair (Danielle Wheeler)

- Will be working on forms over the summer, so the board will inform Danielle of any adjustments that need to be made to the process, forms, etc.
- We will post the "post-application" form on the website for reference for parents/students after submitting forms
- Danielle will work on making a single application for students applying for multiple ensembles and multiple instruments (i.e. multiple saxes, 9th graders, etc)

New Business

- Motion to move \$1,500 from our CD to fund this past year's scholarships - John Maiello
 - Second - Jeff Kunkel
 - All in Favor

Old Business

- No update from JEN since the October or January meeting
- Motion to fund a \$1,500 stipend to the executive director, Jeff Lesser - John Maiello
 - Second - Danielle Wheeler
 - All in Favor

For the Good of the Order

- n/a
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Motion to adjourn – Mike Anzuini

Second – Jeff Kunkel

Adjourned – 8:55pm

*****Fall Meeting –Monday, October 7, 2019 @5:00pm – Omega Diner**