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NEW JERSEY**njaje****ASSOCIATION FOR
JAZZ EDUCATION**

NJAJE Executive Board Meeting Days Hotel, East Brunswick, NJ Monday, January 19, 2009 5:00 PM

MINUTES**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 5:28 PM**

In Attendance: J. Lesser, J. Lindner, J. Haas, D. May, J. Kunkel, V. Popat, R. Heller, N. Rotindo, M. Russo, M. Anzuini, D. Demsey, A. Branker, D. Graham,

President's remarks – Mr. Lesser

Memberships — 101 members as of today. Outstanding P.O.s payments

Deena Yaussi -Past Away 1/3/09 condolences voiced by the board members.

Jeff Kunkel discussed connections of NJAJE to Nat'l Jazz Org. JEN

NJ Jazz Society - Frank Mulvaney – 6/5/09 @ Drew University

Request to share NJAJE mailing list - We will do that.

All State – A. Branker did a GREAT JOB ! Audience & Students all enjoyed his work. Great Programming!

NJPAC/SOPAC – J. Lesser visited NJPAC and met with Business Mgr. & Stage Mgr.

They charge NJAJE \$5K to promote and they don't do it. Request was made to remove Jazz from this \$5K fee.

Checked for SOPAC availability and awaiting more information

Vice President's Report – Mr. Haas

State Jazz Conference – Conference was a success. J. Binck filled in tremendously for Darmon Meader. We had good attendance. Alfred publishing is looking to get involved as are several other publishing companies. Jeff H wants to survey the needs or requests of attendees for the next conference.

Solo Etudes - They are up on the site. We are on solo #3 and there is 1 more to do with chord changes. Dr. Demsey conversed w/ Connecticut and recommended a resource from Kendor (a collection of Jazz Etudes)

Sponsor Efforts - Recently met with a colleague who will take over recruiting sponsors for the State Jazz Conference. Meet with new sponsors in February at NJMEA conference.

NJMEA Conference – We will start working on 2010 conference clinics and clinicians.

Secretary's Report – Mr. May (Dr. Kunkel)

Approval of Minutes – Minutes will be mailed

M. Anzuini will take care of changing the score sheets as per minutes of 10/13

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Krewer

Approval of Financial Statements to be done via email.

Honors Jazz Choir Report – Dr. Dohrmann

Honors Choir did perform last week for an NJEA MLK event. Rave reviews and acknowledgements. Justin did attend and Dr. Dohrmann took care of expenses. Discussion of regional jazz groups was entertained. D.May offered supporting comments toward Regional jazz vocal groups.

Jersey Jazzer Report – Mr. Anzuini

November mailing Sent to NJMEA cost \$2,500 plus bulk mail permit fees.

Spring e-version – Do we want to continue with NJMEA mailing list. **General consensus was NO.** Spring mailing to be after Finals.

Webmaster's Report – Mr. Russo

Status of site – Contains all Audition Info. And 14 HS Jazz Festivals listed.

Historical information – C. Tumminia will have most of this information.

Midwest JEN meeting – M. Russo was unable to attend.

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REPORTS BY EVENT**February 18, 24, 25 – Jazz Combo Festivals – Mr. Lesser/Mr. Graham**

of combos per site (Rowan - 3 combos, WPU - 2 combos, Princeton – 3 combos)

Logistics- J.Lesser will email contact information to coordinators.

Adjudication procedures followed

Awards – “Inaugural” Plaques suggested by D. Demsey, will be presented. Discussion on representing at the TCNJ Jazz Gala..... Keep it non-competitive and refer a combo at a later time. TCNJ Jazz Festival Selection and Performance (April 23)

February 19, 20, 21 – NJMEA Conference

NJAJE Booth – Mr. Lesser/Mr. Popat – Will set up on Thursday afternoon.

Intercollegiate Band – Dr. Branker/Dr. Demsey (9:00 PM Thursday)

Conductors – ‘09 Rob Middleton & Wilbur Wittemen

General Membership Meeting 11:30 – 12:00 at Carlyle’s (Friday)

Reading Band 12:45 – 1:45 Salon C (Saturday) – Mr. Haas

D. Demsey Motion to cover cost of room for J. Lesser @ NJMEA

D.Graham 2nd All In Favor – MOTION CARRIES

February 27 – NY Voices with “NJAJE Big Band” – Mr. Lesser/Mr. Haas

Rehearsal (Thursday, Feb. 26) Concert is on 27th.

Contracting/payment – Band is 18 players @\$100 each

Pre-concert reception donation from NJAJE

D. May Motion to offer \$100 to E. Brunswick for Pre-Concert Gala

Vee Popat 2nd All In Favor MOTION CARRIES

Concert program - 8 pm

Group Rates available for Student groups. EBNET.org – website for concert info.

March 9, 10, 11, 12 – State Preliminary Festival – Mr. Graham/Dr. Kunkel

9 Bands per site (BR, Steinert, Cherokee. Liberty) Hand outs distributed.

Adjudicators, tabulator, MCs

Score sheets, tapes, directions to sites, program insert

Awards will be picked and delivery arranged at a later date.

GREAT JOB DICK GRAHAM!

Jeff Haas will provide Sight Reading Materials

March 16, 23, 30/April 3, 4, 5 – Region auditions, rehearsals, concert

Region I – Mr. Popat - Auditions at Randolph

Concert @ Whippany Park HS

HS Director Julius Tollentino of Newark Academy

JH Director is Jim Saltzman of Drew U.

Region II – Mr. Heller – Auditions @

Concert @ Montgomery HS

Mr. Perry Andrews will conduct High School Group. Jr. High will be announced

Region III – Mr. Rotundo - Auditions @ Lenape HS

Concerts at Shawnee HS

Jeff Kunkel will conduct the HS Band

Brian height will conduct Jr. High

April 24 – State Finals – Mr. Graham/Dr. Kunkel

Drawing for position was done and noted by Dick Graham.

Adjudicators have been selected and are set by Dr. Kunkel.

May 4 – All State Auditions – Mr. Anzuini

May 4th – Auditions at Steinert HS awaiting rehearsal dates for All State Band

Appication fees per form is \$20 and after 4/24 late fee is \$25 per. Band acceptance fee is also \$25.

Mike would like to make a uniform template for sharing student member/audition information.

Issues discussed on Lead Trumpet auditions left to the discretion of region presidents.

Region presidents should check w/conductors for instrumentation numbers.

Old Business/New Business

Nominating committee – Mr. Lindner

Jeff Lesser & Jeff Kunkel will sit on committee.

Change of June 1 meeting date to June 15th.

For the good of the cause . . .

Nominations for Director of the All State Jazz Band 2009

Gordon Goodwin

Rich DeRosa

Jon Faddis

Mike Mossman

Gunnar Mossblad

Jim McNeely

Mike Holiber

Mark Taylor –

Cecil Bridgewater

Discovery initiative for A Performing ensemble to go abroad to be placed on agenda of June Meeting.

Motion to adjourn Mike Russo

2nd Dick Graham

ALL IN FAVOR

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58pm

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