

NJAJE Board Meeting  
365 Bistro, South Plainfield, NJ  
June 11th, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome- Mr. Kunkel
2. Minutes from 1/15 Meeting: Motion to approve Mike R., seconded, Adam W.
3. Treasurer's Report - Mike Anzuini. Finals income down by approx. \$700 compared to last year. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report- David M, second, Richard G.
4. Discussion/Nomination of Robert Van Wyck for All State Jazz Audition. JK  
One issue is that Rahway is very far north for Region 3 bands to travel. JK decided to appoint Robert Van Wyck to the position of All State Jazz Manager.
5. Nominations for New Region 1 President- JK  
Jeff L. suggests John Maello, Cliff Bealkin, and Matt Gramada. Email sent out and awaiting response and JK will approach each.
6. Discussion/Nomination of 2012 Achievement Award Winner - JK  
Discussion of Clem DeRosa as a posthumous award. Vote for Clem DeRosa passes unanimously.
7. Discussion of State Jazz Band Competition - Mr. Graham
  - a. Concern over schools dropping from finals. - Division 2 was one band short. 47 total bands total applied/participated. Question posed was whether we should go to a 5th night or not. Dick proposed having the "2nd Band" perform on a second night. Prelims hosts Scotch Plains, Jackson-Liberty, Cherokee, Bridgewater, W. Orange, NEW - Scotch Plains and Jackson Liberty. JP, Princeton, Steinert for Finals hosting. Discussion of hiring one sound engineer to travel to all sites. Voted down. Decided on 3 solo mics and one piano mic. We will continue to offer flash drive. Vote on 5th nights of prelims passes unanimously. Discussion on how to seat for finals will be tabled to October. Jeff Lesser states that we must describe what the score means on the score sheet.
    - a1. Day May presents 5 different State Finals formats for discussion. Motion to go to a 5th night
    - c. Proposal for reclassification
8. Recap from NJMEA Board Meeting - Mr. Lesser  
NJAJE took \$1500 loss at NJPAC performance. NJMEA will be contacting JK to discuss the performance situation at NJPAC in the future. Discussion will be tabled. JK brings up that the Boardwalk Convention Hall will not be available for Friday evening jazz performance and will be moved to pre-dinner, 4:30, performance. NJMEA would like us to present two Thursday clinics at NJEA conference and restrictions on mandatory NJMEA membership have been lifted. Nomination for Dave Dempsey to conduct all-state band was accepted. Jeff spoke up again about all-state jazz choir to no response.
9. Mr. Haas' Neighborhood: Mr. Haas  
Looking for more income from Ziljian. Jamey Aebersold and Michelle Weir have been confirmed for November Jazz Conference. Jamey Aebersold Jazz Aids to cover much of the expenses. Michelle Weir will also have many expenses covered. Jeff has concerns with fielding a fully instrumented reading band and requested help

in making sure people show. Suggest keeping the later lunch format but wanted to make an afternoon open forum discussion available after lunch? Mentioned that Ridgewood HS named a memorial scholarship in memory of Sonny Iggoe. Vote for charitable donation to the fund on behalf of NJAJE. Vote for \$50 contribution approved unanimously.

10. Area Reports -

a. Combo Festival Report - Tough time filling Montclair so JK was sent to other locations as a result. Montclair would not support the festival. Princeton location had 3 schools (one MS). Dr. Branker called it a successful event despite the lower number. Rowan limited bands to 3 (two from Seneca). Combo Festival will be an agenda item for October meeting.

c. All-State Auditions - Mr. Warshafsky. Complaint about audition about not having a "highly-qualified" drum judge in the room and how it contributed to her son not making the ensemble. Change to online audition form - Adam forgot to list the part where if students were selected on more than one instrument, which would they prefer. Adam will work to get that remedied for next year. Mr. Haas stated that his colleague John Luckenbill has volunteered to be the region 1 audition chair.