

NJAJE Executive Board Meeting
Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ
Monday, January 21, 2019, 11:00 AM

Call to order – 11:15 A.M.

Attendance: Deb Knisely, Randy White, Miguel Bolivar, Jeff Kunkel, Dave Demsey, Jeff Haas, Mike Anzuini, Jeff Lesser, John Maiello, Joe Verderese

Meeting Procedures: Robert's Rules should be followed.

Secretary Report – Joe Verderese

- October 2018 minutes emailed to the board of directors a few days ago.
- Motion to accept minutes from June 2018 as posted on website - Jeff Kunkel
 - Second – Dave Demsey
 - All in favor

Treasurer Report – John Maiello

- Detailed expense report was handed out at meeting from 10/2/18 through 1/15/19
- Receipts need to be submitted to John Maiello for anything that needs to be reimbursed as well as any other bills that are incurred.
- The current CD which was donated for the scholarship account automatically renewed itself in May but at 1% interest. The suggestion is to take half of it and put it into a 5 year CD and then use the rest of it to create 4, 3 and 2 year CDs, leaving that money available on a yearly basis to use for the scholarships instead of needing to borrow the money from other accounts. The expectation is that there would be a 3.0% CD we could find.
 - Motion to create various CDs with the money that is currently invested in the 5 year CD. There will be a 2, 3 and 4 year CD each with \$1,500 in them to cover the cost of each year's scholarships. An additional \$1,500 will be deposited in our account to cover this year's scholarships. The remaining balance will be invested in a 5 year CD.
 - Second - Jeff Kunkel
 - All in favor

CURRENT BALANCES:

- PNC Checking - \$5,978.22
 - PNC Certificate of Deposit - \$15,172.68
 - Major Expenses since last meeting:
 - Honors Jazz Choir Director Fee
 - NJAJE Conference in November
 - Downbeat Subscriptions
 - Motion to accept treasurer's report – Jeff Lesser
 - Second – Jeff Kunkel
 - All in favor
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President Report – Mike Anzuini

- NJPAC will be offering a guest artist again this coming year for the All-State Concert
- All concerts went well in 2018
- Dennis Mackrell will conduct 2019 All-State Jazz Ensemble
- Atlantic City Dates are November 5-7, 2019
- NJPAC is November 15, 2019
- We are in need of an honors jazz choir coordinator to replace Steve Bishop
- Randy White will work on solidifying an Honors Jazz Choir conductor for 2019
- We will have discussions about the amount of sound equipment needed for the concerts in November
- Governor's Award - there are 3 students who have been multiple years in the All-State Jazz Ensemble
 - Motion for Banks Sapnar to receive the Governor's Award - Deb Knisely
 - Second - Jeff Kunkel
 - All in Favor
- Calendar Dates 2019-2020 school year
 - All National will take place during our Atlantic City Weekend (1st weekend in November)
 - Due to this conflict, we will need to decide how to handle students who are accepted to the All-State Ensemble and All-National. Mike Anzuini will get clarification from NJMEA in terms of penalty for students who qualify for both.

- Region Jazz Auditions - March 9
 - Prelims - 1st full week of march
 - Rehearsal - March 16, 23
 - Region Weekend - March 27, 28, 29
 - Elections for 2019-2020 Executive Board
 - Jeff Lesser and Jeff Kunkel will be on the nominating committee
 - Elections will take place in May
 - Positions open are a full slate, except for the president
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Vice President Report – Jeff Haas

- **Conference**
 - Discussion regarding whether to keep the vocal and instrumental teachers in the same clinic session and then separate for the reading session
 - Conversation regarding date and location of the November conference – Non-Friday or different locations were discussed
 - **Reading Band** -
 - February 23 - 11:30am
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Membership Chair Report - Jeff Lesser

- **Membership** - 112 registrations received so far (some are duplicates) 38 members are unpaid
- **State Jazz Festival**
 - 46 total bands
 - Monday, March 4 - West ORange (10) - Jeff Kunkel MC
 - Tuesday, March 5 - Bridgewater (10) - Jeff Lesser MC
 - Wednesday, March 6 - Cherokee (9) - Mike Anzuini MC
 - Thursday, March 7 - Jackson (8) - Deb Knisely MC
 - Friday, March 8 - Newark Academy (9) - Miguel Bolivar MC
 - Awards -
 - Drawing for finals order - 9,8,7,4,5,6,2,1,3
 - Divisions and prelim schedules are posted on the website
- **Pending Correspondence**

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 - Discussion regarding having non-competition bands performing at prelims. The board has decided against this concept.
 - Discussion regarding membership in NJAJE for auditions if they are not members of the regional organization. We accept either NJAJE or NJMEA memberships from teachers for middle school auditions but high school teachers must be a member of NAFME.
 - Discussion regarding the process of providing the scholarship money to students - Jeff Lesser will provide the letter about how to obtain the scholarship. This letter will explain how to contact John Maiello with proof of attendance to the 1st semester of college in a music related field
 - Randy White will be sending out an email blast regarding region jazz choir info
 - We will need another prelim location for 2020 as Newark Academy will be unavailable that year
 - There has been a \$2,000 donation in the name of Dick Graham for a scholarship this year.
- **Jazz Choir Festival**
 - Hopewell is unable to host this year.
 - Burlington is looking into hosting
 - Princeton is looking into hosting
 - Same 6 group participants this year as last year
 - Jeff Kunkel is willing to recommend the Jazz choir festival adjudicators
- **Middle School Festival**
 - April 27, 2019 at 12:00 @Rahway
 - 1 adjudicator
 - Participation awards & MVP award
 - Currently only 2 groups signed up
- **Treasurer Transition**
 - Jeff Lesser co-signs checks now that we have moved to a 2-signature check
- **Honorarium Discussion**
 - Tabled until June

Region I report –

- HS Conductor - Jeff Kunkel
- MS Conductor - Joao Goncalves
- Vocal Conductor - Doug Barber
- Auditions - Ridgewood
- Festival Location @Mountain Lakes

Region II report – (Miguel Bolivar)

- HS Conductor - TBD
- MS Conductor - TBD
- Vocal Conductor - Randy White can do if needed
- Auditions - Rahway
- Festival Location - Rahway
- MArch 25 rehearsal location - Hopewell
- All State auditions are being hosted at Rahway

Region III report – (Deb Knisely via Mike Anzuini)

- HS Conductor - Doug Barber
- MS Conductor - TBD
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions - Lenape in 2019
- Festival location - Cinnaminson

Vocal Jazz Report (Randy White)

- Updates on vocal conductors - listed in region reports
 - Jeff Lesser and Randy worked on updating the website to make the audition information simplified
 - Video submissions
 - Randy, Mike and Jeff H were able to speak directly to their respective regions (either students or teacher) about the auditions
 - Audition link is open
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Higher Ed Report – (Dave Demsey & Jeff Kunkel)

- Collegiate Jazz Ensemble on Thursday night of NJMEA
 - Conrad Herwig & Rob Middleton are the conductors
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Social Media Coordinator (No Report)

Report of the Auditions Chair (No Report)

New Business

- Discussion regarding the jazz combo
 - The 2nd chair rhythm section players qualify for the combo. They will accompany the jazz choir if there is one. Otherwise, they will be a standalone combo

Old Business

- No update from JEN since the October meeting
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For the Good of the Order

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Motion to adjourn – Mike Anzuini

Second – Jeff Kunkel

Adjourned –

*****Spring Meeting** – Monday, June 3, 2019 @5:00pm – Site TBA