Call to order – 9:09 A.M.

Attendance: Joe Verderese, Jeff Haas, John Maiello, Dave Demsey, Jeff Lesser, Mike Anzuini, Joe Bongiovi, Randy White, David May

Meeting Procedures: Robert’s Rules should be followed.

Secretary Report – Joe Verderese

- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting – Mike Anzuini
  - All in favor

Treasurer Report – Joe Bongiovi

CURRENT BALANCES:

- PNC Checking - $1,471.17
- PNC Money Market Savings - $89.72
- PNC Certificate of Deposit - $14,876.18

DETAILED EXPENSES: There was a quick loan put into account by Joe Bongiovi to help pay for some expenses which was later reimbursed. There is an $800 expense for an advertisement in Tempo! Magazine. We will consider whether or not to continue with this expense next year.

- Motion to accept treasurer’s report – Jeff Haas
  - Second – Dave Demsey
  - All in favor

President Report – Mike Anzuini

- NJMEA Calendar Dates
o Region Audition Date – March 12
o Region Rehearsals – March 19, April 16, 20, 21
o Region Concert April 22
  • Region Presidents can make adjustments to schedule as long as they stay inside the basic timeline
o All-State Auditions – May 7
o Educators Conference – November 17
o Preliminaries – March 5-9
o Finals – April 28
o Gala – May 12
o Executive Board Meeting Dates
  • October 9
  • January 15
  • June 11
o Choir Festival – May 4
• Locations – It is very important for us to find locations for these events as soon as possible. We will shoot to have locations in place by the June 2017 meeting
• All Eastern
  o NJ Has 3 students in the All-Eastern Ensemble + 1 alternate
  o Mike Anzuini and Brian Height will manage
  o Jazz Concert – April 6
• All State Conductors 2017
  o Mike Anzuini will reach out to our first call conductors and solidify before June meeting
  o Dave May recommended that we put together a list of the programs from the past 5 years to the conductor to get an idea of the capabilities of our band.
• Ideas for Region/All State Rehearsals/performance
  o It would be great to have someone come in and work with the rhythm section separately on their individual set as well as being the rhythm section for the vocal group
  o We will shoot to have vocal auditions to register through the same system as band, through Jeff Brown’s system with jot forms.
• All State JE Manager
  o We will need a new All-State Jazz Ensemble Manager for next year
• **Concerts**
  o This year was very successful
  o Jon Faddis was hired by NJPAC to perform with the ensemble
  o Performance was in the Chase Room – smaller setting
  o Next year’s concert may be splitting the 2 groups but may also split the concerts. Also not sure whether or not we are staying in the Chase Room or not.

• **Governor’s Award**
  o Motion to Nominate Dave Mosko – Dave May
  o Second – Randy White
  o All in Favor

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**Vice President Report – Jeff Haas**

• 2016 November Conference was a great success
• Attendance was up from past years
• NJPAC has allowed us to use their equipment, which is extremely helpful
• Is there any interest in moving the conference to a day other than Friday?
  o We will keep the conference on the Friday this year and survey the attendees regarding a different day in the future

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**Membership Chair Report - Jeff Lesser**

• **Membership Report**
  o 117 members currently
  ▪ Membership report was handed out – includes information regarding payment being received
  o All members of this list receive Downbeat Magazine – digital and print copies
  o Motion to restructure Fees for 2017-2018. (Jeff Haas)
    ▪ Raise individual membership cost from $60 to $75
    ▪ Raise high school festival member (which does not include finals or gala fees) from $250 to $300
• Raise 2nd ensemble from $200 to $250
• Raise Retired/Student membership from $40 to $50
• Raise Finals Fee and include Gala costs from $175 to $225
  o Second – Joe Verderese
  o All in Favor

• **State Jazz Festival 2016**
  o All sites are filled
  o Jazz For Teens may be performing as an exhibition
  o Order of Performance
    o All bands will be in the random drawing for order of performance
    o NJAJE will draw for all sites
  o Emcees for each night are needed
    o Monday – Jeff Lesser
    o Tuesday –
    o Wednesday –
    o Thursday –
    o Friday – Jeff Haas
  o Judges are almost all solidified.
  o Pieces need to be selected for sight-reading that will also have chord changes that can be played by students in preliminaries (Blues)
  o Finals structured is changed this year to include the Gala
  o Emcees for finals on Saturday, April 22 are needed
    o JP Stevens -
    o Princeton -
    o Overbrook –

• **Gala**
  o Top 3 bands from each finals (9 bands)
  o Each band performs 3 numbers from their repertoire
  o 1 adjudicator who chooses best sections and outstanding soloists
  o Top vocal jazz group can do a set

• **Drawing order of finals performance**
  o 1 - Band 9
  o 2 - Band 7
  o 3 - Band 8
  o 4 – Band 6
• 5 – Band 5
• 6 – Band 4
• 7 – Band 3
• 8 – Band 2
• 9 - Band 1

• Reading Band Charts from conference have been posted on the website
• Region Jazz Applications are up on website
• Combo Clinics are up on website
• State Choral Festival is up on website
• Elections: Nominating committee has come up with nominations which will be emailed to members
  o All spots will remain the same at this point except for president elect
  o Joe Bongiovi will be on ballot for president elect
  o Motion to accept nominations – Jeff Lesser
  o Second – Jeff Haas
  o All in Favor

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**Region I report – (John Maiello)**

• **Conductors**
  o HS – Darrell Hendricks
  o MS – not confirmed yet
  o Vocal – not confirmed yet

• **Festival Host** – Nutley
• **Audition host** – Ridgewood
• **Audition Chairperson** – John Luckenbill

**Region II report – (Randy White)**

• **Conductors**
  o HS – Jeff Kunkel
  o MS – Miguel Bolivar
  o Vocal – Tim Brent

• **Rehearsal/Concert Host** – Rahway
• **Audition Chairperson** – Joe Bongiovi
• Auditions host– Rahway

**Region III report –**

• Auditions – Lenape
• Audition Chairperson - Len Nicolas
• Conductors:
  o HS – not confirmed yet
  o MS – not confirmed yet
  o Vocal – not confirmed yet

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**Vocal Jazz Report – No Report**

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**Higher Ed Report – (Dave Demsey)**

• Intercollegiate band has been put on hold for a year due to an inability to apply since there was no prior recording of the group
• In the future, we can use the intercollegiate band as the guest band at the Gala in May

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**Jersey Jazzer (no report)**

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**New Business**

• Dave May is interested in getting more involved as a “historian” for the organization of NJAJE going back to the beginning of NJ Jazz Organizations.
  o Any information can be sent to Dave May
• For auditions, can we move to a system where we grade every scale individually
o Motion to realign the scale scores on auditions to be scored individually instead of all scales being scored in terms of tone, technique, intonation - Jeff Lesser
o Second – John Maiello
o All in Favor

**Old Business**

- **Pins for Region Jazz** – Mike A is looking into providing that for students at each location

**For the Good of the Order**

**Motion to adjourn** – Mike Anzuini

Second – Joe Verderese

Adjourned – 12:13pm

***Spring Meeting – Monday, June 12, 2017 @5pm – Site TBA***