

NJAJE Executive Board Meeting
Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ
Monday, June 19, 2017, 5:15 PM

Call to order – 5:24 P.M.

Attendance: Joe Verderese, Steve Bishop, Randy White, Mike Anzuini, Miguel Bolivar, Jeff Kunkel, John Maiello, Jeff Haas, Jeff Lesser, Deb Knisely, Jeff Brown

Meeting Procedures: Robert's Rules should be followed.

Secretary Report – Joe Verderese

- January 2017 minutes were emailed to all members prior to the meeting.
 - Motion to accept minutes from last meeting – Jeff Lesser
 - Second – Deb Knisely
 - All in favor
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Treasurer Report – Joe Bongiovi (Via email)

CURRENT BALANCES:

- PNC Checking - \$3,656.18
- PNC Money Market Savings - \$29.72
- PNC Certificate of Deposit - \$14,937.63

DETAILED EXPENSES:

- Low balance kept this past year. Needed a \$3,000 loan around the preliminaries to be able to stay in the positive. This money was paid back to Joe Bongiovi with check #2060 in the amount of \$3,000.
- How can we save a little or drum up some more money to alleviate this issue?
 - Can we look for corporate sponsors?
 - At the last meeting, we approved an adjustment/increase of the membership fees to help.
- Need to streamline the collection of money so that it can occur more efficiently. Getting money from the site hosts to the treasurer is difficult. Ideas are being tossed around in regards to other deposit options or online payment options.

- o There are 17 different payment options in Jotform.
 - o Jeff Brown will set up an optional online payment option for students as a trial for this year
 - Executive Director Position Stipend is tabled until next meeting.
 - Motion to accept treasurer's report – Jeff Kunkel
 - o Second – Steve Bishop
 - o All in favor
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President Report – Mike Anzuini

- **Board Reorganization:**
 - o Randy White remains on board under the Vocal Jazz umbrella
 - o Tim Brent (professor at Rider) will join the board as collegiate liason
 - o Miguel Bolivar will serve as Region II president – has conducted, been site host and has been a big part of our organization for many years.
- **All State Conductor/Rehearsal conductors:**
 - o Walt Weiskopf will do the band.
 - o Walt is not available for Tuesday, October 24 in Hamilton, NJ.
 - Jeff Lesser will rehearse the band.
- **All State Manager:**
 - o Brian Height is coming back on
- **Atlantic City Concert (piano)**
 - o At the Claridge, we have had to supply a piano for the All-State concert. There will be a discussion with NJMEA in regards to attaining the piano and other necessary equipment available at the hall that the NJAJE ensembles are performing in.
- **NJPAC 2017**
 - o This year's concert will take place in the Chase Room (just as last year)
 - o They will provide a guest artist for the event (just as last year)
- **Jazz Educator Award**
 - o Nomination for Dave May – Deb Knisely
 - o Second – Jeff Lesser
 - o All in Favor
- **NJMEA Conference**
 - o Back on for February this year

- o Intercollegiate Ensemble should be back on
- o We need to come up with some sessions

Vice President Report – Jeff Haas

- **Conference Clinicians** – no current update

Membership Chair Report - Jeff Lesser

- **Festivals** –
 - o **Preliminaries** – Rubrics worked quite well.
 - Sight-reading chart included the improvisation – went fairly well
 - o **Finals** – Rubrics were adjusted for finals
 - Eliminating the “participation” category
 - Adjusting the criteria for the Bronze level.
 - Repertoire category was eliminated.
 - Total number is now out of 100 instead of 85.
 - o **Emcees** – We need to find a way to get board members at all of the events to serve as emcees.
 - o **Dates and emcees** for Prelims and Finals
 - **March 5** – West Orange – **Jeff Lesser**
 - **March 6** – Bridgewater Raritan -
 - **March 7** – Cherokee - **Mike Anzuini**
 - **March 8** – Jackson – **Deb Knisely**
 - **March 9** – Newark Academy – **Joe Verderese**
 - **April 28** – JP Stevens
 - **April 28** – Princeton
 - **April 28** – Burlington City
 - **Gala 2018** – we will try to move this to May 11 to interfere less with Mother’s Day events for families.
 - o Gala – This year went very well for the students. Not too well attended but was a good experience.
 - o We may give away more solo awards next year.
 - o Vocal Jazz Festival – Went very well and was a nice inaugural event

- Philosophy of festival will be in line with the jazz band event – competitive with similar rubrics. All aspects should remain in line with the instrumental finals
- We will work on figuring out how to fit the vocal groups in the gala next year.
- **Membership Report -**
 - Motion to amend the fee structure change from January’s meeting
 - 1st band to \$275
 - 2nd band to \$225
 - Second – John Maiello
 - All in Favor
- **Applications –**
 - Motion to amend the following fees: Jeff Brown
 - Region Application Fee to \$20
 - All state application Fee \$25
 - Region Acceptance Fee to \$15
 - State Acceptance Fee to \$25
 - Second – Deb knisely
 - All in Favor
- **Election Results –** Voting was done online and results were handed out.
 - **President** – Mike Anzuini
 - **Vice President** – Jeff Haas
 - **Secretary** – Joe Verderese
 - **Treasurer** – joe Bongiovi
 - **President Elect** – Joe Bongiovi
- **Region Conductors** – We will create a conductor application form online for directors to apply to conduct various ensembles
- **Website** – Is up to date with access to the master account!

Region I report – (John Maiello)

- Region I Vocal did not run this year
- Auditions at Ridgewood in 2018
- Festival Location up in the air.

Region II report – (Randy White)

- Region II Vocal did not run this year
- Auditions at Rahway in 2018
- First rehearsal at Hopewell
- Festival Location will be at Rahway

Region III report – (Deb Knisely)

- Auditions at Lenape in 2018
 - Festival location will be at Cinnaminson
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Vocal Jazz Report (Steve Bishop)

- **Welcome Tim Brent** – Will conduct All State Jazz Choir
 - **All State Jazz Choir** – higher numbers in participation of students but less schools
 - **Region Vocal Jazz** – None of the 3 regions had a group this year
 - Timing of the festival is timed in a difficult spot being during musical season.
 - **Vocal Jazz Festival** –
 - We need to address the issue of sound – finding someone with experience mixing the vocal groups sound.
 - We can encourage groups to bring someone who can help with their group
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Higher Ed Report – (Jeff Kunkel)

- Intercollegiate Jazz Band will be back on in 2018
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Jersey Jazzer (no report)

Report of the Auditions Chair (Jeff Brown)

- Deadlines seemed to all work very well this year.
 - All Regions will align their scoresheets for auditions with the All-State forms
 - Jeff B will work on setting up audition payment options on jotform
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New Business

- n/a

Old Business

- n/a
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For the Good of the Order

- n/a
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Motion to adjourn – Mike Anzuini

Second – Joe Verderese

Adjourned – 9:20 pm

*****Fall Meeting** – Monday, October 9, 2017 @8:30am – Site TBA