

NJAJE MEETING 10/12/09

Present: Lindner, Russo, Branker, Kunkel, Haas, Demsey, Anzuini, Warshafsky, Heller, Tolentino (arr. 6 PM)

Absent: May, Lesser, Cox, S. Lindner, Dohrmann, Graham

1. Meeting called to order 5:25 by J. Lindner. JK taking minutes in the absence of Mr. May.

2. **Secretary's Report.** Minutes (sent in by Mr. May) of meeting of June 15 meeting approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Mr. Anzuini gave detailed Treasurer's Report, and discussed procedures he would like to follow in dealing with finances. Most important change is that he would like a requisition form submitted for all payments that must be disbursed. Hotel arrangements for conference weekend on track; medals have been ordered. Money market account and CD holding Kerber funds are in good standing. Anzuini feels we are in a comparable position to last year. Treasurer's report approved.

4. **Higher Ed Report.** Dr. Demsey reports that there will also be an Intercollegiate Concert Band on the Thursday night of NJMEA, perhaps pushing back the start of Intercollegiate Jazz Band by a little, but hopefully securing a larger audience. Dr. Demsey and Dr. Kunkel will be the conductors for this year. NJAJE Combo Festival at Princeton 2/24/10. Demsey needs to solidify date (23 or 25?). Discussion regarding Rowan sight; date TBA. Dr. Branker brought up the issue of expenses. Demsey made a motion to cover expenses, which will be tabled until January.

5. **All State Jazz Report.** Mr. Lindner reports that September rehearsal went well, and presented some of the charts. Next rehearsal 9/20. In AC, Brian Height, Earl Philips, and Lindner will be present. "Traveling Tracks" was selected by NJMEA to record the event. It appears AC concert time will be 8:30. Everything is on track for NJPAC event as well.

6. **Vocal Jazz Report.** Mr. Lindner reported for Dr. Dohrmann. Preparation for Honors Jazz Choir going well. Meeting with South Jersey choral directors resulted in the initiation of a Region III Honors Jazz Choir. Requirements and expectations will be kept to a minimum in order to help to initiate this event. Board discussed this issue in general, and would like clarification of the selection process. Dohrmann expressed concern over labor issues regarding the Trump properties, and feels NJEA should consider relocating concert. This prompted Lindner to contact Bill McDevitt of NJMEA to inquire, who reported that they feel location should remain, and that there will still be an NJMEA reception at Trump prior to concert. They prefer affiliate groups not to change anything.

7. Region I Report. Mr. Tolentino, a new member, expressed his pleasure at being on board. He has been investigating a sponsored artist. This met with general approval as long as the artist is carefully chosen and costs NJAJE no additional money. Still needs to confirm dates and locations, though it appears Whippany Park will be the primary host. Jr. High conductor will be Pete Sciaino. Tolentino wanted to remind the board about the annual “Essentially Ellington” competition at JALC.

8. Region II Report. Mr. Heller reports that auditions will be held at East Brunswick HS, audition chair is Dave Papenhagen. Jr. High conductor will be Eric Haltmeyer. Sr. High conductor still TBA.

9. Region III Report. Mr. Lindner gave report for Mr. Cox. Audition site is Lenape HS, hosted by Len Nicholas. Jr. High conductor is Fabian Brown, and Sr. High conductor is Randy Kapralick (UArts). Discussion regarding the stipend for the conductor ensued, as well as application and acceptance fees. Mr. Russo made a motion to raise conductor fees to \$500, along with raising the application fee to \$15 (leaving the acceptance fee alone at \$10). Motion passed.

10. Vice President’s Report. Mr. Haas reports that November conference is on track in terms of payments, corporate sponsors, etc. Potential attendance stands at 64 currently, leaving us in good shape one month in advance of the conference. It appears that we will cover expenses at this point. Region audition materials are complete and ready for posting. For NJMEA February conference, Alfred / Belwin is sponsoring jazz vocalist Lisa DeSpain. Mr. Branker will be doing an instrumental clinic as well. Intercollegiate will be on Thursday as usual, and the reading session on Saturday. A few corporate sponsorships are still needed to supplement the five already in place.

11. Past President’ Report. Mr. Lesser e-mailed his report. Membership stands at 78. Lesser reminds us that the constitution is in serious need of revision.

12. Jersey Jazzer Report. Mr. Linder gave report for Mr. Lindner. Fall issue of the “Jazzer” has been mailed out and received by members. Total cost was \$854. for 526 copies, including copies to school districts.

13. State Jazz Festival Report. Mr. Graham e-mailed the information that all 4 nights are full. He would like us to consider adding a 5th night. Decision made to stay with four nights, with the possibility of adding a 10th band

14. Adjudication Coordinator. Dr. Kunkel reported that NJAJE will host our first international judge, Haroldo Mauro from UNIRIO, who will adjudicate prelims

along with Dr. Kunkel and others TBA. It is too soon to have hired many finals judges, but some are on hold.

15. **Webmaster's Report.** Mr. Russo updated the board regarding new items posted on the NJAJE website (dates, local jazz festivals, minutes, etc.).

16. **Historian's Report.** Mr. Martin e-mailed to request any information available.

Meeting adjourned.