

NJAJE Executive Board Meeting
Omega Diner, North Brunswick, NJ
Monday, October 14, 2019, 5:00 PM

Call to order – 5:21pm

Attendance: Mike Anzuini, Jeff Lesser, Joe Verderese, Joe Bongiovi, John Maiello, Miguel Bolivar, Danielle Wheeler, Jeff Haas, Darrell Hendricks, Jeff Kunkel, Dave Demsey

Meeting Procedures: Robert's Rules should be followed.

Secretary Report – Joe Verderese

- June 2019 minutes were taken by Joe Verderese and were emailed to everyone on tonight's meeting list.
- Motion to accept minutes from June 2019 as emailed - Jeff Lesser
 - Second – Darrell Hendricks
 - All in favor

Treasurer Report – John Maiello

- Detailed expense report was emailed earlier in the week to all board members
- Major expenses since last meeting:
 - NJAJE Conference
- Upcoming major expenses:
 - NJAJE Conference
 - All State Conductors Expenses
- Interest rates for businesses are not quite as great as personal, so John will continue to research how to best invest our funds for growth while keeping enough in our account to cover costs as necessary throughout the beginning of the year.
- Electronic Payment for audition fees
 - ACH is not the way to go.
 - Best option is allowing people to pay via credit card. There is a nominal fee that will be tacked on to the transaction.

- Danielle W, John M and PNC Bank are working on how to keep track of who has paid.
- There are no set up costs
- No mandatory monthly transactions
- No penalty or cost to leave
- Currently, we are looking to accept online payment options as well as cash/check payments to directors.
- Discussion regarding how to deal with students who sign up but are then deemed ineligible by their band directors. Is there a refund policy?
- **DANIELLE WHEELER: will SEND EMAIL TO ALL TEACHERS ON OUR MAILING LIST REGARDING THE OPTION OF PAYING VIA CREDIT CARD.**
- Motion to accept treasurer's report - Danielle Wheeler
 - Second - Jeff Haas
 - All In Favor

CURRENT BALANCES:

- PNC Checking - \$10,461.02
- PNC Certificate of Deposit - \$15,259.25
- Motion to accept treasurer's report – Jeff Lesser
 - Second – Mike Anzuini
 - All in favor

Higher Ed Report – (Jeff Kunkel & Dave Demsey)

- **Intercollegiate Jazz Ensemble**
 - There is concern regarding the location of the convention now. This effects travel concerns for the students involved
 - At this point, we have not been given a performance time slot
 - **Jeff Kunkel** is in contact to find out if we are on the agenda or not.

President Report – Joe Bongiovi

- NJMEA Updates:
 - Honors Choir is now the NJ All State Jazz Choir

- ALL STATE UPDATE;
 - First rehearsal at middle school in Princeton
 - Dennis Mackrell and Ned Rosenblatt are conducting and all is going smoothly
 - NJPAC UPDATE:
 - Discussion regarding the wording of advertisement of the show at NJPAC.
 - **JOE B will contact NJPAC about correcting the information.**
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Vice President Report – Jeff Haas

- **Conference**
 - Sherrie Maricle and Brenda Earle Stokes will be the clinicians (\$1,200) including a \$50 contribution from Vic Firth
 - Brenda will present “A Vocal Jazz Toolkit” (\$1,200)
 - Sherrie will present “The FUNdamentals of the Rhythm Section”
 - Combined clinic on gender diversity in jazz
 - Jeff Haas will run the reading session
 - Randy will prepare a reading session for vocal directors
 - Arts education building has slightly changed the contract wording but does not change the cost.
 - Michael Russo will be recognized as our recipient of the Jazz Education Achievement Award
 - All the same publishers will supply music for the reading session
 - No new charts from Smart Chart this year
- **NJMEA Convention**
 - Reading session is approved with Joe Verderese, Jeff Haas and Jeff Lesser as clinicians
- **Checks to be written today/Expenses to be taken care of:**
 - Deposit of 50% for catering - \$1,406.26 (Balance will be paid on card on the day of the luncheon)
 - Facility - \$1,500.00
 - **Jeff Lesser will take care of reservations for hotel for Brenda & Sherrie on Thursday night and Ned for Friday night.**
 - **Joe Bongiovi will reach out to Dennis to see if he needs reservations. All at Robert Treat Hotel.**

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Membership Chair Report - Jeff Lesser

- **Membership** - 69 members currently
- **State Jazz Festival** - starting to fill up
 - 9 bands @West Orange (Monday)
 - 10 bands @Bridgewater-Raritan (Tuesday)
 - 7 bands @Southern Regional (Wednesday)
 - 7 bands @Steinert - (Thursday)
 - 5 bands @Wayne Valley (Friday)
 - Cherokee will no longer be hosting this year.
 - Jackson's space is unavailable
 - Steinert will host in place of Jackson
 - Newark Academy's space is unavailable
 - Wayne Valley will host in place of Newark Academy
- **Letterhead** will be updated and sent out
- **Middle School Festival**
 - Will be hosted at Princeton
 - only 1 band registered so far
- **Vocal Jazz** - 6 ensembles signed up so far

Region I report – (Darrell Hendricks)

- HS Conductor - John Maiello
- MS Conductor - Julius Tolentino
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions - Ridgewood
- Festival Location @Mount Olive Middle School

Region II report – (Miguel Bolivar)

- HS Conductor - Jeff Kunkel
- MS Conductor - TBD
- Vocal Conductor - TBD
- Auditions - Rahway

- Festival Location - Rahway
 - Dates: 3/16, 3/30, 4/3, 4/4, 4/5

Region III report – (No report tonight)

- HS Conductor - TBD
 - MS Conductor - TBD
 - Vocal Conductor - TBD
 - Auditions - TBD
 - Festival location - Cinnaminson
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Report of the Auditions Chair (Danielle Wheeler)

- Working on getting credit card payment conditions sent to the signature pages to assist directors and NJAJE at keeping track of what payments are owed
 - Waiting for final info for Region III to put onto the forms
 - Danielle has requested to find out a way to see if anyone is ineligible for ensembles due to various reasons such as participation/etc.
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Vocal Jazz Report (Randy White)

- Doug Barber will chaperone Atlantic City
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Social Media Coordinator (No Report)

New Business

- Google Drive for archival purposes
 - Tabled until next meeting

Old Business

- NO more combo clinics this year.

For the Good of the Order

- Discussion about the National Jazz Festival

Motion to adjourn – Joe Verderese

Second – Danielle Wheeler

Adjourned – 7:54pm

*****Winter Meeting** – Monday, January 20, 2020 @8:30am – Omega Diner