MOJE ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Joel Vanderheyden at 2:53 pm.

Joel Vanderheyden, President, opened up the meeting by thanking Arthur White, previous MOJE President who had to step down from the office. He thanked those who contributed to both the Jam Session and the Reading Session which was led by Past-President, Dave Dickey. Thanks was given to JW Pepper and M-R Music for providing charts. He also thanked Matt Henry and Rob Babel who led the jazz sessions this year at the conference.

Joel introduced the executive board: John Evans, Vice-President; Lori Hutton, Secretary, Cathy Coonis, Treasurer, Dave Dickey, Past-President and Chris Miller, All State Jazz Coordinator. Ron Sikes, MMEA Jazz VP was also introduced.

The minutes from the MOJE MMEA 2017 Board Meeting were given and approved.

John Evans, VP, gave a report on the membership and the jazz festival listing which can be found on the MOJE website. He wants to make sure everyone who joins receives a membership pin.

Cathy Coonis, treasurer, gave the treasurer report. Phil Dunlap, Jazz St. Louis gave a donation of $2000. As of now, when renewing membership online, fill out the membership form and go to PayPal to pay dues. The treasurer report was approved. Cathy encouraged everyone to spread the word in reaching out to Corporate Sponsors.

Chris Miller, All State Jazz Coordinator, gave a report on the All State Jazz Band. Matt Wilson is the 2017 director. The All State Jazz rehearsal schedule is in the program booklet and everyone is invited to watch the rehearsals. Chris thanked the membership for support for his six years of service as All State Jazz Coordinator. Chris also recognized Jason Bata for his work as webmaster.

Ben Martin, MAAE Executive Director, explained that Advocacy for the Arts will be extremely important over the next couple of years. MAAE will be putting together a video and will send out to schools and directors to record short advocacy statements. Teachers and students can shoot a video and send it to MAAE to post on their YOUTUBE channel to foster advocacy.

Jeff Sandquist discussed Legislation House Bill 173 which concerns Home School students. Fine Arts Education Day at the Capitol in Jeff City is March 29, 2017. There is a form on the MAAE website for those who wish to participate. MAAE provided $1500 to support the All State Jazz Clinician and $500 to support the All State Jazz Ensemble.

Jim Widner encouraged us to join and attend the JEN conference next year which will be in Dallas, January 2018. This year’s JEN conference was represented by Fort Zumwalt North Jazz Band, directed by Rob Babel. Jim discussed the opportunity for any jazz ensemble to attend the Generation Jazz Festival as part of the JEN conference. It is an opportunity to take your band and perform and have a clinic by big name jazz educators/musicians. Jim says it is a very inspiring educational conference. He encouraged everyone to spread the word of MOJE and encourage them to come to the business meeting.

Bill McKemy, Education Director at the American Jazz Museum, gave a report on the educational outreach offered by the museum: Jazz Academy that meets on Saturdays which involves Orff classes and improvisation classes and Outreach groups for the KC Metro area. You may obtain more information on their website: www.americanjazzmuseum.org
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MOAJE MINUTES
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Minutes continued:

New Business:
President Joel Vanderheyden sent out an informal survey about how MOAJE could better serve jazz education, directors and programs.

One proposal is to restructure the board. The Proposed Board Restructuring is: Past President*, President*, President Elect/All State Coordinator*, Vice-President (shadows President Elect)*, Secretary, Treasurer, MMEA Jazz VP.

Discussion included that this may make a long tenure for the office holders; we would need at least one year of shadow for All State Coordinator; possibly have Past President in charge of awards; if we do restructure, will need to revise constitution/bylaws with a 2/3 vote. Joel will visit with executive board then send proposal to membership.

Other ideas from the informal survey:
1. New website with Member’s Only section, new online forms for jazz festivals, award nominations, Latin percussion demonstration video, video contests for students, etc. Will cost $25/month or $300/year.
2. Database of a “Peer Network” of directors willing to help growing jazz programs and a “Missouri Guest Artist/Clinician” database
3. “Ambassador to MBA” role. Chris Miller says this is usually the All State Coordinator position.
4. “Chart of the Month” – send out a monthly chart review
5. Added membership benefits: improv starter kits, big band charts, etc. Perhaps partner with a store to receive discount on that chart
6. Video or how to teach this for all State Audition Material

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hutton, MOAJE Secretary