The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Joel Vanderheyden.

Joel Vanderheyden, President, reported the Jam Session went well and was a larger crowd in the new location. The Reading Session is tonight. Thanks was given to Midwest Music and JW Pepper for providing charts.

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

The minutes from the MOAJE MMEA 2017 Board Meeting were given and approved. Phil Dunlop (Chris Miller).

Joel gave the VP report for John Evans who was with the All-Collegiate Jazz Band. The website has been revised. Jazz festival and camps can be found on the MOAJE website. Please submit your festival and/or camp. Membership is more streamlined and automated due to the new website. Everyone is encouraged to renew their membership on the website.

Cathy Coonis, treasurer, gave the treasurer report. The treasurer report was approved.

Grant Maledy, All State Jazz Coordinator, gave a report on the All State Jazz Band. Byron Stripling is the 2018 director. The All State Jazz rehearsals are going well.

Ben Martin, MAAE Executive Director, reported on legislative matters concerning the Arts. February 7 is Citizen Day for the Arts; March 22 is the Sho Me Arts Summit, March 28 is Fine Arts Education Day. MAAE presented grants again this year for the All State Jazz Clinician.

Jim Widner encouraged everyone to attend the All State and All Collegiate jazz rehearsals during the MMEA conference. Jim encouraged us to attend our State Conference, Midwest Clinic and the JEN conference. This year’s JEN conference was represented by Webb City Jazz Band, directed by John Evans. Widner asked everyone to become more involved by attending jazz festivals, summer music camps, take students to concerts, etc.

Clarence Smith, gave a report about the American Jazz Museum Education Programs: Jazz Academy that meets on Saturdays, Five Star Jazz Group, Jazz Story Telling and “Future Jazz” Program at Johnson County Community College. You may obtain more information on their website: www.americanjazzmuseum.org

Phil Dunlop gave a report on Jazz at St. Louis, an educational performance opportunity for those students in the St. Louis area.
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New Business:

Mary Elizabeth Bradley spoke about the new Leon Bradley Memorial Grant which will be awarded to a young jazz educator. This year the award will be $1000 and will be presented at the All State Jazz Band Concert.

President Joel Vanderheyden gave special recognition and thanks to Jason Bata, webmaster for his years of service, to Chris Miller for six years as All State Jazz Coordinator and to Lori Hutton, secretary, for serving ten years on the executive board.

President Joel Vanderheyden walked everyone through the new MOAJE website and talked about the new members only section. He also explained the new executive board structure. The deadline for voting for new officers and the updated by-laws is March 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hutton, MOAJE Secretary