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Missouri Association for Jazz Education



Membership Meeting

MBA

June 25, 2013

President Jeff Melsha called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Minutes from the MMEA meeting in January 2013 were read. Motion: Arthur White. Second: Grant Malady. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Cathy Coonis gave the treasurer report.

Vice-President Danny Watring gave a report on membership. He encouraged all directors to join. He discussed that we exist for the educators but ultimately for the students.

Spring elections were completed: The new officers are: President - Dave Dickey, VP – Danny Watring, President Elect - Arthur White, Past President - Jeff Melsha, Secretary - Lori Hutton, Treasurer - Cathy Coonis, All-State Coordinator - Chris Miller, MMEA Jazz VP - Rob Babel.

District and State Auditions are complete; see the website for the complete audition material. All-State registration will be online in conjunction with All-State Band through the MBA website. Wycliffe Gordon will be the 2014 All-State Jazz Clinician. His appearance will be partnered with Jazz St. Louis, a grant from MAAE and Yamaha.

Discussion was made about continuing with the commission piece; if we continue it at all or have it every other year. Bob Waggoner suggested if we keep the commission piece, MOAJE would be known as contributing to jazz literature. Finances were a concern. The question was asked, "Why are we commissioning--to add to the concert or to add to jazz literature?" Discussion will continue.

Student jam sessions are encouraged around the state. Junior high age to adults has been involved in previous jazz sessions held lately. The organization would like to keep MOAJE attached to the jam sessions.

Jeff Melsha thanked the corporate sponsors.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hutton