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MOAJE MINUTES MMEA 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Dickey at 9:02 am.

Dave thanked Past President Jeff Melsha for his years of service as President of MOAJE.

Lori Hutton, secretary, read the minutes from the business meeting on June 25, 2013. Minutes were approved; motion by Arthur White (Chris Miller).

Cathy Coonis, treasurer, gave the treasurer report. Cathy reminded everyone that MOAJE is also a member of JEN (Jazz Education Network). Because of the affiliation, dues are less expensive. Please visit www.jened.org for more information on membership.

Chris Miller, All State Jazz Coordinator, gave a report on All State Jazz Band. Approximately 280 students auditioned for the band. Wycliffe Gordon is the 2014 director. The All State Jazz rehearsal schedule is in the program booklet and everyone is invited to watch the rehearsals. All State Jazz auditions for 2014-2015 will use Set 3.

Rob Babel, MMEA Jazz VP, gave a report on the jazz clinics and jazz performances being held at MMEA this year.

Jeff Melsha, Past-President, gave a report on partnerships and sponsorships. He recognized all of our corporate sponsors. Special thanks go to the companies that sponsored Wycliffe Gordon: Jazz at St. Louis, Missouri Arts Alliance and Yamaha. Jeff encouraged us to contact new businesses for sponsorship.

Danny Watring, VP and Membership Chair, gave a report on membership. Membership forms are available from MOAJE officers and from the booth, as well as online on the MOAJE website. Danny also brought up incentives for being a member. Suggestions were: a free chart, JAM magazine and a business card with discounts on the back. Items given now are: MOAJE membership pin, newsletter, access to website, jam sessions and members giving clinics. Jim Widner suggested we all bring one director to our next business meeting to learn about our organization. Discussion was also made about choral directors joining MOAJE, having a connection, reason and incentive for joining.

Larry Green reported on the JEN conference. Congratulations to the MU Jazz Band directed by Arthur White and the Jim Widner Big Band for their performances. He also congratulated Missouri for having one of the more active state organizations. The JEN website is now offering a page where each state can put information about their state organization and what is happening in their state.

Dave Dickey thanked those who participated in the Jam Session. Tonight is the reading session organized by Bob Long. Dave also reported on MOAJE jam sessions held in St. Louis. He is working with Arthur White in Columbia and Randy Hamm in Springfield to host jam sessions in those cities. A suggestion was made to look at St. Charles and Rolla.

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MOAJE MINUTES MMEA 2014--continued

The topic of the commissioned work continued from our last business meeting. Commissions are approximately \$1000. It is no longer a part of the audition process. We had discussed having the commission every other year. We will continue to discuss the future of continuing commission works; and if our next clinician will write a piece to be commissioned.

Suggestions were taken for future clinicians.

Jazz Camps will be posted on the website and will be in the next newsletter. If anyone is hosting a jazz camp, please let us know so we can get the information posted.

Discussion was made about having an opportunity for the All State Jazz Band to perform together again. Jim Widner suggested they could play at his jazz festival.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Hutton
MOAJE Secretary