

Texas Jazz Educators Association
General Membership Meeting
Texas Music Educators Association Annual Convention
Thursday, February 11, 2016
1:00 PM – CC 224
Minutes Approved by Vote July 22, 2016

- Meeting was called to order by TJEA President Elect, David Lown
 - Officers and Directors were introduced to the General Membership
 - President – Matthew Seifert
 - President Elect – David Lown
 - Treasurer – Heather Mensch
 - Secretary – James Cook
 - Directors – Greg Ball, Aric Schneller, Mark Nichols
- Motion was made to accept minutes from the summer meeting
 - John Goode raised the point that minutes from the previous February meeting were still missing and needed to be tracked down
 - It was noted that the minutes listed February 1st as the deadline for All-state audition materials. That date has since changed to March 15 and should be reflected in the minutes.
 - Minutes were subsequently voted on and approved.
- Treasurer’s Report – Heather Mensch
 - Balance at time of meeting \$22,538.41 (adjusted to credit \$250 in wrong column)
 - Membership dues from PayPal expected to come soon
 - All-State Packets resulted in a healthy profit so a larger number of grants were awarded this year.
- Discussion of Jazz Related events at TMEA.
 - Concert: Sam Houston State University Jazz Ensemble
 - Wednesday, February 10th
 - 8:00-9:00 PM – Lila Cockrell Theater
 - Concert: University of Texas at San Antonio Jazz Ensemble
 - Thursday, February 11th
 - 10:00-11:00 AM – CC Stars at Night Ballroom 1-2
 - Showcase: Texas Saxophone Quartet
 - Thursday, February 11th
 - 11:00-11:30 CC Main Lobby
 - TJEA General Membership Meeting
 - Thursday, February 11th
 - 1:00-2:00 PM CC 224
 - Clinic: Lyrical Approach to Jazz Trombone Improvisation
 - Bill Watrous
 - Thursday, February 11th
 - 4:00-5:00 PM CC Stars at Night Ballroom 1-2
 - Clinic: Improvisation in the Elementary Classroom
 - Lamar Robertson
 - Thursday, February 11th
 - 4:00-5:00 PM CC Hemisfair Ballroom 3
 - Concert: TMEA/TJEA Invited Jazz Ensemble Performance
 - Plano West Senior High School Jazz Ensemble
 - Friday, February 12th
 - 10:00-10:50 AM CC Stars at Night Ballroom 1-2
 - TMEA/TJEA Region Jazz Coordinators Luncheon
 - Friday, February 12th
 - 12:30-2:00 PM Marriott RW Valero Room
 - Clinic: Developing a Jazz Program: Strategies and Solutions
 - Mark De Hertogh, David Lown, Jonathan Adamo
 - Friday, February 12th

- 4:00-5:00 PM CC 221
 - Concert: Rhythm Cats
 - Friday, February 12th
 - 4:00-4:25 PM CC 217
 - Clinic: Coaching Your Big Band Rhythm Section is Easier Than You Think
 - Jim Widener
 - Friday, February 12th
 - 6:30-7:30 PM Stars at Night Ballroom 1-2
 - Clinic: Improvisation = Student Interest and Success
 - Timothy Logan
 - Saturday, February 13th
 - 9:30-10:30 AM CC 214 CD
 - Concert: TMEA All-State Jazz Ensemble II
 - Dan Gailey
 - Saturday, February 13th
 - 11:30 AM-12:30 PM CC Stars at Night Ballroom 1-2
 - Clinic: Developing the Fundamentally Sound Jazz Ensemble
 - Noe Marmolejo
 - Saturday, February 13th
 - 12:30-1:30 PM CC Stars at Night Ballroom 4
 - Concert: ATSSB All-State Jazz Ensemble
 - Dean Sorenson
 - Saturday, February 13th
 - 1:00-1:50 PM CC Stars at Night Ballroom 1-2
 - Concert: TMEA All-State Jazz Ensemble I
 - Jim Widener
 - Saturday, February 13th
 - 2:30-3:20 PM CC Stars at Night Ballroom 1-2
 - Concert: TCCBDA All-State Jazz Ensemble
 - Joe Eckert
 - Saturday, February 13th
 - 4:00-4:50 PM CC Stars at Night Ballroom 1-2
- Old Business
- TMEA/TJEA Invited Jazz Ensemble applications and recordings are due to Alex Parker by May 1
- Discussion of Jazz Festivals
 - Tarleton State University Jazz Festival
 - March 19th
 - Josh Hamlin group playing, judging, and giving clinics before an evening concert
 - Temple College Jazz Festival
 - March 31st -April 2nd
 - Andre Hayward and Kevin Mahogany
 - West Houston Jazz Festival
 - Last Weekend in April
 - Yellow Jackets
 - Pamela York
 - Non-Competitive Festival
 - Tyler Junior College
 - Bob McChesney clinician
 - March 17th and 18th
 - If you send information to webmaster@tjea.org your Jazz Festival Information will be put on the website.
- Newsletter – John Goode
 - Request for pedagogical articles to aide young teachers
 - If you have done something and been successful, your are the expert in that area
- 2015-2016 TJEA Grant Winners
 - 16 winners out of 21 applicants (instead of the usual 10)

- Connaly Middle School – Bobby Baiza
 - Canyon Middle School – Rick Thomas
 - Liberty Middle School – Sean Smith
 - Nolan Catholic High School – Manny Guerrero
 - C. E. King High School – Eric Rokohl
 - South Belton Middle School – Chris Pulley
 - Andy Dekaney High School – Blake Woolums
 - O.B. Dueitt Middle School – Tamara Williams
 - University High School – Jesse Oliva
 - Rice Middle School – Jason Tucker
 - Eisenhower High School – Michael Owen
 - Livingston High School – Al Torres
 - Twin Creeks Middle School – Carley Hood
 - Aledo High School – Jake Albin
 - James E. Taylor High School – Bruce Melville
 - Brazoswood High School – Brian Casey
- Next year’s grants
 - Applications are due October 1st
- Discussion of TJEJ Jazz Symposium
 - Southlake HS
 - June 18th Possibly 17th as well
 - Ronald Carter doing series of clinics
 - Discussion of “All-Star band” from last year brought up
 - It was suggested that a round table discussion would get more new jazz teachers involved
 - Question was posed as to how we would include students
 - Alex Parker discussed that the charter idea for the symposium is to benefit directors first and the knowledge would trickle down to the students
 - Main Idea for this symposium is for educators to watch Ron Carter teach a demonstration group and learn from how he works with the students
 - A pre-registration was mentioned to plan for the appropriate number of students and directors
 - To include a new music reading session, we would need to go to publishers directly
 - It was suggested by a member that the students be selected very soon
 - David intends on waiting for more specific details from Mr. Carter before adding new items to the symposium agenda
 - Mr. Carter had mentioned meeting with students Friday evening then all day Saturday
 - We are anticipating being able to grant CPE credit as we have done in the past
 - WE ALL NEED TO ADVOCATE AND ADVERTISE THIS EVENT
- Call for Etudes
 - To be submitted to Alex Parker by March 15th
 - Built off standard Chord Changes
 - Swing/ballad/bossa/funk/latin/samba
 - Anyone can submit etudes
 - Guidelines are on TMEA website and TJEJ.org
 - Drum Etudes rotate
 - Discussion about adding a sight reading portion to drum etude or distinguishing lead/solo trumpet
 - This is TMEA decision that would need to come from regions
- Hall of Fame, and Jazz Educator of the year
 - Tabled, will be discussed by board
- Possibility of MS jazz Ensemble and Combo performing as showcase
 - Asking TMEA to see if we could vet the ensembles and have groups perform in atrium/showcase area
- The person that selects showcase performers is in favor of this
 - Venue in Bridge Hall

- Frank Coachman offers his support
 - Same deadline
- Print application from TMEA website, send to Alex Parker then he will get a committee for each Category
 - 30/45 minute performances
- Submit online April 1-June 1 to TMEA for all showcase performances
- Army Jazz Ambassadors Sgt. 1st class Joshua Fox
 - Wanting to perform, do sectionals, clinics
 - TMEA could submit JA as our clinic, will be discussing with TMEA
 - Jazz Ambassadors have never performed at TMEA
 - Perspectives program...free charts is the flagship
 - Armyfieldband.com/perspectives
 - Recently completed project with “retiring” Sammy Nestico, it is available in their booth
 - Giving out Nestico Charts for free
 - Touring area next spring...contact Joshua or Jason Stevens for clinics and performances
- Greg Ball discussed the All-State audition committees
 - Asking for us to respond quickly like we have been
 - If you are not on the email list, email Greg Ball
- Discussed JEN conference being back in Dallas soon - New Orleans next year
 - Now includes non-competitive festival
 - Asking for discussion toward getting college students to volunteer – free admissions

Meeting adjourned 1:59