

Wyoming Jazz Educator Meeting Minutes
Winter WMEA Conference Meeting – Laramie, WY
January 21, 2014

The meeting was held during the WMEA conference in Laramie, Wyoming. In attendance at this meeting was: Gino Hernandez, Zach Tolman, Jerrid Washburn, Justin Smith, Lori, Spencer, Nick Tolman, Nick Simons, Wade French, Spencer Clark, Brad Howey, Scott Turpin, Kate McKage, Kurt Sand, Jerry Stott, Aric Hageman, Ron Wagner, Shawn Weis, Mike Munari, Chris Lubkin, Garth Moline, Ariel Downing, Steve Schofield, Willie Wright, Larry Munari, Leesa Kuhlman, Ben Markley, Dan Holroyd, Chris Erlich, Rob Rumbolz, Kevin Madigan.

Nick called the meeting to order at 8:18am.

Approval of agenda: moved by Steve, seconded by Aric, motion carried.

Approval of past minutes: moved by Aric, seconded by Jerrid motion carried.

Financial report: Leesa Kuhlmann

Moved to approve by Aric, seconded by Jerrid, motion carried.

Jazz Choir award was announced: Abbi Gonzolas, Buffalo HS

Jazz Band award was announced: Sam Woodis, Rocky Mountain HS

Jazz Choir report – Larry Munari:

Choral: 34 auditions, better this year than in the past. All state choir is organized and ready for UW in March.

Jazz Band report pending... 51 auditions. Chad Rose absent because of conference.

UW Jazz Festival: If you need anything talk to Ben or Scott. They want to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Tech Report – Chris Lubkin:

A few issues with web site, a work in progress. A concern with Alto sax and Alto vocal, make a separate site for vocal and band. Working on mp3 tracks that work for rhythm section. Decide on a tempo jazz standard, Chris will post that. Piano chords were missing, it will be fixed. Only 29 audition units left, we need to purchase more. Aric motioned to purchase 500 units, Leesa seconded, motion passed for 500 units. In addition the web site will possibly add links to other jazz pages.

Audition discussion:

- Gino wants to change scales, a key center and chromatic scale. Gino will create a committee and work out the details to be voted on that at the summer meeting.

- Don't talk on auditions at all. Directors should be careful and not submit any auditions with talking on it.

Officer elections:

Shawn Weis for president, Jerrid Washburn motioned, Larry Munari seconded.
Wade French for president elect. President elect position was a tie between Wade French and Scott Turpin (Nick broke the tie at the end of the meeting and the vote went to Wade French as the new president elect).

Gino Hernandez for band chair, Ron Wagner motioned, Aric Hageman seconded.
Nick Tolman for secretary, Jerrid Washburn motioned, Aric Hageman seconded.

Collegiate Membership: Concern about having collegiate folks step in and play in the summer WJE band. When possible we will use WJE members to fill the band and Choir and fill in as needed at the discretion of the president and board. Aric made a motion on that, seconded by Jerrid.

Collegiate members are affiliating members but should be non voting. Aric motioned, Jerrid seconded.

WJE library is hosted by the president, currently Nick Simons.

All state jazz should be 9-12 only.

Dan Holroyd will be going to WHSAA to get jazz festivals and all state jazz sanctioned by the WHSAA.

All state jazz band and choir: Post an itinerary that is set each year from festival to festival for all state jazz band and choir. Also include a banner and post it at each concert the all state groups perform. Leesa will investigate cost and such. Send logo to festival sites.

Summer event will happen in Casper on 7/31 (see bullet F on agenda). Rehearse at Natrona.

Drop box, see agenda.

Aric motioned to ship boxes of shirt to all state jazz locations, seconded by Jerrid.

Aric moved to adjourn, seconded by Jerrid. Motion carried!

Meeting adjourned at 9:15am.