

**Arkansas Jazz Educators
Summer Meeting Minutes
Fort Smith Convention Center
July 28, 2010**

President Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

Secretary Jackie Lamar circulated the minutes from the Winter Meeting. The minutes were approved as circulated.

Treasurer Warren Casey presented the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$3,706. Due to our increased income from the audition music, the chapter needs to spend more money.

Guest Clinician, Larry Green of WhipLash Consultants of Iowa, was introduced to the membership. He will present a clinic on Friday evening with the ARJE demonstration band.

Old Business:

Jazz Festival: The date of April 23, 2010 was set at the Winter Meeting. Discussion was held regarding scope and location. Possible programming could include a preview of the tryout material, individual instrument masterclasses, improvisation masterclasses, an Intercollegiate Jazz Band, or having multiple college jazz bands participate. The festival would need to secure sanction from Arkansas Activities Association. Vice President Todd Johnson is chair of the committee to be assisted by Paul Taylor and Clay Hooton.

Tryout Material:

All Tryout Material composers and clinicians were thanked for their efforts preparing a successful tryout clinic. Discussion was held regarding comments about this year's music. President-Elect Ron Horton is chairing the committee for next year's tryout music. Gary Meggs and Warren Casey are assisting.

ABA Clinician:

Secretary Jackie Lamar agreed to chair a committee for securing the ABA Clinician for 2011. She requested input from the membership for what type of clinic they are interested in.

High School All-State Jazz meal:

Warren Casey sent thank-you letters and receipts to all the vendors who supported the High School All-State meal. Each had contributed \$60. The meal cost \$520. Because of the treasury surplus, Jackie Lamar moved and Todd Johnson seconded that ARJE pay half of this amount for 2011 so that we only have to request \$30 each from contributors. Motion passed. Todd

Johnson reported that he had gotten verbal commitments from all of these vendors to support this for next year.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding ways our surplus could be used. Suggestions included reimbursement of officers to attend state conferences. Commissioning a work for the All-State Jazz Band. Paying rhythm section players and a professional studio to record the tryout material background tracks.

Ron Horton moved and Warren Casey seconded that we pay to make a more professional recording for the tryout material. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding improving our image among the rest of the music education community. Suggestions included making college jazz ensembles more available to visit public schools.

Discussion was held regarding adjudication of All-Region and All-State Jazz Auditions. Since now anyone judging concert band contest must attend an adjudication workshop, we might explore that as an option for jazz tryouts.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Lamar, Secretary

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