

Texas Jazz Educators Association
General Membership Meeting
Sunday, August 9, 2020
4:00 PM – Zoom

- I. **Call to Order - TJEA President – Mark De Hertogh**
- II. **TMEA Update – Frank Coachman: Deputy Director**
 - a. **New Virtual Region Audition Process**
 - i. No Auditions prior to October 3rd
 - ii. Contests must end two weeks prior to judging
 - 1. Directors will verify entries during those two weeks
 - iii. There is one single and final deadline for all auditions
 - iv. Link for students will be provided to directors on TMEA website
 - 1. Each instrument is a “class” each contest is a “campus”
 - v. August 29th training for region jazz coordinators
 - vi. Attempting to not need FileMaker for region contests
 - b. **2020 Invited Jazz Ensembles**
 - i. Decision coming in a few weeks from the date of this meeting
 - 1. TMEA Board discussions today
 - ii. Possibly inviting more ensembles than usual if TMEA conference is virtual
 - iii. Invited ensembles will be announced September 1st if TMEA conference is in person
- III. **Introduction of Officers and Directors**
 - a. President – Mark De Hertogh
 - b. President Elect – Matt Sawyer
 - c. Treasurer – Heather Mensch
 - d. Secretary – James Cook
 - e. Directors – Dr. Sarah Roberts, Warren Sneed, Preston Pierce
 - f. Executive Officer – Alex Parker
 - g. Webmaster – Heather Mensch
 - h. Newsletter – John Goode
- IV. **2020 TMEA Meeting Minutes: James Cook**
 - a. **Correction of Year Error**
 - b. **Highlights**
 - i. Grant Winners
 - ii. New TJEA symposium format
 - iii. TJEA Hall Of Fame
 - c. **Minutes approved by vote**
- V. **Treasurers Report: David Lown: Prepared by Heather Mensch**
 - a. **Points of interest**
 - i. Symposium Payments
 - ii. Print Packet Payments from previous school year

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- iii. Online Payments for new packets
- iv. iPower Web Renewal Payment

b. Treasurer's report approved by vote

VI. Executive Officer's report: Alex Parker

a. Grant Applications Due October 1st

- i. Dispersed in February

b. TMEA/TJEA Invited Jazz Ensembles

- i. Panel Listening process is complete
- ii. Currently waiting on TMEA 2021 Plans and local ISD plans to be determined

c. Jazz packets online now!

- i. Our printing company has been shut down, so we needed to provide the packets virtually
- ii. The new online format enables us to:
 - 1. Permit individual students to buy music for just their instrument at an affordable rate
 - 2. Get music to schools and students very quickly
- iii. Possible future benefits to this process include:
 - 1. Easier chart differentiation
 - 2. Keep costs down for schools moving forward

d. Addition of new Improv and Drum etudes for next year

- i. This will enable true randomizing of the Drum Etudes and Improvisation tracks.
- ii. Send suggested addition improv tunes to Alex Parker
- iii. Attempting to feature Texas Jazz Composers for the Drum Etudes
- iv. Introducing drum etudes without a backing tracks to ensure drummers are developing food time
- v. Stockton Helbing to compose a new etude

VII. Symposium Update: Matt Sawyer

a. Planning has begun for a virtual or an in-person symposium

- i. Two Tracks – Instrumental/Vocal
 - 1. Chris McQueen (Snarky Puppy) – Improvisation/rhythmic building blocks
 - 2. Stockton Helbing – Incorporating Jazz History
 - 3. Aaron Lington (San Jose State University) – Rehearsal Techniques
 - 4. Horatio Gomez (Hanks HS)
 - 5. Erica Uribe (Vela MS)

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6. Jarred Carlton (Ranch View HS) – Build jazz program from ground up and starting a MS feeder

VIII. Hall of Fame Update: Preston Pierce

- a. We will be posting Inductees on the TJEA website and will be honoring them with a trophy or plaque
 - i. Original nomination deadline was August 1st
 1. Deadline has been extended to September 15th
 - ii. Email nominees to [Alex Parker@baylor.edu](mailto:Alex_Parker@baylor.edu)
 - iii. Re-submit nominees if they were not selected last year

IX. Discussion Items

a. Diversity committee: Dr. Sarah Roberts

- i. The need to establish such a committee was discussed by the board at the most recent board meeting
- ii. The committee will gather data and report suggested initiatives to the board
- iii. Email SRoberts@uttyler.edu with interest in joining the committee to support diversity and inclusion in our effort to further jazz education in Texas

b. TJEA sponsored online masterclasses: Mark De Hertogh, Dr. Sarah Roberts

- i. We have available funds and want to spend them
- ii. Easier to find high-level clinicians available on zoom
- iii. Intended audience/platform will be discussed by board

X. New Business

a. We are looking for suggestions to get more traffic on the website

- i. Suggested listening page
- ii. Transcription resources for students
- iii. There are some legal/permission obstacles for both of those items, but we will be looking at them

b. Question from membership regarding expectations during region auditions

- i. Local TMEA Region Jazz coordinator would be the first line of contact
- ii. TMEA website has detailed information regarding region audition process under the *Band Division* tab on the home page.

c. Question from the membership: Can we add a “renew membership” link to the website.

- i. Potential obstacles were listed, but this can be looked into

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d. Question from the membership: Do we have a mentorship program?

- i. It has been discussed, but we have not established the program
 - 1. If you are interested in mentoring someone, please email Alex Parker and include a short bio
- ii. Can we partner our mentor program with the established TMEA mentor program?
 - 1. It could be possible to get it on our website, then include a link on the TMEA website

e. Membership suggestion: We are currently missing an opportunity to work with Vincent Gardener and Andre Heyward

- i. Suggest we try to integrate some of their work into TJEA

f. Reminder to submit etudes to Alex Parker

XI. Meeting Adjourned: 5:03 PM