

West Michigan Jazz Society

Board Meeting Agenda

January 16, 2021 9:30 am

Zoom

I. Call to order/Roll Call 10:00 AM

Present: Jim & Peni Reed, Jake Vanderheyden, Kevin Jones, Shannan Denison, Jordan VanHemert, Michelle Needham, Dr. Dan Ohlman, Tim Froncek, Jerry Scott and John Miller also in attendance.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Jan will not be doing the minutes.

III. Review and Approval of Financials, Peni R. motioned and Jake V. seconded. All were in favor  
November financials were minimal.

IV. Open Business

A state level grant is being applied for with the state of Michigan. We can qualify for up to 20K. Jake V. and Jim R. are working on the application. Awards will be granted on a first come first serve basis. Kevin J. suggested that they use GR Noir's letterhead for the venue cost, etc.

B. Speaking of Jazz:

We're running \$100 ads on FB. All the previous talks were uploaded to our Youtube channels.

1. Update/Message from Local 56

2. Board support and promotion

C. Schedule/Guest Ideas Jazz at Millennium Park – Reserved for 2021

We have Millennium Park reserved and the park is paying our \$350/week reservation fee

D. Federal/State Grants – Jazz in the Park & Educational – Add Juneteenth Event

Jennifer G. is working on our grant updates

E. Musician of the Year Event Watermark Country Club – On hold

F. Fundraising Event 2021 – Tabled until MOY is planned

G. Black History Month

1. Virtual Talks: Speaking of Jazz

4 panels scheduled for talks including Elgin Vines, Paul Smith and Doc Sawyer

2<sup>nd</sup> week is black women in jazz. Edye Evans Hyde, Gayelynn McKinney

Marion Hayden and Akua Dixon for a panelist discussion

3<sup>rd</sup> week is for the young lions: Evan Hyde, Jay Sawyer, Xavier Davis and Quincy Davis

Jordan is working the connections for more streams with other organizations.

March we'll have Rick Holland, and Rev. Millard F. Southern II,

Peni suggested that board members who teach music should have their students watching.

## 2. Virtual Performances GR Noir

Two bands playing on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at GR Noir for a total of \$1400 with some sponsorship help for an outlay of \$600 for WMJS.

Kevin J. mentioned that the acoustics at GR Noir aren't great and suggested that Jim A. be contracted to transmit the sound and video for this production. Kelvin Sholar & Nate Winn will be playing with Elgin Vines for the second band and use the difference to pay Jim A. to make sure the sound and video look good.

3. Video Montage: Joe (one of Jordan's friends) will do a video montage for WMJS to be presented who did an interview with Martine Dalton about Mel (her dad) Dalton. Kevin J. will ask board members via email and cc Joe to inquire about other contacts that would be good for the video montage.

H. Juneteenth Event: Tabled

I. Jazz Jams at Sandy Point Beach House – On Hold

J. Noto's Supper Club – On Hold

K. WKTV/WMJS – JazzWorks Program – Availability for meeting with Tom N

Michelle will email board members for a ZOOM call about it.

L. Wine & Canvas Jazz Fundraiser - on Hold

V. New business

A. Secretary Position – Jake has continued to do these duties for now, but please let Michelle know if there is someone outside of the board who is able to do it.

C. North American Saxophone Alliance Conference

Diego Rivera will be the featured jazz on March 19<sup>th</sup> and Jordan will be facilitating the virtual conference.

I. WMJS Board Committee Updates

A. Executive/Strategic Planning – Board President is the chair - No updates other than what has been discussed today.

1. Discuss need to do committee meetings throughout the month to coordinate and come up with plans to bring to the board

- B. Nominating Committee – chair Mary Rademacher-Reed – No updates
- C. Jazz Program Committee – chair Jerry Scott

Jerry is reaching out to Jordan to start planning the musicians for Jazz at Millennium Park.

- D. Treasury Committee – chair Jim Reed

- 1. Planned Estate Giving –Shannan Denison

- E. Marketing/Communications Committee – chair Jake Vanderheyden

- 1. Newsletter Update – As soon as we get the Black History month information, this will be sent to the printer. Hopefully by next week. Jake will also be doing an email blast about Black History month events.

- F. Membership Committee – chair Kevin Jones (Lauren Starke, Membership Coordinator)

Michelle is setting up a Zoom call with Kevin, Lauren, and Jim.

- 1. Membership Renewals 1/1/21 – Need committee meeting/action plan

- G. Scholarship Committee – chair John Miller

Look at other opportunities to get students to apply. Kevin, Jordan and Tim will reach out to students and give information on where to apply. Jake is going to work with Dave to update the form to be a Google Doc which can easily be updated online and will be easy for John and Jim to print.

- H. Education Committee – chair Tim Froncek

- II. Adjournment, Next Meeting – We agreed to do the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month to get us back on schedule and make it consistent for everyone to plan on meetings. The next meeting is February 27, 2021 at 9:30am on Zoom.