

## New Horizons Program Council Meeting

Minutes of November 21, 2013

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Sue Ames - Concert Band	Tina Persia – Green Band
Joyce Fleck - Chorus	Howard Potter – ECMS Assoc. Dean
Tina Persia - Green Band	Patricia Ristuccia – Green Strings
Art Kolko - Vintage Jazz, Saxophone Ensemble	David Stern – Orchestra
Mike McKain - Clarinet Ensemble	
Sandy VanHooydonk (for Kathy Weber) – Symphonic Band, Big Band	

Approval of minutes - The minutes of April 11, 2013 were approved as written.

NH Program Fund annual report – H. Potter gave the annual report as required by the provisions in the Memo of Understanding for this fund. He distributed the reports for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, detailing the expenses, deposits and balances for the fund. The current balance is \$5,539 with a projected balance at the end of this year to be approximately \$500 after expenses. Copies of the report can be obtained from S. Ames.

NH Gifts/Legacy/Endowment Fund – H. Potter reported that no further work has been done on the endowment fund project.

NH documentary/WXXI partnership – P. Hall from the documentary committee reported that fundraising for the documentary exceeded the goal and will allow for enhancing the project. H. Potter has been working on a contract between Eastman School of Music and WXXI. It is feasible that the documentary will be completed within a year. WXXI will show it locally and has plans to distribute it to other PBS stations. The committee is discussing ways to promote the video and hold a celebration for NH members.

NH holiday party – S. Ames distributed flyers about the party and reminded reps that the deadline for purchasing tickets is Tuesday, November 26.

NH Program Website – S. Ames reported that several NH member photos have been added to the website after additional photos were recently taken by R. Uhlig and D. Cole. Members need to be encouraged to send in their bios. H. Potter requested that S. Whitman submit a list of website expenses to him for reimbursement. S. Ames will contact S. Whitman.

Purpose of the NH Program Council – It was agreed that as this council becomes more established, consideration should be given to forming a statement of purpose. S. Ames asked reps to consider the proposed statement (listed on the meeting agenda) and be prepared to further discuss at the next meeting. H. Potter believes that as this council develops, there may no longer be a need for a separate Band Council as it exists now.

Publicity for recruitment and performances

- NH brochure - H. Potter reported that he expects the revised NH brochure will be sent to him electronically for review within 1-2 weeks. NH conductors and members involved in the revision will be asked to review it before printing. S. Ames will follow up with him.
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- Recruitment - H. Potter reported that 4-5 people attended the fall orientation meeting for those interested in joining New Horizons. S. Ames reported that requests for information are coming in through the "Contact Us" feature on the website. P. Brown responds to those requests. D. Stern will contact the RPO to determine if there is a way to advertise the NH program through the concert programs or some other way.

NH Program Council leadership and representatives – T. Persia will be moving to Concert Band and has been trying to find a member of the Green Band to replace her on the council. The role of council reps as the liaison between the members of NH groups and the council was reviewed. S. Ames will email minutes to council reps and asked reps to share them with NH members. She will continue as the chairperson of the council.

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