

## New Horizons Program Council Meeting

Minutes of October 16, 2014

### PRESENT: (indicated by X)

X Concert Band - Sue Ames	Chorus - no representative
X ECMS, Associate Dean - Howard Potter,	X Green Strings – Patrice Ristuccia
X Vintage Jazz, Saxophone Ensemble – Arthur Kolko	X Orchestra - David Stern
Clarinet Ensemble – Mike McKain	Green Band – no representative
X Symphonic Band, Big Band - Kathy Weber	Brass Ensemble – Steve Whitman
X Guests – Peggy Hall, Judy Rose, Jean Weaver	

Approval of minutes - The minutes of March 3, 2014 were approved as written.

### NH Budget/Funding

Howard Potter had no report at this time but will present a report at a meeting of the Council to be scheduled for December or January. He did announce that there was an increase in New Horizons tuition this fall due to a significant increase in the rental fee for the church.

NH Gifts/Legacy/Endowment Fund – No report. Committee will be meeting soon.

NH Site Manager – Howard Potter announced that a new paid position of site manager has been created and will be assumed by Stacy Carolan, trumpet mentor. He will set up and take down chairs for rehearsals in the auditorium and also check classrooms after sectional rehearsals to be sure windows are closed, rooms are left in good order, etc.

Suggestion for Recorder Ensemble – Howard Potter received an email inquiring about the possibility of New Horizons beginning a recorder ensemble. He will assess interest and feasibility and respond to the email.

### Publicity for recruitment and performances

- NH brochure and “business” cards - S. Ames reported that any NH members who need either of these items should contact her.
- Recruitment – P. Ristuccia reported that she is finalizing arrangements with Peter Randazzle, the NYSUT (New York State United Teachers) representative for the Rochester region, for New Horizons to promote our program at the October 30<sup>th</sup> workshop for retired teachers. There will be a table staffed by New Horizon members from 8:00am to approximately 10:30 am. NH brochures, business cards, and a computer playing NH concerts will be on display on the table. Concerts will also be shown on a large screen in the auditorium during registration. Steve Whitman is helping with the audiovisuals. Brasso Profundo will play before the main speaker during lunch. A few members of New Horizons are needed to volunteer to be at the table. The Council thanked Patrice for her efforts to arrange this.



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NH documentary/WXXI partnership – P. Hall announced that the New Horizons documentary will be shown on WXXI on Thursday, December 4, at 8:00pm during a fund raising campaign. Members of New Horizons will be asked to wear their red NH shirts and answer the phones as donors call in. Arrangements are underway for a preview showing of the documentary for New Horizons members on Wednesday, December 3. There will be a VIP showing on December 2 in Hatch Hall for invited guests including WXXI staff, Dean of Eastman School of Music and other staff, donors, etc. Roy Ernst, founder of New Horizons will be invited to attend these events. The Council thanked Peggy and her committee for their commitment to the project and its completion.

NH Program Website

S. Ames reported that the Musician page of the website will be updated by adding photos and bios of new members and deleting information about former members. Council reps should send names of new members (indicate which instrument they play) to her. Information about the NH documentary will be added to the website.

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NH Holiday Party – S. Ames reported for Johanna Casciano who is making arrangements for the party scheduled for Monday, December 1. All NH members, guests, conductors, and mentors are invited. There will be an open bar and appetizers beginning at 5:00pm and dinner will be served at 6:15pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Onyx Clarinet Quartet and the Big Band. Tickets are \$24. Checks should be made out to New Horizons Program and sent to Paula Sousa, Symphonic Band member. Flyers with further information will be available soon.

NH Outreach - Arthur Kolko reported there are 20 NH band members going to School 22 each week to tutor students on their instruments. Judy Rose reported that a similar program will soon start at School 42. She is exploring other volunteer opportunities in the city schools to help students learn to play band and string instruments She and Arthur are meeting with Lynn Hannan, music director for the Rochester City School District, today to further discuss volunteer options. Interested New Horizons members should contact Judy or Arthur for more information. A slogan has been selected for NH Outreach – “Play It Forward”.

Liz Hannan

NH Program Council leadership and representatives

Currently there are no representatives for the Green Band or chorus. S. Ames will contact these groups about the unfilled positions.

Next meeting

The next meeting will focus on the funding for the New Horizons Program and be scheduled for December or January.

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S. Ames, Recorder

