New Horizons Program (NHPC) Council Meeting

Minutes of April 9, 2015

PRESENT: (indicated by **X**)

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

Approval of minutes – The minutes of January 29, 2015, were approved as amended with the following clarification. There is no charge for audio recordings of NH concerts in Kodak Hall. There is a fee for video recordings.

"Music for Life" funding - Peggy Hall and other members of the documentary committee, Howard Holmes, Elaine Miller, and Kathy Weber were present. Peggy gave a statement about completion of the committee's work and presented a check for $3,113.28 for the New Horizons Program Fund. The statement is at the end of the minutes.

Growth & Development of NHPC – Council reps discussed which NH groups should have reps to the Council. Discussion to continue at the next meeting. The importance of reps communicating information from Council meetings by sending out meeting minutes, etc. was emphasized.

NH Budget and Funding – Jean Weaver reported that revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the New Horizons Program Fund have been completed and signed by Howard Potter and Sue Ames. Copies of the memorandum were distributed to each Council rep for them to share with their ensembles.

Howard and the Eastman Community Music School are tracking payment of tuition fees for NH members. Several members have not paid and will be contacted. He will check to see if there are guidelines for pro-rating tuition for members who join at different points in the semester. Council reps and Howard agreed that after potential new members attend 2-3 rehearsals to "try out" an ensemble, they should start paying tuition if they want to join.

NH Gifts & Bequests Committee – Council reps agreed that this should be a committee of the NH Program Council rather than of the Band Council. S. Ames will seek support for this at the next Band Council meeting. The Committee will be working with Howard to create a process for promptly sending information to the Committee about donations so they can send out thank you notes to the donors.

NH Publicity & Recruitment - S. Ames reported that we will have a table to promote New Horizons at a showcase sponsored by St. John's Embrace Living Program on May 21, at the JCC. P. Rusticcia will arrange materials for our display. Volunteers to be at our table are needed. She will also be contacting Peter Randazzo (NYSUT rep) to ask if we can participate again next fall in their conference. An offer to advertise the NH program in the 55 Plus magazine was reviewed (3 issues for $1395). The Council agreed that this was too costly and not necessary.

NH Program Website – S. Ames reported that the website was recently updated extensively. Reps are encourage to send in information for the website and sending in corrections if needed.

NH apparel with logos – S. Ames reported that over $3700 worth of apparel was sold. Three NH ensembles ordered group shirts. Consideration is being given to having a group sale during the fall and spring of each year. In between sales, NH members can order merchandise individually.

NH Program Council leadership and representatives – Representatives present at the meeting agreed to continue as representatives for next year. S. Ames will continue as chairperson.

Next meeting – The next meeting will be scheduled for fall. Knowing that there is no ideal meeting time, reps discussed rotating the day of the week when meetings are held and will try this.

S. Ames, Recorder

Statement from Peggy Hall, chair of the documentary committee:

We wish to thank members of the Rochester New Horizons chorus, orchestra, and bands for their enthusiasm and participation as "Music for Life" was being produced. We are especially grateful for their generous financial support while we were raising funds for the documentary. We exceeded our goal.

"Music for Life" was received enthusiastically by the community and will now be distributed nation wide. The evening it was broadcast on WXXI as a fund raiser, the station raised over $20,000.

The team decided to give $3,113.28 to the Eastman Rochester New Horizons Program Fund so it can be used by all groups to benefit them in the future

Kathy Weber, Elaine Miller, Howard Homes and Peggy Hall
The New Horizons Documentary Team