

New Horizons Program (NHPC) Council Meeting

Minutes of March 22, 2016

PRESENT: (indicated by X)

X Concert Band - Sue Ames
X ECMS, Associate Dean - Howard Potter,
Vintage Jazz, Saxophone Ensemble – Art Kolko
X Clarinet Choir – Mike McKain
X Symphonic Band, Big Band – Linda Farr
X Green Band Conductor – Priscilla Brown

Chorus – Doug Unell
X Green Strings – Deb Hall (sub)
X Orchestra – Sharon Hicks (sub)
Green Band – No representative
X Alex Pena – Orchestra Conductor

Thank you – S. Ames welcomed and thanked Doug Unell for joining the NH Program Council as the Chorus representative, D. Hall substituting for P. Ristuccia as the Green Strings representative, L. Farr substituting for K. Weber as the Symphonic Band and Big Band representative, and conductors P. Brown and A. Pena for attending the meeting.

Approval of minutes from October 29, 2015 – Approved as written.

NH Budget and Funding – H. Potter reported on the financial status of the New Horizons program and the New Horizons Program Fund. He will send Council reps the spread sheet outlining NH income and expenditures starting Fall 2015 until now. He will send the report to S. Ames who will forward it to council reps. NH members should contact S. Ames if they would like to see the report. Approximately 98% of those participating in NH have registered and paid tuition. The Council agreed that there is still work to be done to ensure that everyone pays tuition for each ensemble they participate in. The current balance of the New Horizons Program Fund is \$3,280. Some scholarships are paid from this fund. The money available for use from the San Fillipo fund is used completely for NH scholarships.

NH Gifts & Bequests Committee – Donors are encouraged to donate to the New Horizons Program Fund to give gifts to honor a member for special occasions such as birthdays and holidays, as well as for memorial gifts. The process for New Horizons to send out acknowledgment of gifts continues to break down. The Committee will follow up on a suggestions from A. Pena for a way to directly request information about donations and also request that donation information be added to the UR website. Responding to a question about the usefulness of the New Horizons Program Fund, H. Potter emphasized that the New Horizons Program Fund is very important, especially for covering unexpected expenses. The Committee will work on creating donation envelopes and a brochure with information for creating a legacy to honor New Horizons.

Messinger Hall Renovations – H. Potter presented information about the planned renovation that will make the building more amenable to the needs of the Eastman Community Music School. He will send us fliers describing the project and information about giving gifts to support the project. Plans for the New Horizons music library, currently housed in Messinger Hall, need to be discussed and it may be moved to another site.

New Horizons Member Handbook – Council reps are still interested in expanding the current Band Member Handbook into a New Horizons Member Handbook. There will be further discussion at the next meeting in the fall. To prepare for this discussion, S. Ames urged Program Council reps to read through the Band Member Handbook to determine what information in it is relevant to all NH members, what would need revision, and what specific information about their ensemble would be included

NH Publicity & Recruitment - P. Ristuccia will organize our New Horizons display for the St. John's "Embrace Living" showcase on May 19. At 4:00pm that day, NH will be given the Spirit award by the St. John's Foundation. She will also arrange for us to have a display at the NYSUT retiree conference in the fall.

NH apparel with logos – S. Ames reported that there is now a link "Apparel" on the website (www.rocnewhorizons.org) that can be used to order apparel and other item with the NH logo. Alternatively, orders can be placed by going to the vendor – see the link for this information. There are now more items available including denim shirts, scarves, various totes, etc.

Other – D. Unell reported that the chorus is small in number and would like to increase in size. They would appreciate marketing support to help them find more members.

Next meeting – The next meeting will be scheduled in the fall.

S. Ames, Recorder