

**New Horizons Program Council
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019**

Present: Craig George, Nancy Peters, JoAnn Kane- DeMott, Ron Uhlig, Elisa Root, Linda Marsters, Susan Miller, Nancy Stocker, Patrice Ristuccia, Paula Sousa, Peter Kodzas.

Chairperson Paula Sousa welcomed all present to the first meeting of the newly organized Program Council and thanked Peter Kodzas for coming.

Committee Reports:

Green Band--Craig George

Green band now has a record number of 50 members. Several members recently took the opportunity to take a guided tour of the Sibley Music Library. Members were issued Student ID's when Eli Campbell came to rehearsal and took photos of all the members. NH members are encouraged to have them because there are many opportunities available within the Eastman Community Music School, and the photo ID is the key to them.

Green Strings--Patrice Ristuccia

We have nearly doubled in size and have a new conductor/director, Cheryl Guth. We are now able to get our music from the NH website and are saving money from snack break to put toward music, gifts, etc. We have three mentors from Eastman School for violins, violas, and cellos. In the future we hope to have gigs and perhaps have a guest conductor.

Band Council--Susan Miller

Band council met on October 8 . Following are highlights from the meeting:

The Gig Committee has set up five gigs already and is looking for suggestions for a site in April.

The Garden Stroll held by PIF in August raised \$5,335.00, giving PIF a balance of \$10,678.21.

The Band Fund balance is \$2,826.80.

Hospitality is off to a slow start with fewer visitors to the cookie & coffee area. It was suggested that we serve cold, sugar free drinks.

Nancy Stocker reports that the FB page is a big success, with people viewing and sharing our posts. She invites all members to take pictures and videos. They can be sent to her at nancystocker001@aol.com. She has invited retired teachers from several school districts to join NH as well as sending flyers about upcoming concerts to several senior organizations, the D&C, Pennysavers and Channel 8. She is also going to contact Chamber of Commerce groups, Rotary and Lions clubs and advertise through town email sites as recruitment strategies.

The bands had a visit from Christopher Seaman on October 22 and are looking into the possibility of having an ESM faculty guest conductor early in 2020.

Petar Kodzas is interested in supporting our Play It Forward program by offering EMS students and ECMS faculty as teaching assistants to a school's music teacher. He'd like to include a teaching artist who would help in classes such as drumming circle, guitar and ukulele. He's focusing on Schools 22 and 42.

PIF is also supporting students taking private lessons. The volunteers are waiting for the music teachers to set up schedules for them to work with their students.

Angela Mambro is still selling NH license plate holders.

Susan stressed the need for section volunteers to help with the one-time small jobs such as collecting money, getting concert info out, and communicating other information within each section.

Chorus--JoAnn Kane-DeMott

Chorus now has 32 members and has updated the website with photos of members. They have five performances scheduled for December: Pittsford Village Candlelight Night, NH holiday party at Burgundy Basin Inn, Washington Square, First Universalist Church, and Lowery Hall. In the new year the chorus will perform at St. John's Home.

Social Media/Facebook-- Nancy Stocker:

Nancy has been posting about the Concert and Symphonic bands. When members of other groups send her information, she posts it. She can publicize upcoming group events if it is a public event. She can also post pictures of events that have already occurred. Our band concerts can be posted on a site called *BeyondtheNest*. (<https://rochester.beyondthenest.com>). It is a great place to see all upcoming events in the Rochester area. Groups should send her information about their activities so that she can put it on Facebook. Please have your members "like" this page and ask friends to "like" it. She is posting an event page, and hopefully, it will show up on your personal page. Contact her if you have any suggestions. A MAJOR SHOUT OUT to Steve Whitman and Mike McKain for setting up the Facebook page

Roster Maintenance and Sheet Music Website-- Ron Uhlig

Ron has kindly submitted the following explanation of the New Horizons Websites:

There are three websites related to the Rochester New Horizons program:

<http://www.rocnewhorizons.org/> --Maintained by Steve Whitman (stevewhitman27@gmail.com).

This website has a variety of information, including bands rehearsal schedule, ensembles, directors, mentors, musicians (pictures and bios), Play it Forward, links to recordings of concerts, etc.

The website committee, led by Steve Whitman, is working to update the Musicians' page. NH members should check the page to see that their name is listed and spelled correctly. If not, they should contact Steve Whitman. If they want to add a bio to go along with their name, they should send it to Steve (stevenwhitman17@gmail.com). If they want to add a photo they should contact Ron Uhlig (ronuhlig@gmail.com).

www.rocnhmusic.org/ -- Maintained by Ron Uhlig (ron@rocnhmusic.org)

This website does only two things: it has the music files for a number of ensembles, including Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Red Band, Green Band, Green Strings, Holiday Music, Antique Brass, Jazz Ensemble, and Big Band. Clarinet Choir has indicated interest in having their music cataloged. .

It contains the roster database. Rosters of all New Horizons musicians can be displayed as well as those of individual ensembles. They can be sorted by last name, first name, instrument, and zip code. The rosters are also password protected. The password is the same as for the music.

The home page for the website contains a list of all the ensembles that use it for their sheet music distribution. Lower on the page is a link to the Roster page.

Below the Roster is a link that is simply labeled exec. This link takes you to a page that can display lists of email addresses for the various ensembles. These lists are for the use of Program Committee officers for Program Committee communications to the musicians. It uses a different password. This password can be made available to other members of the Program Council at the discretion of the officers.

The Third Website is www.esm.rochester.edu/community/programs/newhorizons/ -- Maintained by ECMS staff.

This website has information on all the New Horizons ensembles, rehearsal and concert schedules, and the Roc New Horizons Member Handbook. There is also a link to the registration page. Registration is required of all New Horizons members.

Holiday Party -- Nancy Peters

The party is at Burgundy Basin Inn on December 4. Burgundy Basin required a guarantee of 125 attendees to hold the date. Nancy is collecting checks at rehearsal breaks.

Gifts and Legacy Coordinator -- Elisa Root

Elisa will meet soon with Daryl Kaplan and Jean Weaver who will help her transition into the position.

Full Orchestra -- Daryl Kaplan

Daryl has stepped into the coordinator's position due to Marjorie Relin's health issues.

Most of the orchestra's committee volunteers are in place.

Eastman Community Music School -- Peter Kodzas

Introductory statements assured NH of the solid role that NH has in the ECMS program. We have a good relationship with the Unitarian Church and plan to continue there. Petar was happy to report that NH continues to expand and represents about 17% of ECMS enrollment. He includes news about us in his monthly newsletter. The Program Fund has a balance of \$34,957.00. New timpani was purchased this past summer. Our next project is updating the NH brochure. ECMS and NH share big milestones in 2021: ECMS--100 years; NH--30years! Plans are underway for a celebration.

New Business - Paula Sousa

NHIMA Open House: March 8-14, 2020. We are registered, and all ensembles have been invited to take part. Linda Marsters has agreed to be the contact person.

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