Iowa City New Horizons Band Steering Committee

December 4, 2012 – End of year financials were presented and approved. Income was higher than anticipated in part because of higher contributions. Expenses were also higher because all of the year's music was purchased ahead of schedule due to a higher discount from West Music. Expenses were $171 greater than the income collected. Fees for Spring 2013 were approved at the same rate of $65. Account balance is about $5,200 going into the spring term. Some reserve is needed to pay for expenses associated with an out of town performance should we be able to secure one such as at the Iowa Bandmasters. The Coralville Performing Arts Center has a master DVD recording of our August 2012 concert; one copy will be secured and it copying it will be explored for band members. Also a sign-up sheet will be available for those interested in buying a copy of Don Coffman's last ICNHB concert of May 12, 2011.

Steering Committee voted to go in to executive session to discuss further the non-profit status vs. incorporation; consensus at the ICNHB's annual meeting on October 4, 2012 was that band members need more information on the benefits and drawbacks of becoming a non-profit organization; a pros and cons list of non-profit status will be prepared. West Music logo is to be added to our programs as a sponsor.

November 15, 2012 -- Treasurer reported that all members are current on their dues; librarian duties will be handled by Jeanette Carter and Sheila Stevenson; Chuck Kreeb will continue as the primary copyist for the band; and the purchase of a new gong was approved; dates of ensemble and band performances were reviewed.

October 16, 2012 -- Former Steering Committee member Gene Spaziani reviewed what he learned at a workshop on forming a non-profit organization. Since band members were surprised about consideration given to becoming a non-profit organization, it was suggested that other New Horizons bands be contacted to compare how they are organized. Recordings of the August 2012 concert and Don Coffman's last concert will be available for purchase. Sign-up sheets will be distributed to ascertain the number of copies to be reproduced. Steering Committee officers in their present positions will be retained: Jon Cryer, Chair; Steve Schomberg, Treasurer; Roscoe Porch, Secretary.

May 15, 2012 – Treasurer reported that the band has 65 active members. No major expenses are anticipated for May or the summer. The projected bank reserve in September is $2,847. Erin indicated that she prefers not to request for non-band member community volunteers during the summer band program to fill holes just to have a balanced instrumentation if that need should happen. Michelle announced that the fiscal year parking rates will increase to $100/year. Rates will also increase for non-Iowa City residents. She noted that 80% of the Senior Center operational income comes from Iowa City taxpayers. The Iowa City Manager would like to ease the burden on Iowa City taxpayers and make all non-Iowa City residents share the costs effective September 1st. Steve reported that around 70% of eligible voters exercised their right during the recent bylaws vote. The committee will soon determine by random drawing who will serve the staggered terms and who the one person is whose term will expire. Erin indicated that Nic Coffman, the Silver Swing Jazz Band director, will be moving to the west coast and that another director will be appointed. Erin is in contact with Nic about securing the recording of his dad's last concert. Erin is addressing the issue of student instructors for the fall.

April 17, 2012 -- The arrangements for Emily Akumo, international visitor from Kenya, were determined (Akumo subsequently canceled her trip); summer concert dates were confirmed by June 17th in City Park and July 31 at the Coralville Performing Arts Center with a suggested donation ($5 or $10) to be divided between the CPAC and the Senior Center; further discussion of Nichols, IA band shell as a concert venue ended with the conclusion that the self-directed ensembles should be invited to perform rather than the concert band; the treasurer reported that for Winter term donations are higher than anticipated and tuition is lower than anticipated resulting in a small deficit for the term that will be covered by the reserve balance; the recommended changes in the bylaws were approved to be offered to the full membership for a vote.

March 20, 2012 -- The joint summer band concert with the Iowa City Community Band is scheduled for Sunday, June 17; a potential concert in the Nichols, IA band shell was discussed and decided that if a concert in that location it would be best done during the summer; summer calendar was approved with rehearsals May 29 through August 2 with the week of July 4th off; it was decided to offer to the band revised bylaws for the structure of the steering committee and the timing of when a new steering committee would assume responsibilities; the specific changes will be discussed at the next meeting; summer concert dates were discussed including holding a concert at the Performing Arts Center in Coralville.

February 21, 2012 – Honorary band member status was granted to Jerry Zinn; Treasurer reported that as was the case in 2010, the fall term expenses exceed income, however, it is anticipated that by the end of Summer Session for the budget to be balanced or only a small deficit; band members who qualify for the Senior Center Scholarship Program will have their NHB fees waived; Dr. Wehr will guide the band librarians in removing music from the folders, deciding what music goes to storage, continuing to hunt for lost/misplaced scores and will assure the information is on the website; a box has been established for refilling music; Jan Rawley and Glo Berry volunteered to be responsible for sending cards to ICNHB members who are sick or hospitalized and to those families of deceased ICNHB members; Dr. Wehr will direct the band for the summer; it was decided that the fall is the best time for a band social as it is the time when new members are traditionally welcomed.