

Iowa City New Horizons Band
Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2017

Steering Committee members attending: Joyce Marner, David Carlson, Steve Murphy, Karla Laubenthal, William Laubengayer, Alice Atkinson

Joyce called the meeting to order at 10:40. The minutes from January 19 were approved. The budget for 2017-18 was discussed and it was noted that there was an added expense of \$500 for liability insurance and \$200 was added to our contribution to the Senior Center for the coming year. The band dues basically pay for the salaries for the directors and the student ensemble leaders. They are adequate for now but we need to watch expenses.

The drum set that has been donated to the band by the Spaziani family has currently been stored by Erin. Potential use for it was discussed. The new Directories should be printed after band membership is established in early fall.

New Business: Karla has agreed to serve as Treasurer next year as Marilyn Van Roekel has moved to Colorado. The Treasurer will continue to collect dues from Band members and Bob Hansen will hold the checkbook and write checks from the account held by the Friends of the Iowa City New Horizons Band.

The need for a written Code of Conduct was discussed. This could include the bands relationship to the director on the podium as well as to each other. Joyce and Alice volunteered to look for examples.

Plans for the Kick off Potluck were reviewed. The Potluck will be held the Thursday before Labor Day. David had a copy of the invitation created by Jerry Stamp. It will be sent to members of the New Horizon Band, Monday Night Live, Linn Street Band, Silver Swing, student instructors and band directors after the July concert and again in August before the Potluck. The North Pavilion Shelter has been reserved from 5:00 to 9:00. The committee has decided not to ask a small group play this year and to use minimal decorations.

The group discussed several policy issues. The policy of allowing qualified New Horizon Band members to conduct a piece of their choice with the band was approved. Members who do not attend all rehearsals but consider themselves as part of the band will be asked to pay band dues. This is a problem with summer band. At the end of spring band, the chair will ask people who consider themselves part of summer band to please pay dues.

Joyce volunteered to send an email to everyone about Erin's status before band resumes in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Alice Atkinson, Secretary