

Iowa City New Horizons Band ANNUAL MEETING

October 20, 2015

The annual meeting of the Iowa City New Horizons Band (ICNHB) was called to order at 0931 by Steering Committee Chair Jean Hill. All current members of Steering Committee were present as were a majority of the ICNHB members.

A motion by Gene Spaziani, seconded by Joyce Marner, was made to approve the minutes of the 2014 annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry Musser reported we currently have 64 paid members and we do have a quorum today. Silver Swing members not in ICNHB are also paying dues. We have a current balance of \$1,481.48. All fees for students and director for the fall 2015 semester have been forwarded to the University for distribution.

Introduction of candidates: Jan Rowley and Gene Spaziani were on the nominating committee that selected the following candidates for two positions on the Steering Committee.

Martin Hill (bassoon), William Laubengayer (clarinet, etc), Karla Laubenthal (flute), Joyce Marner (flute), and Marilyn Van Roekel (saxophone)

Margy Winkler and Bill Gauger were tellers for this election. Balloting was done twice, due to a tie vote after the first count. William Laubengayer and Joyce Marner were elected to 3 year terms on the ICNHB Steering Committee.

Report of the Steering Committee by Jean Hill:

- 1) Acknowledgement of Ken Slonneger and Jan Hansen for their terms on the Steering Committee.
- 2) Shelia Stevenson and Jeanette Carter were thanked for their work in maintaining the music library and inventory of instruments.
- 3) Glo Berry and Jan Rowley were acknowledged for their work on the Sunshine Committee.
- 4) Steve Schomberg and David Carlson were thanked for their work maintaining the ICNHB website. The ICNHB will assume the website cost of \$75 per year.
- 5) Nancy Wombacher gave a report on FICNHB (see attached).

Status of ICNHB relationship with Senior Center/contract with FICNHB:

The ICNHB is close to having a contract with the Senior Center. Regarding issues of ownership of our percussion instruments and music: Over the past year our pro-bono attorney, David Bright, has proven that we are a legal entity and that the instruments and music, given to the ICNHB or purchased with band funds, do belong to ICNHB. The contract is an agreement between the Center and the Friends of ICNHB (FICNHB), as a non-profit organization, and is a variation of the standard Independent Contractor contract required by the Senior Center and City of Iowa City. The NHB Steering Com-

mittee and the FICNHB Board have been involved in negotiations through our attorney, David Bright. Nancy Wombacher and Jean Hill have been the point-persons for both groups.

Other highlights of the **proposed** version of the ICNHB/Senior Center contract include:

- 1) Continued music storage on the mezzanine in City-owned file cabinets. However, we must remove the kitchen storage (UI file cabinets) by December 1, 2015. Ensemble music has been removed from the mezzanine cabinets and the music in the kitchen file cabinets will be incorporated into the mezzanine cabinets, and the kitchen file cabinets will go into the TA office at the University, to hold the ensemble music and other “overflow” music. Jeanette Carter and Shelia Stevenson are working on this.
- 2) We can continue to rehearse at the Center. At this time there are no fees for use of the Center for storage, although the Center Commission retains the right to amend the policy and fees.
- 3) Some details of Assembly Room storage, (exclusive vs shared) and dates of the contract are yet to be resolved, although the contract is likely to continue until July 31, 2016.
- 4) Photocopying charges will be 7 cents per sheet, paid in advance each semester based on usage the previous semester. NHB account balance with the City should cover much of the Fall 2015 copying charges.

Amendments to the By-Laws:

The amendments to the by-laws were presented for adoption. There was no discussion, motion to amend by-laws was made by Ken Slonneger and seconded by Gene Spaziani .

Jean asked the band members to consider volunteering for the publicity committee for the next year.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Alice Atkinson and seconded by David Carlson.

Meeting adjourned at 1002.

David E. Carlson
Secretary