

Providence Federation of Musicians
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Lymansville VFW Post
North Providence, RI
October 30, 2006

Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order: 7:04 P.M.

Roll-Call

Present: President Artie Cabral; Vice-President Al DeAndrade; Secretary-Treasurer Ed Plunkett; Executive Board Members Richard Salzillo and John Worsley.

Attendance

Twenty-seven (27) members present, constituting a quorum.

Secretary's Report

- S/T provides copies of the minutes of the nomination meeting held on October 4, 2005. Member Alex Mansour moves to accept the minutes. VP seconds the motion. The motion carries
- S/T reads the minutes of the last General Membership Meeting held on October 4, 2005. EBM Worsley moves to accept the minutes of the meeting. EBM Salzillo seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

- S/T provides summarized financial reports reflecting income and expenses for the first three quarters of 2006. He notes that, to date, operating expenses have exceeded operating income, but fund-raising activities have made up the difference. Member Alex Mansour inquires whether the Local can survive without its fund-raising activities. S/T replies no. Member John Badessa proposes forming a committee to explore joint fund-raising activities with corporate sponsors. EBM Worsley moves to accept the Treasurer's report. EBM Salzillo seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Announcements

- VP announces that there will be a ceremony at Bovi's Town Tavern on Monday, November 13, in recognition of Bovi's many years of presenting live music.
- VP announces that the annual "Musicians Appreciation Dinner", for those musicians who performed in the Cavalcade of Bands, will be held at Antonio's Restaurant on Tuesday, November 14.
- VP announces that the Local's annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 19, at the Lymansville VFW Post in North Providence.
- VP announces that there will be a Christmas Dance at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet on Tuesday, December 12, featuring bands from Local 198-457.
- VP urges all members to vote on election day, Tuesday, November 7.

Tribute to Bennie Pazienza

- Pres makes a presentation of a plaque to former secretary-treasurer Bennie Pazienza, in honor of his many years of service to Local 198-457. Pres recounts his first experience meeting Bennie on a gig. Bennie Pazienza recounts his experiences with the Musician's Union and how the union helped him to get paid from the entertainer Perry Como. The membership rises for a standing ovation for Mr. Pazienza.

Wage Scale Resolution

- Pres announces that the Wage Scale Committee and the Ballet and Opera Committee have finished their work on revising the wage scale. Pres introduces Ed Drew, chairman of the Wage Scale committee. Chairman Drew reads the wage scale resolution (attached) for approval by the membership. Following action taken:

Schedule II	Passes, without change.
Schedule III	Passes, without change
Schedule IV	Passes, without change
Schedule VII	
Part A	Passes, without change
Part B	Passes, without change
Schedule X	Passes, without change

Adjournment

EBM salzillo moves to adjourn. EBM Worsley seconds. The motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Plunkett
Secretary-Treasurer