

Providence Federation of Musicians
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Local Headquarters

Cranston, RI

June 3, 2008

Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order: 7:05 P.M.

Roll-Call

Present -- President Artie Cabral; Vice-President DeAndrade; Secretary-Treasurer Ed Plunkett; Executive Board Member Richard Salzillo; Executive Board Member John Worsley.

Attendance

Ten (10) members present, constituting a quorum.

In Memoriam

A moment of silence is held for members who have died since the last general membership meeting

- **Gardner Richardson** (5/09/2007)
- **William Dinneen** (7/26/2007)
- **Ernest Giordano** (3/23/2007)

Secretary's Report

- **Minutes of September 7, 2007 Meeting** -- S/T provides copies of the minutes of the previous general meeting held on September 7, 2007. Board Member Worsley moves to accept the minutes. Member Manny Thetonia seconds for the motion. The motion carries.
- **Membership**
 - Life Members 121
 - Regular Members 293
 - Total Membership 414

Treasurer's Report

- As all current financial statements have been printed in the latest issue of the *Fanfare*, S/T declines to repeat the financial report. There are no questions from the floor..

Committee Reports

- **By-Laws Committee** -- Chairman Manny Thetonia reports out seven (7) recommendations for resolutions to amend the By-Laws (copies attached).

- **Recommendation 1 – Resolution for Name Correction and Change to Hours of Operation (Article I, Section 1).** After discussion, Board Member Worsley moves to bring the recommendation to a vote at the membership meeting in July.
- **Recommendation 2 – Resolution to Change Executive Board Meeting Time (Article III, Section 5, Paragraph (B)).** S/T Plunkett explains that the change is needed to provide time to receive and process the monthly bank statements, in order to present accurate financial statements at the monthly Executive Board Meetings. VP DeAndrade asks chairman Thetonia to clarify whether the By-Laws permit members to attend meetings of the Executive Board and, if there is no specific reference in the by-Laws, to add language to this resolution clarifying the members' right to attend. Member Arthur Medeiros moves to bring the resolution to a vote at the July membership meeting. Board Member Salzillo seconds. The motion carries.
- **Recommendation 3 – Resolution to remove legislative powers of Executive Board (Article III, Section 5, Paragraph (H)).** After discussion, Board Member Worsley moves to refer the recommendation back to the By-Laws Committee and to direct the committee to consult the Local's attorney for an interpretation of this clause. The motion is severally seconded and carries.
- **Recommendation 4 – Resolution to expand Indoctrination Committee to Recruitment and Indoctrination Committee (Article II, Section 8; Article XIV, Sections 1 and 5).** EBM Worsley inquires how the AFM's new on-line application system would affect the committee's ability to "check and certify applicants". S/T Plunkett indicates that the Executive Board has final approval of all applicants, even on-line applicants. Board Member Worsley moves to bring the resolution to a vote at the July meeting. The motion is severally seconded and carries.
- **Recommendation 5 – Resolution to create an annual budget process (Article V, Section 1).** S/T Plunkett explains the fiscal importance of establishing a budget process, both for understanding the costs involved in operating the Local and also to provide defined, but limited, authority to the Secretary-Treasurer to conduct the financial affairs of the Local. VP DeAndrade moves to present the resolution to the July meeting for a vote. Board Member Salzillo seconds. The motion carries.
- **Recommendation 6 – Resolution to eliminate duplicative paragraphs (Article V, Section 3, Paragraph (C) and Article V, Section 4).** Chairman Thetonia explains that the language of these two clauses is redundant and that they should be combined into one paragraph and the duplicate language deleted. Board Member Worsley moves to send the resolution to the July meeting for a vote. Board Member Salzillo seconds. The motion carries.
- **Recommendation 7 – Resolution to explicitly specify the name of the official journal, *Fanfare* (Article V, Section 8).** After discussion, member Arthur Medeiros moves to bring the resolution to a vote at the July meeting. The motion is severally seconded and carries.
- **Wage Scale Report** – In the absence of Chairman Ed Drew, committee member Duke Belair presents a "Proposition" from the Wage Scale Committee to amend the Schedule V, Class C Big Band Scale, such that Class A scale shall apply (Proposition

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attached).. Member Arthur Medeiros moves to bring the committee's wage scale proposition to a vote at the July meeting. Board Member Salzillo seconds. The motion carries. VP DeAndrade inquires about the status of his prior wage scale proposal, which was tabled at the September, 2007 meeting. Arthur Medeiros moves to take DeAndrade's proposal off the table. VP DeAndrade seconds. The motion carries. (Copy attached.) In discussion, member Medeiros asks how DeAndrade's proposal would apply or be affected by the committee's proposal. Board Member Worsley moves to send DeAndrade's proposal back to the wage scale committee for review and for the committee to report back at the July meeting. VP DeAndrade seconds. The motion carries.

Adjournment

Board Member Worsley moves to adjourn. Chairman Thetonia seconds. The motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Plunkett
Secretary-Treasurer