

Providence Federation of Musicians
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Local Headquarters
Cranston, RI
February 9, 2010

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order: 7:02 P.M.

Roll-Call

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

Attendance

- Sixteen (16) members present, constituting a quorum.

In Memoriam

- Carl S. King, Jr.
- Arthur Marco, Jr.
- Alessio Calleri (Resigned Member)

Secretary's Report

- **Minutes of December 1, 2009 Meeting** -- S/T Ed Plunkett provides copies of the minutes of the previous General Membership Meeting held on December 1, 2009. Board Member John Worsley moves to accept the minutes. Board Member Richard Salzillo seconds the motion. The motion **carries**.
- **Newport Transfer Members** – S/T reports that, to date, twenty of the fifty eligible members of the former Newport Local have joined the Providence Local.

Treasurer's Report

- S/T Plunkett provides the complete 2009 Profit and Loss statement for the Local. He points out that the net profit for 2009 was \$782.71, as opposed to the surplus of \$6,081.04 that was projected in the 2009 budget. He also notes that the budget surplus was based on holding two *Cavalcade* fund-raising events, when in fact three *Cavalcades* were held in 2009.

S/T explains that if the fund-raising events are excluded from the financial report, then the Local actually had a net operating loss for 2009 of \$22,399.91. He emphasizes that the Local can not survive with such a devastating operating loss.

There is a general discussion of the Local's finances, and of the withdrawn resolution which would have raised membership dues for Life members. Brother **Hank Doiron** questions S/T about some of the expenses in the P&L statement. A number of members express the opinion that the dues increase would have penalized Life members unfairly. VP DeAndrade notes that the disparity between the dues of Life members and regular members is too great in view of the operating cost of the Local, which in 2009 averaged \$262.55 per member.

EBM Worsley moves to accept the Treasurer's Report. EBM Salzillo seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee**

- Chairman **Sandy Gorodetsky** reports that the Finance Committee has examined the financial documents of the Local and found no irregularities in the financial statements. He also mentions that the committee dearly misses the assistance of our late brother **Richard McGuinn**, who, as a professional accountant, was a tremendous asset in reviewing the Local's books.

Chairman Gorodetsky recommends that President Cabral appoint an ad hoc committee to study ways to cut the Local's expenses.

Old Business

- **Voting on Resolutions**

- **Resolution No. 1** -- EBM Worsley moves to approve resolution number 1, as published in the January 2010 *Fanfare*, which eliminates the requirement for delegates to the Pawtucket Central Labor Council, an organization which is now defunct. EBM Salzillo seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously and the resolution is **approved**.
- **Resolution No. 2** – EBM Worsley moves to approve resolution number 2, as published in the January 2010 *Fanfare*, which inserts the words "in good standing" into Schedule V, Class C, Paragraph 2, Line (v) of the PFM Wage Scale. EBM Salzillo seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously and the resolution is **approved**.
- **Resolution No 3** – As published in the January 2010 *Fanfare*, would raise the annual dues for life members by \$15 per year for the next three consecutive years. **Withdrawn by President Cabral.**

New Business

- **Introduction of New Resolutions** – S/T reads three new resolutions, to be voted on at the next general meeting
 - A Resolution to change the PFM by-laws to incorporate the territories of the former Newport Local
 - A resolution to change the requirements for Life membership to age 72.
 - A resolution to cut the Local's expenses by NOT sending delegates to the New England Conference, the AFM Convention and the ICSOM Conference, and by NOT holding a Cavalcade Dinner and a Christmas party.

- **New Committee** -- Brother **Duke Belaire** reiterates Brother Gorodetsky's earlier suggestion to establish a committee to study ways to cut expenses and decide what costs have to be maintained. Brother Belaire moves to have President Cabral appoint a committee to study ways to cut the local's expenses. EBM Salzillo seconds the motion. The motion carries.
- **Benefit for Haiti** – Brother **Arthur Medeiros** asks if members of the Local will be willing to run a fund-raising dance to benefit the victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti. He proposes that the event be held in association with the Providence Central Federated Council and believes that such an event would give the Local a lot of positive publicity and visibility in the Rhode Island area. There is no response from the floor.


Good and Welfare

- Brother Doiron inquires about Health & Welfare dues payments recently made for two members. VP DeAndrade explains the personal circumstances for each of the recipients.
- Brother **Alex Mansour** asks if financial assistance above and beyond dues payments is available for members. Brother Mansour moves not to publish the names of Health & Welfare recipients in the minutes of the Executive Board. The motion fails for lack of a second.
- Brother Gorodetsky asks about a "grant" process for Health & Welfare assistance, which he believes may exist in the by-laws.
- Brother Belaire inquires about the Lester Petrillo fund, which is administered by the AFM in New York.

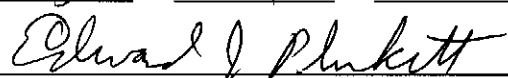
Adjournment

EBM Worsley moves to adjourn. EBM Salzillo seconds the motion. The motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Edward J. Plunkett
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved: 05 / 04 / 2010

Attested: 
(Secretary-Treasurer)