

Providence Federation of Musicians
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Local Headquarters

Cranston, RI

December 6, 2011

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order: 7:05 P.M., Vice-President Al DeAndrade presiding.

Roll-Call of Officers

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

Attendance

- Eighteen (18) members present, constituting a quorum.

Secretary's Report

- **Minutes of October 18, 2011 Meeting** -- S/T Plunkett provides copies of the minutes of the previous General Membership Meeting held on October 18, 2011. Board member John Worsley moves to accept the minutes. Brother **George Masso** seconds the motion. The motion **carries**.

Treasurer's Report

- S/T Plunkett reports unofficial figures, year-to-date, of income of \$99,136.75 and expenses of \$95,133.52, leaving a net profit of \$4,003.23. Cash on hand on November 30 (excluding November interest) was \$105,215.46. Brother **Art Medeiros** moves to accept the Treasurer's report. Board member Richard Salzillo seconds the motion. The motion **carries**.

Announcements

- *Cavalcade of Bands* Tuesday, May 22, 2012
- Annual Golf Tournament Monday, August 27, 2011
Valley Country Club, West Warwick

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee** – Chairman **Sandy Gorodetsky** reads the report of the Finance Committee (Gorodetsky, **John Curzio**, **Greg Wardson**) regarding the resolution introduced at the October 18 General Meeting to raise the salaries of President (\$20,800.00 per year or \$400.00 per week), Secretary-Treasurer (\$20,540.00 per year

or \$395.00 per week) and board members (\$100.00 per board meeting attended). The committee report endorses the idea of raising the salaries of officers and board members and of establishing a regular salary for the office of Vice-President, with the understanding that the Vice-Presidents shall provide support and assistance to the Secretary-Treasurer. However, the report declines to name a specific dollar amount for any of the positions.

Brother **Duke Belaire** asks if the Local can afford to pay the higher salaries. S/T Plunkett provides an explanation of the finances, based on the proposed budget for 2012, which shows a projected surplus of \$17,637.09, plus an increase in the Cavalcade ticket prices of \$5.00, which would generate an extra \$9,000.00. Brother Belaire cautions about raising dues for life members.

Brother **Bill Custer** moves for adoption of the resolution. Brother **John Badessa** seconds the motion

Board member Worsley moves to amend the resolution to establish a salary of \$4,160.00 (\$80.00 per week) for the office of Vice-President, with the understanding that the Vice-President shall spend at least one day per week in the office and shall undertake special projects as directed by the President. Board member Salzillo seconds the motion. The motion to amend the resolution **carries** on a voice vote.

VP calls for a vote on the original motion, as amended. On a voice vote, the motion **carries** and the amended resolution is **approved**.

Board member Worsley extends his gratitude to the members present for approving the salary increases. He says that the changes will bring the Local into the modern era and bode well for the future of the Local. He thanks the members present for their participation and support.

Old Business

- **Frank Castellone** – Brother Art Medeiros asks about former member Frank Castellone who has been performing engagements within the jurisdiction of the Local while belonging to the Woonsocket Local. VP informs Brother Medeiros that the Board has been working on the case and has summoned Brother Castellone to appear and answer charges.

New Business

- **Annual Budget Resolution** – VP asks for consideration of the 2012 budget, which was published in the November-December 2012 issue of *Fanfare*. On a request from the S/T, Brother Medeiros moves to amend the budget to reflect the salary increases which were just approved. Brother Custer seconds the motion to amend the 2012 budget. Brother **Eliot Porter** asks if a revised budget will be prepared and published. S/T responds that he will prepare a revised budget, but in the interests of cost savings, it will be posted on the Local's web site rather than reprinted in *Fanfare*. On a voice vote, the motion to amend the 2012 budget is approved.

Board member Worsley moves to accept the 2012 budget as amended. Brother Medeiros seconds the motion. On a voice vote, the motion **carries** and the 2012 budget, as amended, is **approved**.

Good and Welfare


- **Giuseppe Pettine** – Brother Gorodetsky inquires if anyone present has any knowledge of a musician named Giuseppe Pettine. Gorodetsky represents the descendants of Mr. Pettine, who are seeking to establish an historical repository of Mr. Pettine's manuscripts and musical memorabilia. Brother **Tony Evangelista** responds that he knew Giuseppe Pettine and had played with him.
- **Golf Tournament** – Brother Medeiros asks those present if they would try to bring in friends and associates to play in the Local's golf tournament next year. He would like to see more players in the tournament. VP agrees that the Local needs to bring more players into the tournament.
- **Cavalcade of Bands** – Brother Medeiros suggests that the Local should try to bring some new faces into the lineup of the *Cavalcade of Bands*. He offers to lend his personal musical library and big band "book" to any group that would be willing to play in the ballroom at the Cavalcade.

Brother Belaire suggests changing the style of music at the *Cavalcade*. He says that different styles of music could be tried in the Foyer at Rhodes, without having a negative impact on the *Cavalcade* as a whole. Brother **Mike Marra** disagrees and says that the *Cavalcade* formula has been successful and should not be changed.

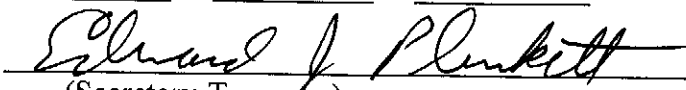
Adjournment

Brother Medeiros moves to adjourn. Brother Badessa seconds the motion. The motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Edward J. Plunkett
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved: 5 1 08 1 2012

Attested: 
(Secretary-Treasurer)