

Providence Federation of Musicians
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Local Headquarters
Cranston, RI
October 27, 2014

MINUTES OF MEETING

Call to Order: 7:12 P.M.

Roll-Call of Officers

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

Sergeant-at-Arms

- Pres appoints Brother **Manny Thetonia** as Sergeant-at-Arms for the duration of the meeting

Attendance

- Eleven (11) members present, constituting a quorum.

In Memoriam

VP reads the names of those members who have died since the last general meeting and asks for a moment of silence.

- **Charles Conte**
- **Louis DeMarco**
- **Joseph Grilli**
- **Donald McLean**
- **Joseph C. Reis, Jr.**

Secretary's Report

- **Minutes of April 29 "Special" Meeting** -- S/T Plunkett provides copies of the minutes of the "Special" Meeting held on April. EBM Worsley moves to accept the minutes of the meeting. Sister **Terri Giviens** seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

- **2014 Year-to-Date Financial Figures** – S/T Plunkett reads a summary of the profit-and-loss statement for the current year, through the end of the current month (October 31, 2014). The report shows income of \$95,045.00 and expenses of \$114,952.68,

leaving a net **loss** of \$19,907.50. Cash on hand on October 31, 2014 is \$55,784.62, down from \$76,207.23 at the beginning of 2014, \$89,402.00 at the beginning of 2013 and \$110,787.00 at the beginning of 2012. S/T notes that \$13,000.00 of the current year's loss was due to the cost of Survivor's Benefit payments. He observes that, had it not been for those death benefit payments, the Local would probably have been in a position to break even by the end of 2014. VP moves to accept the treasurer's report. Brother Thetonia seconds the motion. The motion carries.

Announcements

- **Cavalcade of Bands** – Tomorrow night at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston.
- **Musician's Appreciation Dinner** – Tuesday, November 11, at Lancellotta's Restaurant in North Providence, for all those musicians who performed at any of the three Cavalcades this year. Also, for anyone who volunteered to help.
- **Annual Budget Meeting** – Tuesday, December 2.

Communications

- None

Committee Reports

- **Golf Committee** – VP reports that the Golf Tournament held on August 26 was the most successful of any in the last 10 years. 56 golfers played and several more attended the banquet. The Local netted \$3,352.50.
- **Cavalcade of Bands** – For the event tomorrow evening, VP says he was able to get a small promotional article in yesterday's Providence Journal. Also, Brother **Bob Mainelli** appeared on the "Rhode Show" on Channel 12 (WPRI) and spoke about the Cavalcade.

Old Business

- **Fund-Raising** – Sister Giviens inquires about the possibility of the Local holding Bingo's to raise funds. S/T responds that, under Rhode Island law, it is illegal for the Local to sponsor a bingo. This is because Rhode Island law only permits charities to run gambling-type events. While the Local is non-profit, it is not a charity.

New Business

- **Life Membership Resolution** – S/T reads a resolution from Brother **Lloyd Kaplan** to change the requirement for Life membership from 35 years of "continuous" membership to 35 years of "accumulated" membership, which would be consistent with AFM By-Laws. The resolution is referred to the By-Laws Committee for study and to be reported back at the December 2 meeting.
- **Survivor's Benefit Resolution** – S/T reads a resolution from the Finance Committee to eliminate the Survivor's Benefit. S/T explains that the Local self-funds the Survivor's Benefit. Given the high number of deaths this year and the increasing age of the membership, with more than 90 members over the age of 70, the Local is at risk of financial ruin if the situation is not addressed. The resolution is referred to the

Finance Committee for further study and to be reported back at the December 2 meeting.

Good and Welfare

- None

Adjournment

Brother Thetonia moves to adjourn. EBM Worsley seconds the motion. The motion carries. The meeting is adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward J. Plunkett
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved: 12 / 2 / 2014

Attested: Edward J. Plunkett
(Secretary-Treasurer)