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Article XV Section 18: All contracts must be in writing, and must be executed on the Official Contract blank and on all engagements, the leader or contractor shall file with the Secretary-Treasurer within 24 hours following the beginning of the engagement a copy of his contract, setting forth in detail all conditions pertaining to the said engagement such as date, time, duration, number of performances, price, etc.



Local 427-721 General Meeting

Sunday January 20, 2008 • 10:30 AM • Central Music
• 5175 Ulmerton Rd Clearwater, FL •

Notes from the Secretary/Treasurer HAPPY NEW YEAR

The staff, officers and board at Local 427-721 hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday season and sincerely hope for a prosperous new year for all of us. At Local 427-721, we have been through another very busy year, with some successes worthy of notice. The Orchestra Committee from the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra (SWFLSO) in Fort Myers, along with myself and Janice Galassi from the AFM, negotiated, signed, and published the first ever Collective Bargaining Agreement with SWFLSO management. Along with our Local attorney, Leonard Leibowitz and a very dedicated trio from the Orchestra Negotiating Committee, we were finally able to finish negotiating and ratify a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Florida Orchestra. We have also been in discussions with representatives from Live Nation who are producers of Broadway in Saint Petersburg. At the Nominations Meeting in November, all positions were nominated unopposed and elected by acclamation so Local 427-721 saved the time, paper and postage needed to send out ballots. The three new members of the Executive Board are Carmen Bannon, Joel Kaye, and Bill Larsen. Financially, it appears that we have been able to end 2007 with a very small surplus, but looking ahead, it will be a challenge to end 2008 in the same manner.

Congratulations are also in order for Local 427-721 member Lucille Rose D'Armi-Riggio. She has self produced a CD titled *My Matchless Mother* and was featured in an outstanding article in the December 2007 International Musician. (page 19)

ANNUAL DUES FOR 2008

REGULAR/YOUTH.....\$121.00
LIFE.....\$77.00
INACTIVE LIFE.....\$71.00

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Please make payments prior to January 31, 2008 to avoid \$5.00 late fee.

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES

REGULAR.....\$121.00 annually
 \$60.50...bi-annually
 LIFE.....\$77.00annually
 38.50...bi-annual
 INACTIVE LIFE...\$71.00 annually
 35.50...bi-annual
 YOUTH.....\$121.00 annually
 60.50...bi-annual

Regular members, Life members, and Inactive members' Bi-annual Dues are payable

January 1

Dues must be received by **January 31** to avoid \$5.00 late fee and by **March 31** to avoid suspension. Dues and reinstatement fees must be received by **June 30** to avoid expulsion.

\$5.00 late fee & \$10.00 reinstatement fee

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 scholarships on the web

.....unionscholarships.com.....

.....unionplus.org/scholarships.....

Executive Board Minutes December 8, 2007

BOARD MINUTES AND FINANCIAL

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FOR SECURITY PURPOSES

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE DECEMBER 2007

by Richard Sparrow

I was visiting Nashville at the end of December 2007 and had the opportunity to see the weekly bluegrass jam at The Station Inn on Sunday December 30, 2007. It was a great experience, sitting on the edge of a circle of twelve to twenty musicians singing and playing bass, acoustic guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle and steel guitars. The names of the traditional tunes don't ever seem to stick in memory, but listening and being in the company of all these great artists was simply magical. This would be a great musical experience for any one who is in Nashville on a Sunday evening. It is also a reminder of how important it is to experience music in a live setting and how lucky we are to be able to take part in the performance of live music on a regular basis. Let's endeavor to make sure it is continued through the next generations. Movies, DVD's and recordings on CD's will certainly have their place in our society, but nothing beats live music! No matter what style of music you prefer to listen to or take part in, live is always best!

LOCAL OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBER INFORMATION

As of Jan 20, 2007 when the new board is sworn in, Vance Jennings, James Wilson, and Lydia Van Dreel will be stepping down from their Executive Board positions. Vance joined the AFM in 1946 and has served often as a board member or an officer in Local 721 or 427-721 since shortly after joining Local 721 in 1968. Vance served as Vice President of Local 427-721 from 2000 to 2004. James Wilson and Lydia Van Dreel, both horn players, are currently out of the area teaching college in Tallahassee, FL and Eugene, OR respectively. Lydia was incredibly successful in organizing the symphonies in Fort Myers and Sarasota and has resigned her position with the West Coast Symphony to take a full time teaching job in Eugene, Oregon. James Wilson served as union steward for the Florida Orchestra for many years and is presently teaching at Florida State University. He and his wife Fiona Lofthouse have their hands full with twin girls that just turned one year old. The family is expected to return to the area later in 2008. These three board members' dedication to unionism, their positive union outlook, efforts to provide representation for musicians in the Local 427-721 area, and their creative input into steering our Local in the proper direction has been a valuable asset that will be missed. Thanks to all of you for your many years of service and dedication and we wish you the best for the future!

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW OR RE-INSTATED LOCAL 427-721 MEMBERS

ALEX ALBANESE	10/29/2007	CYNTHIA KONZEN	07/24/2007
RICHARD AVIS	12/14/2007	YAN LU	09/25/2007
LISA BARBANERA	10/18/2007	JEFF MULTER	10/29/2007
ROSEMARY BARKER	08/09/2007	ANDREA OVERTURF	10/02/2007
SCOTT BLUM	08/21/2007	LESTER PELEMON	07/30/2007
KEITH CARRICK	09/24/2007	JIM PETRECCA	10/29/2007
AMY COLLINS	09/05/2007	TOMMY PLATT	10/01/2007
JOAN EATON	10/03/2007	RACHEL SMOLIAR	09/06/2007
DAVID GARCIA	10/03/2007	SALLY STEPHENSON	10/22/2007
ANTHONY GEORGESON	10/02/2007	MICHAEL SWENSON	10/01/2007
JIM GLOVER	09/05/2007	STEVEN SWENSON	10/01/2007
JOHN GRAY	07/17/2007	CATHERINE TURNER	10/02/2007
RICKY HOWE	12/05/2007	KATHERINE YOUNG	09/27/2007
ROD JONES	10/18/2007		

RESIGNED: as of December 31, 2007

MARIANNE HUTCHINSON

LYDIA VAN DREEL

RANDY HENDERSON

THOMAS MACKOWIAK

We are updating member information for the directory, so please send updates and changes to all your contact information including your address, phone, email or website to the local so we can keep our records current. Additionally, beginning in March 2008, instead of postage delivery, we plan to deliver the newsletter by email to all members who request it. This move will help to minimize the use of paper and postage in the future, so please take the time to make a specific request, in writing, to Local 427-721 to have your newsletter delivered by email. Otherwise it will continue to be delivered by regular mail.

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