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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 September 16, 2007 • 10:30 AM • Central Music
• 5175 Ulmerton Rd Clearwater, FL •

THE LOCAL 427-721 OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 3, 2007

Notes from the Secretary/Treasurer

As most of you know, the members of the Southwest Florida Symphony in Fort Myers ratified their first ever CBA at the end of March, 2007! The Agreement is for seasons 2006-07 and 2007-08. It has been signed and Local 427-721 has published it. Southwest Florida Symphony Members wishing to have a copy mailed to them, please call or email the local office with your request.

SATELLITE MEETINGS

In an effort to make it easier for each of us to be more involved with our Local, the board is working to establish two or three locations around the Local 427-721 jurisdiction that have a broadband internet connection available so we can provide video and audio links for our General Meetings. We have been looking for a location in Sarasota and need your recommendations for a Fort Myers location as well. When we identify these locations, we will post them at the Local website for your convenience. Please be reminded that the September 16, 2007 Nominations Meeting is at 10:30 AM at Central Music in Clearwater.

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION AT FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Once again, the West Central Florida Federation of Labor is inviting all union members and the public to attend a Labor Day Celebration at the Florida State Fairgrounds. The date is September 3, 2007 from 11 AM to 3 PM and everyone is invited to attend for free. There is a \$5 parking charge at the fairgrounds, but entrance to the celebration is free. Local 427-721 will have a booth along with several other labor unions. There will be games for the kids, food, a car show and other entertainment. Local 427-721 hopes to provide live entertainment again this year. If you wish to attend and want to have a Lupton's BBQ lunch, you need to call or email the local to get your free meal ticket. Otherwise, you have to pay full price for food at the Fairgrounds.

2007 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 July 1

*Dues must be received by **Sept 30** to avoid suspension. Dues and reinstatement fees must be received by **December 31** to avoid expulsion.*

\$5.00 late fee & \$10.00 reinstatement fee added if not received by September 30, 2007

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Janet White..... (813) 949-4500
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Executive Board Minutes May 20, 2007

Local 427-721 Office 10:30 AM. Present: Pres. C Rice, V Pres. K. Bawel, Sec/Treas. R. Sparrow. EB members; J. Wilson, A. Heydt. Via Phone; H. Van Schaik. Via Internet; A. De Sorgo. Absent, Excused; V. Jennings, L. Van Dreel. Meeting called to order at 10:50 AM.
 Sec/Treas Financial Report from 3-15-07-thru 5-15-07

Correspondence read from – AFM Pres. Lee/RMA...

Reports. Music Performance Fund is 20% less this year than last year. Southwest FI Symphony ratifies CBA. Florida Orchestra is beginning negotiations. Contact for discussion of Broadway at Mahaffey and TBPAC has been instigated by Sec/Treas.

New business:

Motion by Pres. Rice/Second by J. Wilson: Nomination Meeting September 16, 2007 10:30 AM at Central Music. Satellite Meeting locations to be identified and AFM bylaws to be observed. /Carries unanimously.

The election will culminate with the November 18, 2007 meeting. All ballots will be prepared and mailed according to AFM and Local bylaws. Adjourn 12:40 PM

FYI; No Quorum reached for General Meeting scheduled For May 20, 2007 at 12:30 PM.

WELCOME TO Local 427-721

NEW MEMBERS

DWIGHT CULLER	6/28/2007	JOSHUA CULLER	6/28/2007
GERALD DELLI PAOLI	5/10/2007	JOHN GRAY	7/17/2007
NORMITA JEFFREY	6/27/2007	SEAN SINBACK	7/02/2007
DANIEL STOIN	5/15/2007	RICHARD WRIGHT	6/27/2007

RESIGNED

Erik Jacobs
 Toby Oft

AFM CONVENTION, Las Vegas, Nevada June 18-20, 2007

The AFM Convention convened on Monday morning at 9 AM.

The lead up to the convention was very stormy with political mail and email being sent to delegates that was full of attacks and rebuttals relating to the ongoing fight between AFM President Tom Lee and the Recording Musicians Association, Los Angeles President.

The usual political grandstanding was not as evident to me during the convention. May be that I was numb from my lack of interest in rumor and all the divisive rhetoric! This convention was a little different for me because I was appointed to the Good and Welfare Committee. We met for several extra hours after the Monday session and during the dinner break on Tuesday. Taking part in this committee was an illuminating experience! Out on the floor, recruiting and retaining members was front and center with several bylaw resolutions and recommendations coming from the IEB as well as members. Recommendations and Resolutions that passed should make it easier for Locals and the Federation to recruit and retain members.

Highlights include more Internet utilization, a provision that allows bands of two or more to join without paying the Federation Initiation Fee and a new bylaw that allows co-op bands to file a contract for self produced recordings and have their music included for sale at the new website which will be an exclusive benefit for AFM members only! The AFM has also hired a PR firm and a Technology company to redesign the AFM website. The new website will be up shortly and will contain many user friendly parts. Meanwhile, Paul Sharp is making headway with distributing open source websites to locals that allow the local site to link with the AFM, so that information is updated immediately and Go Pro Music is linked directly.

Future convention dates were moved forward so that there will be one convention every three years instead of every two. This reportedly will save the AFM at least \$100k per year and possibility more. A Per Capita rate increase of two dollars was approved on a roll call vote and the IEB has allowed locals to absorb the increase without passing it on to members. "I believe that we can afford that at 427-721." was President Rice's comment after it passed so we will petition the AFM to allow us to absorb this increase ourselves.

I was fortunate to be invited to a regional meeting of the Rocky Mountain Locals on Thursday morning after the convention. Attending was eye opening and comforting at the same time because there are people just like us in every corner of the country and around the world trying to do the exact same things that we all do. That includes trying to make a decent life for ourselves and our families. The AFM has many of the same problems in every place with name recognition, membership, finances, political issues, leadership, contractors, performance venues to name a few. Once again, I came away from the convention feeling very invigorated and with a renewed sense of solidarity with my fellow musicians!

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE report: Las Vegas, NV. 6/16-17/2007

As is customary, presentations were made by AFM staff members, Officers, and Executive Board members. Special note were Freelance services Paul Sharpe who introduced some exciting new website and local use options for both officers and members. The websites are available to locals, they are open source and they will cost the locals nothing to obtain. Head of MPF, John Hall made his pitch to put the 'T' back in MPTF. Because of falling funding, there will be no local allocations for 2008. All allocations will be of a statewide nature! Ray Hair from the Executive Board gave a compelling presentation on recruiting and retaining new members. Elections for the officers took place on Sunday and the following were elected; Lovie Smith as President from Houston, John Head Vice President from Atlanta, John Lindbergh re-elected as Secretary.

I had a very interesting meeting with our long time insurance broker Janet White last week. She showed me a website service that she is offering to AFM members at a substantial discount. The service includes technical support six days a week and is full of possibilities for musicians and those with a side business to use. If you want more information, contact Janet at (813) 949-4500 or email: janet@jlwamerica.com.

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