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Contracts Required

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 March 15, 2009 • 10:30 AM • Central Music
• 5175 Ulmerton Rd Clearwater, Fl •

Satellite locations:

In Sarasota, contact Adam DeSorgo 941 928-8530
In Fort Myers, contact Bill Larsen 239 826-0817

Notes from the Secretary/Treasurer

The nine dollar (\$9) regular membership dues increase was passed by secret ballot at the January meeting. Although we understand that it is a very difficult time economically for all of us, the small increase will help to secure a balanced budget for 2009 and 2010, as long as income from CBA work dues remains steady and there is no catastrophe in our area that prevents our members from working.

During the scheduled board and general meetings on March 15, we will be discussing our wage scale/ price list and talking about the live music scene in the jurisdiction of Local 427-721. Plan to attend one of our satellite locations (see above) or come to Clearwater at the Central Music Location.

On page three (3), you will find an unaudited financial report for 2008 which includes annual income and expenses. Take a look at this report and feel free to call or email with questions. It might be helpful to the membership to pose any questions at our next meeting, so more of us can take part in questions, answers and ideas about our financial picture.

Local 427-721 has CBA's expiring with managements from the Southwest Florida Symphony in Fort Myers and the Sarasota Orchestra in the upcoming months. If you are a member of either of these groups, make sure you contact your committee members, inform them of issues that you feel are important and ask to have them addressed through the Collective Bargaining process. Please do not forget to offer thanks to all of the committee members that volunteer their time to help negotiate these agreements. Unless you have taken part, you might not appreciate how much time and effort our representatives dedicate to the process on our behalf.

If you received this newsletter at the email address that we have on file, thank you. If you only got a regular mail copy, please remember that we rely on you to let us know when there is an address change or there is an update in email information or the instrument(s) you play.

2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES

REGULAR	\$130.00 annually if paid in January \$135.00 if paid in February \$140.00 if paid in March
	\$65.00...bi-annually if paid in January & July \$70.00 if paid in February \$75.00 if paid in March
LIFE	\$78.00 annually if paid in January & July \$83.00 if paid in February \$88.00 if paid in March
	\$39.00 bi-annually if paid in January & July 44.50 if paid in February 49.50 if paid in March
INACTIVE LIFE	\$72.00 annually if paid in January & July \$77.00 if paid in February \$82.00 if paid in March
	\$36.00bi-annually if paid in January & July 41.00 if paid in February 46.00 if paid in March
YOUTH	same asREGULAR
Per Capita paid to A.F. of M. Annually	
REGULAR, YOUTH	\$56.00
LIFE	\$40.00
INACTIVE LIFE	\$34.00

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Executive Board Minutes 1/18 /2009

Local 427-721 Office Meeting called to order at 9:15 AM
Present C. Rice, K. Bawel, R. Sparrow, C. Bannon, H. Van
Schaik, A. Heydt. on Skype , B. Larsen. On phone from Miami-
A. De Sorgo. Absent- J. Kaye
Minutes approved from 11-16 and 12-4-08 as published in
newsletter-
Secretary Report Financial December 4, 2008 through
January 16, 2009

FINANCIAL INFORMATION REMOVED FROM THIS SECTION

Discussion took place about financial projection for 2009 and
ways to simplify payment options for members. Secretary
Sparrow will look into the possibilities through credit card
companies and the AFM and report findings at next meeting.

Correspondence(Copied below) - AFM Pres Lee, E. Ward
letter and response. J. Verdi certification of date of joining.
Motion by Pres. Rice: To accept notarized certification of Joseph
Verdi's Initial Local membership from 1972. **Second** A. Heydt.
Carries – Unanimously.

Reports: Southwest Florida Symphony has new CEO [Fran
Goldman and B. Larsen](#) is attending an online course in
negotiations. SO (FWCS) Arbitration is scheduled for Feb. 23,
Sunshine City Band has been finalizing 501 c3 paperwork.
Casual Player Committee has been established by Pres Rice and
member, Jean Phelan is invited to be chair.

Motion by C. Bannon to pay ROPA dues for the Sarasota
Orchestra. **Second** B. Larsen. **Carries**- Unanimous.

Motion by R. Sparrow to pay ROPA dues for the Southwest
Florida Symphony. **Second** B. Larsen. **Carries**- Unanimous.
Adjourn 10:25 AM

LOCAL 427-721 2008 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

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Help Musicians Achieve Our Legislative Goals

What is the Legislative Action Fund?

LAF is a club supported by voluntary contributions from members of the American Federation of Musicians and its friends who understand the need for political action to achieve their legislative goals.

Why do we need LAF?

We need the voluntary contributions to LAF because, by law, unions cannot use their general funds to assist political candidates; yet such political activity is absolutely necessary for the election of men and women who represent the interests of our members.

Does LAF support a particular political party? No. LAF supports deserving candidates running for President of the United States, the United States Senate or the United States House of Representatives, regardless of a candidate's party affiliation.

Does LAF tell me how to vote? No. You vote the way you want. LAF simply helps the candidates who have done, or pledge to do, the most for you and other members.

Contributions to LAF are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal tax purposes.

Why Should I Join LAF?

Joining LAF makes your individual contribution count for more, because it is combined with contributions from thousands of other AFM members.

Please Make checks payable to LAF and send to:
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