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AFM Local 21

February 2006

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There has been a lot going on around the office since the last newsletter. The big news is that the CBA with the Kennett Symphony was signed after final negotiations and ratification by the membership. Thanks to all who were involved in the process.

Pursuant to the approval at the last meeting, the outside of the building was painted in late November. Just before Christmas, a pipe broke in the ceiling over the computer work area, which pretty well shut us down for several weeks. In the cleanup process, I found that we have not had any property insurance since 2003. I am working on this matter right now.

As you can see, we have an important agenda for the next meeting, so we need for all of you to attend.

It is time to pay your dues and because we have had so much delay in the office, it would be wise to send your dues in and we will be sure to get your membership card out to you ASAP. Thanks for your attention to this message.

Last, but by far not least, please be diligent in sending in your WORK DUES. This is a very important aspect of growth for all of us!!

See you soon, Bill Berger

PROMOTE LOCAL 21 LIVE MUSIC!!

Delaware Symphony Orchestra

Announces auditions for the following position:

3rd/Associate Trumpet

The Delaware Symphony is a per service orchestra with approximately 75 services per season. Auditions will be held in May/June.

All auditions will take place in Wilmington, DE. We reserve the right to reject applications received after April 10, 2006.

Please send resume or letter to:
Paul Eves, Personnel Manager
Delaware Symphony Association

P.O. Box 1870
Wilmington, DE 19899

Mark envelope: TPT

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In order to cut costs, we are going to try to do more things electronically, therefore, please email your correct email address to maddieviolin@aol.com. Thanks, Madeline

General Membership Meeting

Sunday, February 26, 2006

Mark your calendars!

1 PM, Union Hall

Please make every effort to attend!!!

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Minutes from GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, October 23, 2005

Call to Order: 1:07

Roll Call of Officers:

Berger, Egnor, Cabano,
Benedett, Brill, Griffith,
Jackson, James, Lakatos,
Marinelli

Secretary/Treasurer's

Report: A correction was
made by Member, Harvey
Price to the Minutes from
the May General Member-
ship meeting (under
"President's Report", sec-

ond line should read John
Gardner not Jack Garder).
Minutes from the May
General Membership meet-
ing, as corrected, and the
June Special General
Membership meeting were
approved (Lakatos/
Griffith), May-September
Treasurer's reports were
discussed and approved
(Griffith/Jackson).

Applications: Susan An-
drews, Anna Ballard-
Ayoub, Karen Dannessa,

Joan King were approved
to membership (James/
Marinelli).

President's Report:

President Berger discussed
the outcome of the recent
meeting attended by Presi-
dent Berger and Acting
Secretary/Treasurer Ca-
bano with members of the
KSCC Board. He men-
tioned that there was some
discussion regarding ac-
ceptable low temperature
and cartage issues. How-



ever, at this point in time,
he feels that the next step
would be for the orchestra
to take a ratification vote.
He announced that an
agreement had been
reached with the Dupont
Playhouse, which did not
include pension. President
Berger next discussed a
letter he received from

AFM President, Tom Lee,
regarding the Katrina Gulf
Coast Relief Fund. Mem-
ber, Price makes a motion
that the Local make a do-
nation on behalf of it's
members in the amount of
\$300.00. There was fur-
ther discussion regarding a
request being put in the
next "Pitch" asking the

membership to contribute
this money back to the Lo-
cal. (Price/Griffith)
MPF Report: See at-
tached. Vice-President
Egnor discussed the results
of his investigation regard-
ing the suggestion made by
Member, Harvey Price at
the May 22, 2005, General

Membership meeting, to
use the MPF funds to spon-
sor a music festival at the
waterfront. He has found
some problems with the
idea and continues to in-
vestigate.

Old Business: Kennett
Symphony negotiations
status discussed during
"President's Report". The

financial status of the
Booking Agency, was re-
viewed. President Berger
stated that he would try to
reach booking agent, Matt
Gleason for an update. A
suggestion was made re-
garding placing ads in
AFL-CIO newsletters con-
cerning hiring union musi-
cians. There was some
discussion regarding the

status of the Three Little
Bakers and Dover Downs.

New Business: President
Berger discussed the dire
need for work to be done
on the outside of the build-
ing before winter sets in.
A ten-minute break was
taken in order for everyone
present to go outside and
look at the condition of the

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Minutes from GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (cont'd)

building. At the conclusion of the break it was decided that the Local should proceed with the estimate from O'Donnell Painting of \$800.00 to \$1,000.00 to power wash and paint the outside of the building. (Brill/Griffith)

Good of the Order: A "Get Well Soon" card was passed around and signed for Member, Rich Genovese, wishing him a speedy recovery from his recent

health problems.

Adjournment: 3:00
(Jackson/Griffith)

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Yamaha Flugelhorn
- Good Shape \$325.00

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(610)356-1773

2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE BY FEBRUARY 28, 2006

Regular Members— \$36.25/qtr (\$140.00/yr if pd in full)

Life Members— \$18.50/qtr (\$69.00/yr if pd in full)

Inactive Life Members— \$17.00/qtr (\$63.00/yr if pd in full)

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ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MESSAGE

First, let me apologize for being so far behind with everything. The problems we had with the building in December helped to ruin my holiday season and had me close to a nervous breakdown. Without the help of Bill Berger and Don Brill, I'm sure I would have gone over the edge. Bill took care of getting people in to fix the pipe and the heater and he did an amazing job of cleaning up the mess. Don is our guardian angel, who got my computer, the fax machine and my phone working again. We did lose my keyboard, phone and paper supplies, but it could have been much worse. Part of the ceiling collapsed in my office and much of the ceiling that's left is badly water stained. It wasn't until the heater was back in operation, which took several weeks, that things dried out and we could stand being in there for any length of time. Hopefully, things will improve in 2006.

I know that many people are upset that they did not receive dues bills in January. Again, I apologize, but I am doing the best that I can. You do not need a reminder to pay your mortgage or car payment, so, why is it such a big deal to remember to pay your yearly dues at the beginning of the year? I will waive the late fee for paying your dues in the second month of the quarter, since it is my fault that neither the bills nor "The Pitch" were sent out on time. If you have not paid your dues, please do so ASAP. Thanks, Madeline Cabano

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