



Lehigh Valley Musicians' Association  
Local 45 - American Federation of Musicians  
519 E. Paoli St., Allentown, PA 18103

AUGUST 1 2021

The regular monthly meeting of local 45 took place on the above date at the DAR House in Bethlehem PA. all officers and board members were present except for Carol Yale.

- Upon motion of Williams and Krasley the following were accepted into membership: Erin Ziegler, Salvatore Repper, Stephanie Colbry-Gresh, and Dayna Dengler.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved upon motion of Williams and Danner.
- Bills in the amount of \$6,403.35 were ordered paid upon motion of Krasley and Williams.
- The treasurer's report was accepted upon motion of Danner and Middlecamp
- The business agent reported on his monthly activities which included talking with Bethlehem officials regarding funding for concerts in 2022, talking to Allentown Officials about receiving payment for the summer concerts, and talking with National official Tino Gagliardi about the possible acquisition of local 577. Accepted upon motion of Krasley and Middlecamp.
- The orientation committee is hard at work in developing an orientation program for our local.
- The Finance committee will meet in September to develop the budget for 2022. Debbie Heiney volunteered to join the committee.
- A lengthy discussion of the situation with the concert funding in the City of Bethlehem took place, the local is communicating with city officials in an effort to arrive at a favorable outcome for our bands. We have also been contacted by the morning call newspaper and gave an interview to their reporter. We are also attempting to get the residents to contact the city in support of the concert funding.
- We are in the process of doing a financial audit of the NEP as part of our contract negotiation with the orchestra the cost to the local will be \$375.00.
- Heiney and Cascioli updated the meeting of the events with local 577. We are planning a meeting with local 577 officers to work out our acquisition of the local. We then discussed possible venues in the area if and when we get the territory.
- The ASO is asking its musicians for a side letter delaying auditions and concerns that may arise because of a spike in the pandemic. The musicians of the orchestra will be the ones to approve this request.
- Another lengthy discussion of the requirement for members of groups to be vaccinated if they want to participate with the group. Several of our groups have made being vaccinated a requirement for participation, some groups are using the honor system and others have no policy. Several members suggested it would be a good idea for all groups to require their members be vaccinated, it was also pointed out the courts have ruled employers have the right to require their employees be vaccinated against the covid 19.
- The issue of a security officer being present at the West Park concerts again came up and several incidents that affected the concert performance were brought up. This will become a matter we will discuss with the recreation department officials at our fall meeting.
- Ken Krasley pointed out that another grant thru Lehigh County is available with a amount of up to \$15,000.00 available
- The meeting adjourned at 11:05 upon motion of Krasley and Williams

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew Cascioli, Secretary