



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

July 11, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of local 45 took place on the above date at the Ezra Wenner Band Hall. All officers and board members were present.

- The following were accepted into membership upon motion of Middlecamp and Williams: Lowell Crshaw, Eric Moser, Erin Trautmann, Lauren Ressler, Reilly Yankovich, and Erik Higbie.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved upon motion of Williams and Middlecamp.
- Bills in the amount of \$10,788.62 were ordered paid upon motion of Heiney and Middlecamp.
- The treasurer's report was accepted upon motion of Heiney and Middlecamp
- The business agent reported on his monthly activities which included delivering invoice to city of Allentown requesting payment for summer concerts, meeting with orchestra committee of the NEP, and talking with AFM officials about a possible merger with local 577. Approved upon motion of Krasley and Heiney
- Johanna Reisteter reported both of this year's scholarships were awarded at the July 2nd concert of the Allentown Band.
- John Gackenbach gave an update on the progress the orientation committee has thus far made. The work of the committee continues.
- A lengthy discussion of holding concerts in the city of Bethlehem in 2021 was held. Upon motion of Gackenbach and Middlecamp the Bethlehem Municipal Band and the Bethlehem American Legion Band were given permission to perform 4 concerts each at no charge to the city of Bethlehem and the members of each group possibly receiving no compensation. As part of the motion the local will continue it's effort to meet with Bethlehem city officials to attempt to secure funding for 2022 and beyond. The local will attempt to procure MPTF funding for 2 Legion Band concerts.
- The Active Life Center will once again be used as a rain location for the city of Allentown concerts this year. The use of the center will be an individual band decision on using the facility of rescheduling the concert.
- Carol Yale updated us on the NEP negotiations as well as a resolution to the Problem regarding a musician in the ASO. She also mentioned that all employees of the ASO as well as all musicians will have to show proof of vaccination in order to perform with the group
- A meeting is being set up to discuss the acquisition of Local 577.
- Upon motion of Krasley and Heiney the local will continue to waive late fees until October 1, 2021 however we will continue in person meetings probably at the DAR House in Bethlehem
- Cascioli brought up the possibility of a grant thru the pandemic relief fund program. Flyers were given to representatives of the groups.
- The MPTF Labor DAY Grants were discussed and guidelines to be followed. Groups can apply for a fully funded grant/
- The question of security at West Park concerts was discussed. We will bring this up at our year end meeting with the recreation department as well as personal contact this summer.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:15 A:M upon motion of Krasley and Kemmerer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Cascioli, Secretary