



Memorandum

To: Local 56 Executive Board
From: Andrea Giba, Secretary Treasurer
Date: March 5, 2018
Subject: February 5, 2018, Executive Board Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by President Vander Stel.

ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were President Eric Vander Stel, Vice President Bennie Keys, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Andrea Giba, and Board Members Christina Fong, Chris Martin, Kevin Murphy, and Elgin Vines. Mary Rademacher was absent.

MINUTES

Motion Keys, Second Murphy to accept the Minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion Keys, Second Vines to accept the Finance Report. February Income - \$14,589.05, Expenses - \$3,715.69, Current Assets (checking, savings) - \$22,419.18, Other Current Assets (Investments) - \$55,136.66, Total Assets - \$77,555.84, Liabilities - \$11,490.67.

Discussion ensued regarding the format of the financial report compared to December 2017's format, which included more account line items; and Christina wanted to see 3 columns for comparison purposes. Bennie recommended Secretary/Treasurer study the financial reports to be able to articulate anything that may be important to the Board.

Motion Keys, Second Murphy to table approval of January's Financial Reports pending answers to above discussion. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Motion Keys, Second Murphy to accept the Membership Report; Census: 284. Secretary/Treasurer Giba brought up a concern by a member, Hyun Ji Choi who requested that her status be changed from Expelled to Resigned, because she had resigned from the Grand Rapids Symphony but neglected to resign from the Local 56.

Motion Keys, Second Martin to allow Ms. Choi to resign in good standing. Motion Carried.

GUESTS

No guests attended this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Paul Austin requested reimbursement of balance of travel fees. Vice President Keys had recommended the Board craft amount to contribute for specific travel fees, which will have to be voted upon by the membership. President Vander Stel stated he was in favor of reimbursing Mr. Austin the balance but had to know the specific amount first, so he tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Nothing from Mary regarding website.
- 2) Regarding ICSOM and other travel fees not included in the Bi Laws as recommended by Vice President Keys, there needs to be a discussion as to the amount(s) and then the membership must vote to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) Nothing to Report for the Finance Committee, but Vice President Keys moved that we provide folders for our meeting minutes and documentation. Board Member Fong said she'd provide.
- 2) Nothing to Report for the Negotiations Committee
- 3) Board Member Vines recommended we bring someone in to discuss insurance. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the importance of insurance
- 4) Another lengthy discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of the various ethnicities and populations of our area and how distributing brochures was key to musicians that don't even realize there's a Musicians Union.
- 5) Short discussion regarding the upcoming scholarship auditions and the need for judges.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Vander Stel reported that he would be meeting that Thursday with the Lansing Symphony players and to introduce a new contract to them. He recommended the Board approve Gary Sironen for Emeritus status.

Motion Vander Stel, Second Keys to approve Mr. Sironen for Emeritus status. Motion carried.

Board Member Fong recommended we compare the membership of other locals and their dues with our Local 56. Tabled.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nothing significant to report.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.