



## MEETING NOTICE

**Saturday March 4, 2006**

**9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**Business Meeting**

**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Main Technical**

**Main Technical:**

**Bob Marinelli, RPT**

**and**

**Chris Solliday, RPT**

**(Lehigh Valley Chap. PA)**

**Meeting will be hosted  
at the**

**Former Hammell Music  
located at**

**4110 Telegraph Rd.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302**

**Directions:**

**1/4 mile South of Long  
Lake Road. The former  
Hammel Music store is the  
unoccupied building just  
north of Real Estate One  
and a little south of Pizza  
Papalis. (There is  
currently no address on  
the building but it is fairly  
easy to find).**

**Phone: NO PHONE**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have always been fascinated by musical instruments of all kinds. I recently had an opportunity to explore more instruments than I could have ever imagined at the NAMM show. (As I have gotten modestly involved in new piano sales, I thought I should go to check out what is "out there".) This is an enormous trade show held at the Anaheim convention center right across the street from Disneyland. Though it is not opened to the general public, it is huge. Picture the Auto Show at Cobo, only on a much bigger scale. Upon walking in your ears are assailed with a cacophony of sounds. Though I saw dozens of electronic devices that resembled pianos, it took a few hours for me to discover that the actual pianos were in quieter rooms on the second and third floors. Virtually every brand of piano was there as well as many names I had never heard of. It was gratifying to see how big the piano business really is; at the same time, it was enlightening to see that it is tiny compared the industry as a whole. There were so many things besides pianos that I enjoyed seeing - a few vendors of tools, of wood, even a place giving out earplugs and free hearing tests in a soundproof booth. I was relieved that my hearing was still normal after two days at the NAMM show!

**Your President,**

**Clem Fortuna, RPT**

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## Detroit-Windsor PTG Chapter 481 Business Meeting Minutes for January 9th 2006

Location: Hammell Music  
2700 E. West Maple Rd.  
Commerce Township, MI 48390

- Meeting called to order at 7:48pm
- Taking of attendance: 18 R.P.T.s, 12 Associate Members, 2 guests.
- Motion to accept minutes from last newsletter. 1<sup>st</sup> P. Hornberger, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Bittner. Passed unanimously.
- Discussion of Treasurer's Report:
  - Motion to accept Treasurer's Report 1<sup>st</sup> B. Carter, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Mossington. Passed unanimously.
- Discussion of next chapter business meeting and technical:
  - Technical to be provided by Bob Marinelli of Pianotek on Grand Action Renovation
  - Motion to move March '06 meeting to Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> (10am-4pm) 1<sup>st</sup> B. Carter, 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Nelson. Discussion of including other PTG chapters, possible locations and required materials. Passed unanimously.
  - Applied skills for March meeting T.B.A./ possibly cancelled for that session.
- Discussion of R.P.T. Examinations:
  - None scheduled.
- Chapter 481 Board Nominations Committee selection:
  - G. Boyd & P. Hornberger.
- Discussion of "Chapter 481 Winter Banquet":
  - To take place at the Clawson Steak House, February 6<sup>th</sup> 2006. Mailing to be sent.
  - Request that vegetarian options be available at chapter functions.
- Discussion on new member: Steve Kitakic.
  - Executive session
  - Associate membership approved.
- Discussion of Chapter Project Piano Recipient:
  - By vote piano is awarded to Father Murray Nursing Center.
- Reading of PTG Foundation "Thank you letter" for chapter 481's donation to Hurricane relief efforts.
- Announcement: Please pay dues by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2006!
- Motion to adjourn at 8:11pm 1<sup>st</sup> J. Mossington, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Bittner

Meeting was followed by a Technical Session given by Dan Harteau, RPT on Concert Voicing Techniques.

Respectfully submitted by

*Richard Cromwell, Chapter Secretary*

**MAIN TECHNICAL**  
**- "Understanding Piano Actions" -**  
**by Bob Marinelli, RPT and Chris Solliday, RPT**

**This all day chapter meeting will be presented by Chapter 481 member Bob Marinelli, RPT and Lehigh Valley, PA Chapter member Chris Solliday, RPT. Bob and Chris will be presenting a comprehensive program on action parameters such as friction, touchweight (including Stanwood's balance weight protocols) and the practical improvements possible with new and/or properly chosen parts including keyboard manufacturing. The relationships between various action components and their contributions to the overall touchweight will be explored and demonstrated. In addition, Chris will demonstrate his ExecuKey software program for organizing and running a business. These instructors have taught together at various regional and national conferences. If you can only get to one meeting this year, make this the one!**

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**Treasurer's Report for March 2006 (Submitted 02-13-2006)**

Beginning Balance:	_____	\$ 6503.19
Income:	Application Fee:	30.00
	Banquet checks to date	284.25
	<u>Balance Before Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 6817.44</u>
Expenses:		
	Newsletter:	
	- Online Fees: 01-17-06 _____	\$ 8.95
	- Postage & Printing: _____	35.45
	Banquet:	
	- Deposit to Clawson Steak House _	100.00
	- Final to Clawson Steak House ____	307.16
	- Musicians _____	225.00
	Application Fee to Home Office ____	15.00
	<u>Total Expenses:</u> _____	<u>\$ 691.56</u>
Balance Forward:	_____	\$ 6125.88

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*March 2006*

*March meeting will be at the Former Hammell Music in Bloomfield Hills, MI !*

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## ***CHAPTER 481 MEMBER NEWS***

**A Chapter delegate to attend the upcoming 2006 National Convention is needed and will be chosen at the March 4 meeting. The Chapter will also be voting on a new member, Marc Roman.**