

Brunswick offers PAM a 3 year lease with option to buy Annex.

The following offer was forwarded from Hamid Zahedi, partner in the Brunswick Hotel, to Dr. Holmes Morton, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Academy of Music as an academy location:

“Ground floor of the Brunswick Annex of approximately 23,000 to 25,000 square feet.

Cost of refurbishment borne by tenant. (NewsLanc estimates well under \$50,000 to ready class room space for operations. The Annex was previously utilized as classrooms by the federal government and the walls are sound attenuated.)

First year rental at \$2,000 per month plus utilities, commencing in September. Second year-\$4,000 per month. Third year - \$5,000 per month.

Option to purchase the two story annex including the upper stores and former movie theater for

\$3,000,000, adjusted annually in accordance with the rate of inflation per the Consumer Price Index.

Entry through hotel ground floor foyer on Chestnut Street and from Brunswick Square.

Security deposit: \$10,000. Landlord pays real estate taxes. Tenant pays utilities and trash

PAM can renovate over summer, store instruments, and also utilize one of the offices.”

According to faculty members who had toured the Annex earlier in the year, the space meets PAM’s operational needs, now and for the foreseeable future.

The fire safety systems at the Brunswick were recently updated and meet and, in part, exceed those required of new hotels.

EDITORIAL: PAM does not need to cease operations

The Lancaster Academy of Music could be in full operations within a month if it moved to the ground floor of the spacious and commodious Brunswick Annex which connects the Brunswick Hotel with the former Bulova Watch Building. Rental and operating costs would be at a tiny fraction of the building and operational costs that exist at the current Prince Street location. There also is an opportunity for a future purchase of the Annex.

The 23,000 plus square feet of space at the Brunswick Annex already consists of sound attenuated class rooms which were used for a

decade by the federal government for training purposes. The cost of renovations and preparation for the first year of operation would be relatively modest, under \$50,000.

The school space exceeds and is far more functional than what currently exists at the Academy’s location on Prince Street. Furthermore, pianos and furnishings could be stored in the area immediately.

A former cinema lies vacant on the floor above along with a number of vacant shops. At a future date, the theater could be converted into a recital hall. **(Continued on back)**

Creating an international music school could also be pursued in the future. Among other markets, there already exists a strong Asian interest.

Floors of the adjoining Brunswick Hotel would be used as dormitories. The indoor pool, a dedi-

cated lounge area, and feeding facilities are ideal amenities.

From the ashes, PAM could rise.

Real heroes are all around us

Watchdog was reclining in the barber's chair as his beard was being trimmed (little remains for attention on top!) when he caught snatches of a conversation nearby.

A gentleman was talking about time spent in Port-de-Paix, Haiti helping to care for children. He spoke of alerting families to bring their children to make shift clinics; of children who spend their entire childhood in orphanages; of refugee camps that resemble concentration camps because once entered, no one is allowed to leave; and of funds provided to a prominent charity for relief of earthquake victims diverted to other use.

All of this was amidst other conversations. Furthermore, despite an attempt to look around to

find out who was talking, the Watchdog was not able to see the speaker.

On the way out, he inquired of staff who was talking. They said "Steve." The Watchdog asked "Is he a doctor, a social worker?" They answered that Steve was one of the barbers and he has spent his vacations over the past four years in Haiti helping to meet the needs of homeless children.

When you are wealthy, it is not hard to write a check. It makes you feel good and you sacrifice nothing tangible.

It is the Steves of this world who are the true heroes.

Letter and response concerning CC series and local reporting

"The articles in this Convention Center series are extraordinary in their detail and comprehensiveness, but I also can't help but be disappointed by a seeming lack (or dearth) of local reporting from NewsLanc in recent days."

Editor's response: Hard times require triage. By saving \$75,000 annually through eliminating coverage of routine local meetings, we are able to feed at least 32,500 meals to undernourished children in Hungary. (Our publisher has long assisted local youngsters.) Moreover, we believe that the Lancaster Newspapers are currently reporting local news in a responsible manner.

NewsLanc will continue to investigate and report on local needs and abuses, provide superior state wide news coverage through a private subscription service, and report on national and international matters by excerpting and linking to Internet postings. Our mission is to supplement and monitor, not replace, local media.

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