**American Culinary Federation New Orleans Chapter Minutes**

**Date: 11/8/2021**

* **Attendance**
  + - Jon Petrie
    - Ruth Varisco
    - Anastasia Joyner
    - Kevin Lacap
    - Paula Sanchez
    - Mathew Guillory
    - Marcus Bankston
    - Greyze Vieira
* **Started Meeting: 1743**
  + **Jon: Welcome to the General Meeting**
  + **Mobile ACF Chapter Ida Assistance**
    - Students collected products relief and contacted us for distribution
    - Dropped to Chef & Child Chair (Paula)
  + **As everyone has been dealing with the same labor shortages**
    - We wish we had a magic wand to solve this issue
    - Delgado is having student enrollment & retention problem because of job plentitude
    - Chefs perpetuating fallacy that the industry doesn’t need traditional education is not the best message for the association
    - Propping up training through schools helps the leaders in the food service industry
    - Educators assist the leader and newbie
      * Ruth: OTJ training only trains one slice of the whole picture
      * Knowing how to cook is great. But, being able to run a \*profitable\* business & how to manage others is VERY important
      * OTJ training does not touch on ideology behind the processes
      * Marcus: What about ProStart??
      * Should we start a scholarship?
      * Jon: ProStart is not active in every area of the surrounding community
      * Many have stopped or basically dismantled ProStart programs
      * Association originally organized to support culinary education
      * Let me know if the Chalmette ProStart could use cookbooks
      * Ruth: Working with LRA, college, & hs on apprenticeship program
      * Jon: If you have the time to get with the schools to mentor – regularly or sporadic – to give the students better information
  + **Treasurer’s Report:**
    - Checks Issued: Greyze & Paula for signage/ Thomas Meat
    - Payment Requests: CPA for last election, trophy company, & member
      * Both being researched before payment
    - Other outstanding payments otherwise are current
    - Reminder that invoices must be presented to repay for representing the ACFNO
    - Checking account balances:
      * 1st checking - $ 26,140.87
      * BCE checking - $ 22,538.56
      * Savings - $ 15,189.82
    - Plan to repay Anastasia for GoDaddy
    - Motion to accept: Marcus
      * Second: Ruth
  + **Secretary’s Report:**
    - Read through previous minutes
    - Move to accept: Ruth
      * Second: Matt
  + **National Assistance Funds Update**:
    - 2 students, 1 professional member applied for Ida relief
      * Some got assistance quickly & some are still waiting from company – Jon
  + **Chef Ruth**: Bylaws meeting this Wednesday
  + **Kevin:** ACF Apprentice in the area looking to assist with young people & students
    - From San Francisco & relocated after losing job & marrying fiancé
    - Here one year & apprenticing with Dicky Brennan’s
    - Looking to get CCSC after finishing in December
    - Jon: Delgado will be doing certification exams in January
  + **Paula**: Dawn Buster’s Turkey Fry day before Thanksgiving
    - 10 Turkeys promised from DB.
      * SIDES! We need sides to make this a proper meal
      * These will be going to 10 ppl/families in Lafitte & LaPlace
      * LaPlace being fed now
    - Supplies at her home
      * Only contacted by one ACF member at this time
      * Not heard from any others
      * Has groceries/ Health & beauty/ etc. get in touch w/ Paula
    - Jon: Thanks from the organization, but how do we finish this?
      * Motion to allow Paula to distribute these goods during her other good works – Anastasia
        + Seconded – Marcus

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* + - Chef & Child
      * Now @ 300 kids – Kindergarten to Second Graders
      * Halloween give away was a success
    - Garden @ LaSalle Park rumored to be coming back
    - Membership: Sodexho employees members of Nationals & not local
      * Jon: They have corporate membership that is a package deal & given membership based on rank & file.
        + Those members are supposed to parlay that membership into the local chapters
        + We, as a chapter, have the responsibility to reach out to these members
      * Anastasia: I’ll be more diligent in adding local National accounts from large corporations
  + **Sides For Thanksgiving Declarations:**
    - Vegetable 1 – Candied Sweet Potato – Ruth
    - Starch – Mashed Potato & Gravy – Anastasia
    - Vegetable 2 – Green Beans – Marcus ?????????
    - Rolls & Dessert – Pies – Jon
      * Will approach Delgado for potential storage
  + **Also looking to do another drive for the December holiday season**
    - Potentially partnering with area business to stretch the budget
    - We have the power & resources to assist families because of pandemic & storms.
    - Looking to coordinate food **&** gifts
  + Move to adjourn – Anastasia
    - Seconded – Jon
  + Adjourned – Jon
    - **Ended 1853**