**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**