**American Culinary Federation New Orleans Chapter Minutes**

**Date: 2/7//2022**

* **Attendance**
	+ - Jon Petrie
		- Ruth Varisco
		- Anastasia Joyner
		- Paula Sanchez
		- Kevin Lacap
		- Mathew Guillory
		- Marcus Bankston
* **Started Meeting: 1738**
	+ **Jon: Welcome to the General Meeting**
		- Paula, can you share about Greyze’s current status?
			* He is on his way home from Mobile, AL and has spotty internet on the interstate. Will likely miss tonight’s meeting.
		- Update on finances as discussed during the board meeting.
			* Taxes coming up.
			* The refunds and ‘squaring away’ of chapter debts.
			* Liability insurance coverage payment.
			* Membership dues with Dawn Buster’s needs to be paid.
				+ Paula: Do we have an accurate accounting of BCE 2020 purchases to be refunded?

Ruth: Shouldn’t Matt get with Jay to find out about this?

Jon: I’m going to take point on this instead for the sake of ease.

* + - * Matt: Treasurer’s Report
				+ Primary: $25,
				+ Secondary: $27,
				+ Savings: $15,

Total: $62,884.64

* + - Paula motions to accept TR/ Ruth seconds:
			* Unanimous yeas
	+ Anastasia:
		- Meeting minutes – Reminder of mentorship idea
		- List on Nominees for the Chef of the Year award..
			* Read from spreadsheet provided
				+ Asked for preference of same process vs poll
				+ For security reasons, each voting member must include their name, email, and membership number on their vote submission.

Jon: Need to consider 3-way tie break means

Marc: Hold one board member in tie breaker position

Ruth: Draw a name from a hat

* + Jon:
		- The attrition rates are very high because of online meetings and lack of certification testing. Suggested Delgado schedule certification testing again as soon as possible
	+ Ruth:
		- Bylaws committee in-person meeting Saturday, March 26, 2022 2:30 pm at Ruth’s house.
	+ Paula:
		- Valentine’s day event fell through @ Lafreniere Park due to permit pulled for covid numbers
		- We would like to work on something for a Christmas Village competition.
			* Jon: Another area lacking is competitions.
				+ Entrants can pay a fee to enter or they donate their houses. Houses are auctioned off.
				+ Children category included.

Arguing ensued

* + - * Tabled for future considerations
	+ Kevin:
		- Apprenticeship ended in December
			* Appointed to Chef de Tournant this week at apprenticeship site.
		- Is certification testing no longer available?
			* Jon: I am pushing for more testing opportunities. Covid has slowed this down and I hope that we can pick that back up.
			* In a testing scenario, there is allowed one ‘conflict of interest’ in regards to judges and testees.
				+ Discussion of previous experiences with testing questions and activities.
	+ Move to adjourn – Anastasia
		- Seconded – Ruth
	+ Adjourned – Jon
		- **Ended 1828**