**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**