**American Culinary Federation New Orleans Chapter Minutes**

**Date: 3/7/2022**

* **Attendance**
	+ - Jon Petrie
		- Ruth Varisco
		- Anastasia Joyner
		- Paula Sanchez
		- Mary Bartholomew
		- Mike Haffner
		- Marcus Bankston
		- Matthew Guillory
* **Started Meeting: 1804**
	+ **Jon: Welcome to the General Meeting**
		- Matt is traveling, finances will be presented by me this evening
		- Motion to dispense with Treasurers Report
			* Motioned: Marcus Seconded: Anastasia Passed
		- Reading of Minutes – Anastasia
			* Chef of the Year only has one vote
			* Extending deadline to end of month
			* Email blast of instructions heading out
		- Best Chefs:
			* Jon: Noticing more activity on billboards and organizations getting their voice out there
			* Have opportunity to host even at Lafrenniere Park in October
			* Idea put out the idea of revamping the event.
			* Opening the floor for opinions and points of reference
				+ Paula: If not the Best Chefs, maybe a cook-off of some sort?
				+ Jon: Not looking to revert to previous time line to keep away from larger events that we were pushing up against
				+ Anastasia: We were looking at a scaled-back event that puts the name back into the public before it becomes completely forgotten
				+ Jon: Tabling until we have the Park information better solidified
				+ Paula: Talk to Mike
				+ Mike: I have a meeting with Tripp on Wednesday. He is worried about the new space be finished at the end of September. Anyone interested in joining is welcome.
			* Jimmy Le is looking for a copy of the 2013 Best Chefs poster for an awardee who lost theirs in house flooding
			* Interesting article on Yahoo! Finance: “Where are our workers?!”
				+ Focus on students who are not working during school instead of working in hospitality during their studies.
				+ Currently losing 5 employees for every 1 we hire. Attrition is very high and no one understands where these employees are moving forward to.
			* Financial:
				+ $1000 – Damien (cleared)
				+ $743 – Liability Insurance
				+ $19.95 – GoDaddy (cleared)
				+ $160 – Dawn Busters annual dues

May be delinquent from last year

* + - * + $357.50 - LRA dues
				+ Anastasia has to present expenses for GoDaddy for reimbursement (self reminder)
				+ Still checking with Jay Sigle to make sure that we are in the clear with him.
				+ Asked about payment to Malcolm Faber

We have proof of payment

Message came through unrelated vendor

* + - * Open Floor For Member Input:
				+ Marcus: Trying to get switched to disabled membership, but have gotten the run-around

Jon: I will reach out to my contact

* + - * + Ruth: I would like to see follow-up with newer members who missed the meeting. Can this be done?
				+ Mary: Where are we on the bylaws?

Answered: 4/2/2022 2:30pm @1201 Melody Dr

* + - * + Paula: Kudos to a couple of chefs & Dawn Busters with the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets

Potentially received a $2200 grant from Kiwanis based on these activities

* + - * + Matt: Taxes?

Covered previously

* + Move to adjourn – Anastasia
		- Seconded – Ruth, Mary, Marcus
	+ Adjourned – Jon
		- **Ended 1849**