**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**