**American Culinary Federation New Orleans Chapter Minutes**

**Date: 5/3/2021**

* **Call to Order and Welcome  -** Jon Pitrie – 1702
* **Culinarians Code of Ethics –** Joe Petrie
* **Pledge of Allegiance**  - Not Read
* **Attendance**
  + - Jon Petrie
    - Greyze Vieira
    - Anastasia Joyner
    - Matt Guillory
    - Ruth Varisco
    - Marcus Bankston
    - Val Hesse
    - Kevin Lacap
    - Angela Wilson
    - Vance Roux
    - Paula Cottingham (Sanchez)
    - L’Oreal Steele
    - Charles Deal (phone??) vendor partner

**REPORTS**

* **Treasurer Report –** Matt Guillory
  + **Looking good**
* **Minutes –** Anastasia Joyner
* **Bylaws Committee** – Ruth Varisco
  + On section 6
  + Membership will have chance to look over and vote before ratified
  + Explanation of reasons to revise bylaws
* **Chef & Child –** Paula Cottingham
  + Tower Garden delivered
  + Will start next school year
  + Food boxes doing well
    - Some people are also adding children’s books
    - Moving some boxes
  + Talking to principals about expansions before adding more info – Greyze
  + What about a booth for Chef & Child @ Farmer’s Market? – Ruth
* **Introductions? –** Marcus
  + Agreed – Jon
  + Went through every member and allowed them to introduce themselves

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Employment Issues in the Area - Jon
  + What can we do to get employer/employees together?
    - Employees feel abused (wages/hours/benefits/pandemic)
    - Should we try to get the above message out
  + Open to other comments & ideas
    - I’ve noticed gap between those who need to treat employees better – Angela
      * Try to put panel together about what is being looked for in employees
      * Try to get the word out that there are so many programs around for those interested in the industry
      * Also let the public know that the industry is changing and becoming more professionally respected/treated
        + Culinary Schools
      * Partner with LRA?? – Jon
        + Good Idea - Angela
    - Noticed women are having a harder time finding childcare because of pandemic
      * That’s a good point – Jon
* Joe St. Paul is on the ballot for a national committee – Jon
  + Consider voting for him
* Joe scheduled a certification exam for December – Angela
  + Coming back to this - Jon
* Kimberly Brock Brown is a great candidate – Jon
  + Please vote in Nationals elections!
* Back to certification – Jon
  + Joe has agreed to serve as certification chair
  + Now is the time to get ready for certification test
  + Not the same as what you do in your restaurant
  + Talk to me, Joe, or Vance
    - Only talk to one because of conflict of interest concerns
  + Privacy is paramount – spectators not allowed in kitchen, but are allowed in other areas
* We hit a roadblock in media presence. Will reach out to the person who should have the information to regain access from previous media consultant – Jon
  + Online media is focused on event and not on organization representation and growth - Vance
    - I will be changing that – Anastasia
  + We need to share accomplishments of committees – Greyze
  + Reaching out to other communities/organizations and share results – Greyze
  + We want all to know that we are trying to move the organization and accomplishments of members forward to the community - Jon
    - We also want to share National accomplishments
* Best Chefs – Jon
  + Board wants to hold to 2022 plans
  + Going to start the process now for 2022
* Recognize Amy Sins for working a National Committee on social media - Jon
  + It’s an honor to say that Amy is a local product
* Approaching one hour mark. Those who must leave, we understand.
  + Floor is open to new business from members

**NEW BUSINESS**

* New/Old: Golf Tournament – Paula
  + Your business card is kept with your donations for attendees
    - Volunteer a pan or two of salad – Ruth

Welcome motion to adjourn – Jon

Motion to Adjourn – Greyze

Seconded – Anastasia

All opposed say “Aye” – Anastasia

Silence --- Ended 1803

* Committee Membership/ Volunteers Standing – Anastasia Joyner
* Membership Drive – Jon Pitrie
  + Asks newcomer PP about how he heard of our chapter
    - Nominated to BCE 2020 by Chef T after working with CT
  + Jon – Important for members to all work on new membership
* Chapter Goals – Jon Pitrie
  + Event/ Fundraising Possibilities – Jon Pitrie
    - Allude to event being planned by Paula Cottingham (Sanchez)
    - Currently revenue neutral
  + Idea: Jon Pitrie – License Plates
    - Requires 1000 reservations to authorized
  + Paula Cottingham (Sanchez) – Auctioneer friend for hire
    - Jon Pitrie – Virtual Garage Sale?!
    - Paula Cottingham (Sanchez) – ‘Punch Boy’ – Restaurant Gift Certificate system
* **Introduction of Chef Gason Nelson: Hawaiian Twist On Crab Cakes**
  + To be credited for CEH credits
    - Marcus Bankston: Can those that cannot see it now have access to the video later?
    - Jon Pitrie: We (officers/ board) will look into ways that we can facilitate continuing education hours for those who access at a later time.

**Invitation to Motion to Adjourn:** Jon Pitrie 1802

**Motion To Adjourn:** Marcus Bankston 1803

**Seconded:** Mary Bartholomew 1803

**All In Favor Say Aye:** Anastasia Joyner 1804