**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