**American Culinary Federation New Orleans Chapter Minutes**

**Date: 7/11/2022**

* **Recording Began –5:58pm**
* **Attendees**
  + - Jon Pitrie
    - Ruth Varisco
    - Anastasia Joyner
    - Marcus Bankston
    - Kevin LaCap
    - Paula Sanchez
    - Mary Bartholomew
    - Patricia Ohrin
* Welcome to Meeting – Jon – 6:06 pm
  + The bulk email invitation has the calendar of meetings built in.
    - Those who feel they haven’t received an invitation can refer to the last invite they can find
  + Patricia Ohrin is a guest
* Secretary read minutes
  + Call to accept: Ruth
    - Second: Paula
      * Unanimously accepted
* Treasurer report given by Jon
  + Business $23,662.42
  + Business 2 $22, 558.56
  + Savings $15,190.82
  + Total $60,991.82
  + Call to accept: Ruth
    - Second: Anastasia
      * Unanimously accepted
  + Jon shares that Matt has resigned because of a new job in Denver
    - Thank You to Matt for his work as Treasurer – Jon
  + Referring to bylaws for needed actions to fill the position
* Paula: Did we ever repay people and catch up the post office?
  + Post office is on autopay and ALL outstanding bills have been paid.
* Paula: Any news about Best Chefs??
  + Jon: We aren’t sure we can put anything together this year.
    - Asks Mary about social occasions that she has been to lately
  + Mary: The events I have gone to are paying the restaurant/chefs
  + Also, employment issues would make it difficult to get chefs with the time to do this. And most restaurants/ chefs are having financial issues that may cause them to not want to attend an event that doesn’t pay them.
    - Jon: I’m asking about attendees. Are people going out to events in good numbers
  + Mary: I think you’ll get the attendees, but have trouble getting restaurants/ chefs to want to participate. I think an early spring 2023 date will be best.
  + Paula: I work with restaurateurs who are having troubles with the rising food costs
  + Jon: We are not abandoning the Best Chefs. But, the current environment is not ideal for trying to hold this event at this time. We’re going to keep this on the back burner. I have hopes that the economic factors are going to improve by the end of the year.
* Jon: Anastasia please share the victories of the Chalmette High ProStart teams.
  + FILL IN!!!
* Paula: We have a guest. Patricia Ohrin. She went to Delgado and knows many chefs in the ACF & Chef Ruth. She is close to a certification in culinary. She’s interested in baking.
* Jon: Paula, share the Ocshner employment opportunity.
  + Paula: This is at the main campus. The contact is Kimberly (504) 843-7980. Also Tom Beckman is looking for help with Morrison.
  + I also read in a restaurant magazine today is that culinary enrollment is down because there are many job opportunities and learning while getting paid
    - Jon: My opinion is that learning on the job will only teach you enough to do your job well, but you lose out on learning the ‘why’ behind the way things are done as they are.
* Jon: As is tradition; the chapter votes on the Minor’s Professionalism Award.
  + Reads out list of candidates.
  + Anastasia: I received the email as well. Maybe all members received it
* Jon: Is anyone going to the ACF National Convention? We need a proxy.
  + Marcus interested but registration is closed
* Jon: Open floor for any other things
  + Mary: I received my recertification for (culinary evaluators) certification judging & Chef T is looking for a new home because Hurrican Ida took his house out.
    - Jon: Culinary evaluators are those to seek assistance from to get ready for competitions & certification exams
* Move to Adjourn: Ruth
  + Seconded: Anastasia
* Keep an eye out for the invitation for the location of the August meeting
* Ruth: Shares Bylaws meeting scheduled for July 30, 2022 2:30 pm

**Meeting Adjourned** – 6:53 pm