



MINUTES FOR QUARTERLY MEETING FOR OFFICERS' AND MEMBERS' THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

President Pascal opened the meeting at **3:01 pm**

ATTENDEES: Jean LeRouzic, Jean-Michel Bournot, Yves Busnel, Pascal Guillotin, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Jean F. Claude, Christopher Boos, Pascal Goupil, Jacques Coustar, Dominique Payraudeau, Andre Moisan, Dominique Mitais, Herve Riou, Pierre Baran, Gerard Vidal, Marc Sarrazin, Pascal Petiteau, Bernard Malet-Dupont, Thalia Pericles, Remi Lorgoulloux, Marc Melillo, Kate Wayler, Daniel DiGiacomo, Steve Walljasper, Thom Smyth, Angel Sanay, Henri Dubarry, Cedo Pavlovic, Guy-Rene Gerin, Alain Quirin, Sebastien Baud, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam

EXCUSED:

Gérard Drouet
Steven Vangelder
Robert Walljasper
Louise Hoffman
Joanne Lewin-Jacus

- **Pension:** The pension payment will be disbursed the beginning of January.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean LeRouzic reported that all twelve residents are in good health. They are working on installing the new generator, hopefully by the end of January if the weather permits. Jean is planning a trip to the Home next week.
- **Dinner Dance:** Alain Quirin was present and reported on the status of the Dinner Dance. He said the problem is the number of people and the increased prices. The minimum amount of people is 130. We don't know anyone at the Yale Club any longer. In today's economy can a couple afford \$600/\$700 per couple? We have to do something, but less expensive/smaller menu. Kate Wayler suggested a riverboat. Suit and tie for this year; return to formal next year. Marc Sarrazin suggested suit and tie, no tux this year. Things are still unpredictable; we don't know what's happening. Next year we stay formal. Herve Riou suggested a catering place, something small, push the date back. Cedo Pavlovic said what about a place in Long Island? Leonard's? There's ample parking. Alain Quirin replied everyone is used to attending the Dinner Dance in Manhattan. Maybe the boat? If on the boat, we should do it later in the year when it's warmer and safer. Next year in 2023 we'll return to the full big formal. We should know for sure by March.

- **Picnic:** Steve Walljasper reported on the Picnic. He spoke with Christine Cooper about the prizes for the games. Steve said currently hospitals are filling up and making patients wait in the hallways for rooms. Steve said he's hoping we can have the picnic but the status will be revisited in March. President Pascal spoke about the Home abiding under different rules and restrictions because they are treated like a nursing home. Terry and his staff did a wonderful job keeping everyone healthy, no one became ill with COVID. Pre-pandemic there were 1,000 people at the picnic. What will it be now? Limit the number of people? We have to wait and see.
- **Newsletter:** President Pascal thanked everyone who contributed to the last newsletter and who made it happen. He reiterated to all to send in your articles so the next newsletter can begin to be put together.
- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - NJ Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - LI Chapter: James Mollitor will see when he can schedule a chapter meeting this winter.
 - Florida Chapter: The next meeting will be held in April or May.
- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Henri Dubarry reported the first meeting was cancelled, but there will be a virtual meeting.
- **Miscellaneous:**
 - A **\$50.00** donation check was received from Mr. Etienne Merle; **\$25.00** for the Home and **\$25.00** for the Société. A thank you letter was sent to Mr. Merle.
 - Thank you note received from Mrs. Deltieure for the poinsettia plant.
- **Office:**
 - The Yearbooks need to be mailed to the international members.
 - **Ninety-two members** have paid their dues so far, (25 remain to pay). Dues were increased to **\$200** and were payable by the end of December 2021.
 - **1099's** will be mailed the beginning of January.
- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.
- **Condominium:** The Condo Board members approved a **3.7%** increase in the common charges for 2022.

Members' Communication:

Marc Sarrazin – Happy, Healthy New Year to all! Great to see you all and look forward to being in person.

Thom Smyth – Good to see you, Happy New Year. Look forward to being in person. Thanked Alain for his diligence on the Dinner Dance. Offered his help since he's back in PA, going to Italy in April. Arrivederci!

Jean LeRouzic – Happy New Year and healthy one! Doesn't see Picnic happening.

Bernard Malet-Dupont – Happy New Year to everybody! If you're looking for a smaller scale for the Dinner Dance, what about one of our members? Hopefully soon, no more COVID!

Members' Communication continued:

Jean-Michel Bournot – Good to see everybody. Happy New Year! Hope to have the Dinner Dance, but small. Good health to all.

Gerard Vidal – Happy New Year! Saw Henri Alamandy this morning and said hello.

Marc Melillo – My kind and best regards to everyone. Thank you for all working.

Pascal Goupil – Happy New Year, happy to see everybody. Hopefully this year will be better for everyone.

Christopher Boos – Happy New Year. Hope everyone is safe. Happy & prosperous to all.

Jacques Coustar – Happy New Year! Thank you to all the people who work hard.

Remi Lorgoulloux – Happy New Year, I hope a great year is coming!

Dominique Mitais – Happy and Healthy New Year! Thank you for the hard work done by the President and the office.

Susan Lifrieri-Lowry – Happy New Year! Let's stay optimistic, long time since we've seen one another. Fingers crossed we'll be able to celebrate together.

Pierre Baran – Hello – thanks to Zoom we can see each other. Happy Healthy New Year! It's a transition year, hope we can meet for an event.

Thalia Pericles – Happy New Year. Have a Safe, Healthy Blessed New Year!

Daniel DiGiacomo – Happy New Year! Good to see everyone. New job is wonderful!

Jean F. Claude – Healthy Happy New Year! We're still in the woods, hopefully the groundhog will have good news. Hope for the best.

Herve Riou – Happy New Year, no despair! Life is beautiful, every morning you wake up!

Sebastien Baud – Happy New Year! Good to see you, the best for 2022 is yet to come! Hope events can happen. Consulate slowed down, but will start again soon.

Guy-Rene Gerin – Happy New Year! Everyone at work is positive, he's doing many jobs, very busy. See you next month.

Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam – Happy New Year. I'm in Australia visiting my in-laws. It's 7:00 am Friday.

President Pascal Guillotin inquired if anyone had any comments.

The next **Officers' Meeting** will be held **February 3, 2022**.

The meeting was adjourned at **3:52 pm**