



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' ZOOM MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

President Pascal Guillotin opened the meeting at **3:02** pm and welcomed everyone to the February 3rd Officers' Meeting.

In-Office Attendees: Henri Dubarry, Anthony Arbeeny, Vincent Raith

Zoom Attendees: Pascal Guillotin, Jacques Coustar, Jean-Claude Blazy, Maurice Pailleret, Dominique Payraudeau, Thomas Santamaria, Yves Busnel, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Gérard Vidal, Alain Quirin, Pascal Petiteau, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Pierre Baran, Maurice Bonté, Louise Hoffman, Marc Ehrler, Remi Lorgoulloux, Joanne Lewin-Jacus, Karim Helmer

Excused: Gérard Drouet, Jean LeRouzic, Jean F. Claude, Claude Godard, Steven Vangelder, Bernard Malet-Dupont, Dominique Mitais, Kate Waylor

- **Pension:** President Pascal commented that the benefit was delayed a bit in January but everyone received their payment. FYI – for those of you not present at the meeting, it was discussed with our accountant and he said as long as the payment is made during the pension month it is considered paid on time.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Michel Keller's request for sickness benefits was approved at the Trustees' Meeting of January 27th.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean LeRouzic was unable to report.
- **Dinner Dance:** Alain Quirin was in attendance at the meeting. He looked into the Water Club but the room won't be ready until the end of April. He spoke with the former Director of the Yale Club who will give him some contacts to call. Alain said we are looking at 80 – 120 people.
- **Picnic:** Steve Walljasper was present at the meeting. Steve said things have improved a little, but not much. It's still a watch and wait game.

- **Newsletter:** Louise Hoffman reported that she currently has two articles. She has not reached out to anyone for articles because she doesn't know when the next newsletter will be printed. President Pascal said this weekend is the ACF dinner and he will ask Sébastien Baud to write an article. Pascal agreed that it's hard to ask for articles when there's not much going on.
- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - LI Chapter: James Mollitor was sent an email inquiring when he is able to schedule a chapter meeting.
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Cynthia Keller said it is very challenging during the pandemic to schedule anything.
 - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour is hoping to be able to schedule a meeting in the future once the Covid numbers decrease and members are comfortable meeting in person.
 - Florida Chapter: The next meeting will be held in April or May.
- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Henri Dubarry reported there was nothing special to say.
- **Membership Dues:**
 - **One-hundred and three members** have paid their dues so far, (**14** remain to pay). Emails were sent on February 1st to the 17 unpaid members. Dues were increased to **\$200** and were payable by the end of December 2021.
- **Office:**
 - PKF half-year audit will take place remotely February 23rd through February 25th.
- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.
- **Condominium:** The Annual Condo Owner's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 16th** at 8:30 am via Microsoft Teams. Diane will attend.
- **Members' Discussion:**

Jacques Coustar - He had technical difficulties. Pascal said he's just back from England visiting his family.

Thomas Santamaria - He had technical difficulties.

Jean-Claude Blazy - He came back last Friday from France. He visited with Jean-Claude Teulade. He said thank you for the pension check. He hopes to see everyone when he comes to NY.

Yves Busnel - Everything is okay. Have a good day.

Susan Lifrieri-Lowry - Hi to everyone, everything is good. Teaching three days a week, classes are 75% full. There are 12 students instead of 16. It's good to be back and see the students.

Dominique Payraudeau - I'm doing very well, doing private parties. Still working for my nephew a couple of days.

Joanne Lewin-Jacus - Hello everybody and belated Happy New Year. I'm back on campus, felt good to be back. It's wonderful to be with the students.

Maurice Pailleret - All is good here, it's 78 degrees. I'm practicing my pétanque, maybe we can do something at the picnic. Next week a short meeting for the FL Chapter. Then a meeting for the end of April or May.

▪ **Members' Discussion continued:**

Steve Walljasper – Happy New Year. Covid seems to be trending down. I had it, 50% of the people I worked with were out with Covid.

Louise Hoffman – I started teaching class remotely on a part-time basis. It's nice to get back on board. It's good to be doing work stuff and fun stuff again.

Alain Quirin – Hope everyone is well. He had a rough time at the holidays and it's still tough. The price of salmon is expensive, whether it's smoked or not. Things seem to be opening up again, traffic is picking up. Other than that, not much happening.

Salaam – Hi everyone, I just came back yesterday from Australia. Australia has a better grip on handling Covid. Traveling home was hard, had to get tested, didn't get results in time, took a long time to travel home. Everyone is healthy. My mom passed away a couple of weeks ago.

Karim Helmer – Asked if you needed to show proof of vaccination to eat in restaurants in NY? In CA you do. They are short staffed at work. Covid makes everything different. Grand Prix will be postponed to October.

Remi Lorgoulloux – Hi everybody. I'm doing well. Hope everybody is doing well.

Gérard Vidal – Hello, all is fine. I saw Mr. LeBossier, he said to say hello to everyone at the SCP.

Pierre Baran – Thank you for the pension check. Thank you trustees for the work in these difficult times.

Maurice Bonté – Bonjour!

Pascal Guillotin – Luc Holié had to close down his restaurant on Monday. They couldn't settle on the lease. It's sad. One less place to go. We'll see him in person this weekend. Henri Dubarry, Gérard Vidal and myself went to visit Jean-Pierre and Maria Stoehr. I heard he wasn't doing well. We had coffee with them. He looked good. He took us downstairs and showed us some of his work. He was a good carpenter. He's doing well.

President Pascal Guillotin inquired if anyone had any comments.

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

Meeting was adjourned at **3:45 pm**