



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

President Pascal Guillotin opened the meeting at **3:00 pm**

In-Office Attendees: Henri Dubarry, Jean F. Claude, Pascal Petiteau, Bernard Malet-Dupont

Zoom Attendees: Pascal Guillotin, Yves Busnel, Jean LeRouzic, Thomas Santamaria, Jacques Coustar, Jean-Claude Blazy, Dominique Payraudeau, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Gérard Vidal, Alain Quirin, Louise Hoffman, André Moisan, Francis Richard, Cedo Pavlovic, Laurent Richard, Remi Lorgoulloux, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Steve Walljasper, Pascal Goupil, Michael Latour, Marc Bauer

Excused: Pierre Baran, Angel Sanay, Dominique Mitais, Claude Godard, Marc Ehrler, Cynthia Keller, Michel Keller

- **Pension:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Jean-Pierre Stoehr's request for sickness benefits was approved at the Trustees' Meeting of February 17th.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean LeRouzic reported that on February 21st and 22nd he and his wife Michelle along with Jean-Claude and Claudie Blazy took a trip to New Paltz. They trimmed some trees, the windstorm knocked many tree limbs down all over the property. On Tuesday afternoon they celebrated Germaine Chandelier's 100th Birthday. There was a cake, it was very nice. She will be leaving the Home soon. She needs more medical care than Terry and his staff can provide. Terry found a Home in Queens, on Queens Blvd., and she will be discharged on Saturday. Her caregiver was giving us a very hard time, but he finally agreed. Her whole room will have to be redone; the carpets, drapes, bed, everything will have to be bought new. All the residents are well. I spoke with Terry yesterday about the picnic and he doesn't think it will be able to happen this year. We still do not have approval from the State. Masks are still needed to be worn. Families cannot visit the residents inside the Home. Too many restrictions.

- **Dinner Dance:** Alain Quirin said it is very difficult to find a place to hold the Dinner Dance that is open and available. He said he celebrated his birthday dinner this past weekend in a beautiful place in New Jersey. The food was delicious. It's Mediterranean cuisine. The restaurant is located next to the Lincoln Tunnel and has spectacular views of all of Manhattan. There is a private room on the second floor for parties. Alain wanted to know if people would travel to New Jersey. By a show of hands of those present on zoom, the answer was yes. Alain will investigate pricing and dates for the end of May/early June and report back. He thinks it would be available on a Sunday. President Pascal spoke and said we are looking at 60 – 100 people attending the Dinner Dance. One-hundred people being on the generous side.
- **Picnic:** Steve Walljasper reported that he spoke with Terry Newman who was not optimistic on the picnic happening. He does not have a crystal ball, things are still restricted this year. It's not looking great. Perhaps a small get together with the trustees and officers. Pascal asked Steve if he heard of any numbers? Steve replied he's trying to get more information. President Pascal said it doesn't look promising. The Home has a different set of rules. We won't make a decision just yet.
- **Newsletter:** Louise Hoffman said we're working on the newsletter. There are two recipes from Pierre Baran that Susan is editing. There is the article from Sébastien Baud on the Congress, it's a lot of material that he sent. Then the members in the news information. Pascal spoke and said he would like the newsletter to be printed and sent out the end of March.
- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - LI Chapter: James Mollitor was sent an email inquiring when he is able to schedule a chapter meeting. Waiting for an answer.
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Cynthia Keller said the challenge of scheduling a meeting during the pandemic is challenging.
 - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour was on zoom but was unable to unmute himself.
 - Florida Chapter: Francis Richard was on zoom and he wished all a good afternoon. The next chapter meeting will be a luncheon on Wednesday, April 27th at Noon at Le Rivage in Boca Raton. Letters to chapter members will be mailed by the end of March. He said it's very good weather in Florida.
- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Henri Dubarry reported nothing special is going on.
- **Membership Dues:**
 - **One-hundred and seven members** have paid their dues so far, (**10** remain to pay). Emails were sent on March 1st and February 1st to the 10 unpaid members. Dues were increased to **\$200** and were payable by the end of December 2021.
- **Elections:** The SCP Elections will be held via google email. Members will vote for their candidate on-line and submit it electronically. Pierre Baran will be the Chairman. Any member who wants to volunteer their time and help out with different committees, please let Pascal know. President Pascal spoke about the need for younger members who can be active and Officers and participate. To those of you who are officers who can't participate I ask you to step down and allow room for the younger members.

- **Office:**
 - PKF half-year audit is still ongoing. It is taking place remotely and began February 23rd.
 - Quickbooks has been experiencing a global outage all week long. No checks have been able to be written electronically.
 - In the process of renewing insurance policies for the three entities.

- **Cemeteries:** A volunteer is needed to lay the flowers on the graves at Mt. Hope Cemetery on Memorial Day weekend. Please call the office if you can do this. It's laying a wreath of flowers once a year. Kate Wayler will help out Thomas Santamaria at Greenwood Cemetery.

- **Report by Archivist:** Jacques Coustar reported that he classified the books from Maurice Bonté. Jacques has a list of all the books, it's in the safe and before the next trustees' meeting he will retrieve the book. President Pascal suggested he give the book to the office so they can record it onto the computer.

- **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' Communication:**

Yves Busnel – Everything is okay. Good health to all. See you soon.

Jean LeRouzic – I'm doing okay, not great, all on schedule. Taking another trip to New Paltz this month.

Jean-Claude Blazy – Good afternoon. Nice to see everybody, especially André Moisan! Everything is okay here.

Gérard Vidal – Good afternoon. Spoke with Mr. LeBossier, he's doing well and says hello.

Dominique Payraudeau – Hi everybody. I'm doing well, having hip surgery the beginning of April.

Cedo Pavlovic – Technical Difficulties – Says hello to all.

Remi Lorgoulloux – Hi everyone, all is good. I'm moving back to South Carolina.

Susan Lifrieri-Lowry – Hi everybody. I'm getting used to being back in the city. It's taking time to adjust to the subways and traveling again.

Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam – Hope everyone is doing well. My family is well.

Laurent Richard – He offered to donate books and Jacques replied we have room.

Michael Latour – Technical Difficulties – Says hello to all.

Thomas Santamaria – Technical Difficulties – Says hello to all.

Marc Bauer – Hi everybody. I'm working at a hospital now for the past 6 months. It's in Syosset.

Pascal Goupil – I'm shutting down La Maison du macaron, COVID was the end of it. I'm okay. I'm looking for something new and different. I'm excited.

Jean F. Claude – Slowly, surely the kids are getting in the groove. Everything is well.

Bernard Malet-Dupont – I'm not going to talk about Russia. Be well everyone.

Pascal Petiteau – All is good, hello to everyone.

Henri Dubarry – Hello. We need more people to come to the office.

President Pascal Guillotin inquired if anyone had any comments.

The next **Quarterly Meeting** will be held **April 7, 2022**.

Meeting adjourned at **4:02 pm**