



## MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' ZOOM MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

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

**Attendees:** Pascal Guillotin, Henri Dubarry, Gérard Drouet, Jacques Coustar, Yves Busnel, Maurice Pailleret, Dominique Payraudeau, André Moisan, Jean F. Claude, Pierre Baran, Gérard Vidal, Louise Hoffman, Pascal Petiteau, Marc Eigenmann, Sebastien Baud, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Thomas Santamaria

**Excused:**

Jean Le Rouzic  
Susan Lifrieri-Lowry  
Bernard Malet-Dupont

- **Pension:** Michel Fortin was disbursed his January pension payment on **Wednesday, March 3rd.**
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean Le Rouzic could not attend the meeting, but called the office earlier in the day to report that he spoke with Terry Newman and everything was fine at the Home. Terry is trying to find someone to fill the vacancy but with all the COVID restrictions, it is very difficult.
- **Dinner Dance:** It was the decision to cancel the Dinner Dance this year. President Pascal said hopefully it will be on track for next year.
- **Picnic:** The decision if the Culinaricians' Home Picnic can be held will be made at a later date. President Pascal said it is still up in the air, but it doesn't look promising.
- **Newsletter:** Louise Hoffman reported that she received one article, an asparagus recipe, from Pierre Baran, she thanked him. The Newsletter launch has been pushed back. If any member has contributions for the newsletter please send them to Louise and the office. Articles would be greatly appreciated.
- **Report of the Chapters:**
  - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour is waiting to see when he can hold a chapter meeting.
  - LI Chapter: Nothing to report.
  - Florida Chapter: The next scheduled meeting will be in **May, date to be determined.**
  - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Nothing to report.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Henri Dubarry said there was nothing to report.
- **Office:**
  - **One hundred and ten** members have paid their dues. **Nine members still owe their dues, email reminders were sent several times.**
  - Updating the Yearbook. Have received some changes back from the designer.
  - The Proof of Life Certificates were mailed to **118** pensioned members. **Eighty-nine** members have sent in their Certificates.
  - Working on the **6 month** audit with PKF and Spence Waters.
  - In the process of renewing the insurance policies for all three entities.
  - Was able to find an appraiser for the Home. Gérard Drouet recommended this person. Appraisal will be done by April/May. Will coordinate the date and time with Terry Newman. President Pascal thanked Gérard for his help.
  - Four appraisers were contacted for the office appraisal. Received one quote, the second appraiser would not do it because of COVID, waiting for return calls from the other two appraisers.
- **Report of the Cemeteries:** Nothing to report.
- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.
- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.
- **Condominium:**
  - One contractor came to the office on **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** to take a look at the pantry. Measurements were taken. He will give an estimate.
  - A second contractor came to the office on **Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, he also took measurements. He will provide an estimate. He was recommended by Sue Lifrieri-Lowry.
  - The Annual Condo Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am** via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Diane will attend.
- **Special Activities and Outings:** Sébastien Baud was in attendance and spoke about the **ACF Annual Congress** being held this **Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, EST.** Registration is required. It will be a review of **2020.** They will introduce the Académie's new chefs – six from Canada; five from the United States (two from NY, two from TX and one from FL). At Remo, each partner has the option to move around their table as they wish. You can network with other chefs and Académie partners. You don't have to be a member to attend. March 20<sup>th</sup> will be a Day of Sharing. There will be two chefs from Mexico.
- **Members' Discussion:**
  - Yves Busnel – Bonjour! All is well, he was vaccinated.
  - Jacques Coustar – Nothing to say, everything is okay.
  - Maurice Pailleret – Beautiful weather. He got his first vaccination last week. In Florida, you wear the mask walking to your table in a restaurant. Everyone sits close together. Everyone stays well.
  - André Moisan – He would like to see everyone in the summer.
  - Dominique Payraudeau – He got the first shot last week, the second one is March 24<sup>th</sup>. All good, it's starting to look good for the summer!
  - Jean F. Claude – All is well. Teaching culinary classes on line is a disaster. Group we have on line is very active, but you cannot taste on line. We're moving forward. The next three to four months will tell us if we will go back in person.

**Members' Discussion continued:**

- Gérard Vidal – Everything is fine. He got the second shot last week. Hope to see you all soon.
- Gérard Drouet – Had technical difficulties. Wished everyone well and hopes to see all of you soon.
- Pierre Baran – Not much to say. We had our first vaccine. Restaurants are open, mainly open outside because of the nice weather. On the beaches, no masks. His mom had COVID and was not doing well. But, she's recovered and healthy. The orange and lemon trees are full – very nice!
- Louise Hoffman – Been teaching a senior class this semester. It's an internship but we're not running any internships. Getting them ready for the next step, preparing resumes, what skills they have and how they can apply them to today's market.
- Henri Dubarry – Everything is okay. He's waiting to see everyone in the office.
- Pascal Petiteau – All is well. Business is still not crazy. Making a few birthday parties.
- Sébastien Baud – Looking forward to the next meeting and to seeing you on Saturday.
- Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam – I'm good, not much to say. Business is what it is.
- Marc Eigenmann – My In-laws have been vaccinated. We're keeping to ourselves and taking care of the kids. Just making sure the kids stay healthy. I cook every day for my family.
- Thomas Santamaria – Everything is okay. Tomorrow I'm getting my first COVID shot.
- Pascal Guillotin – Hopes to see everyone soon. Said Henri has been coming to the office, he's not afraid! All is good. Be well everyone.

The next **Quarterly Members and Officers' Zoom Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 pm.**

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Meeting was adjourned at **3:34 pm**