



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS ZOOM MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

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

Attendees: Pascal Guillotin, Henri Dubarry, Jean Le Rouzic, Jacques Coustar, Jean-Claude Blazy, Yves Busnel, Maurice Bonté, Bernard Malet-Dupont, Maurice Pailleret, Jean F. Claude, Louise Hoffman, Dominique Payraudeau, Gérard Vidal, Thomas Santamaria, Luc Holié, Francis Richard, Jean Geraud

Excused:

Susan Lifrieri-Lowry
Angel Sanay
Pierre Baran
Michel Keller

- **Pension:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Potential New Members:** President Pascal read the names of the three potential new members. He said we will vote on them at the June meeting.
Vincent Caro. Vincent's sponsors are Pascal Petiteau and Luc Holié. He is a resident of East Elmhurst, NY and is the Owner of Bistro Eloise, located in East Elmhurst, NY.
Guy-Rene Gerin. Guy-Rene's sponsor's are Jean-Louis Dumonet and Jean-Jacques Bernat. He is a resident of Queens, NY and is currently the Chef de Cuisine at the Permanent French Mission to the United Nations.
Remi Lorgoulloux. Remi's sponsors are Pascal Petiteau and Pierre Landet. He is a resident of New York, NY and is currently the Prep Manager at the St. Tropez Wine Bar located in New York City.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean Le Rouzic spoke with Terry Newman yesterday, Wednesday, May 5th. Everyone at the Home is in good health. They still cannot have visits, but are hoping that will change soon. The new generator has been ordered. Jean is planning a visit to the Home within the next week or so. He may stay a couple of days, he's not sure. The new resident has passed the physical and is ready to move in, but has not arrived yet. There are two other residents in the process of moving in, it takes time. Pascal inquired what nursery they buy their plants from and Jean said they go to Augustine Nursery in Kingston, they have a great deal of choice and it's only twenty minutes away.
- **Dinner Dance:** The Dinner Dance has been postponed until **2022**.

- **Picnic:** It was the decision of the Trustees and Officers to cancel this year's Picnic. Looking forward to a great 2022 Picnic!
- **Newsletter:** Louise Hoffman reported the newsletter is moving along. It will be a nice production, launched sometime in June. It's on schedule, might be adding an additional page.
- **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: There is a meeting/luncheon on Wednesday, **May 19th** at **Vincent's Bistro** located in **Lake Worth, FL**. Weekly email reminders are being sent to Florida chapter members. Francis Richard reported there are 15 members and 8 guests attending the May 19th luncheon. He asked President Pascal if he wanted to say anything at the meeting, please let him know.
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Cynthia Keller is thinking of hosting a small outdoor meeting on Sunday, June 13th at her home in Rhinebeck, NY. It would be limited to 25 people, based on NY State guidelines. A light lunch would follow the meeting.
- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Henri Dubarry reported that he attended the last meeting and it was nothing special. They spoke much about July 4th festivities.
- **Office:**
 - **One hundred and fourteen** members have paid their dues. **Five members still owe their dues.**
 - Updating the Yearbook. Edits and changes have both been sent and received from the designer. Last entry for the Yearbook will be after the **Quarterly Meeting of June 3, 2021.**
- **Office continued:**
 - The Proof of Life Certificates were mailed to **118** pensioned members. **One hundred and one** members have sent in their Certificates.
 - Renewed the insurance policies for all three entities.
 - All three checking accounts have been reconciled.
 - The Appraisal report for the condo was received by email on **Thursday, May 6th.**
 - **Kitchen Pantry Renovation:**
A second contractor came to the office on **Wednesday, March 3rd**, he also took measurements. He has provided an estimate.
A third contractor came to the office on **Wednesday, March 24th**, estimate received.
A fourth contractor came to the office on **Tuesday, April 20th**, waiting for estimate.
President Pascal said he hopes to have all the pantry estimates by the next Trustees Meeting and then several trustees and himself will meet in the office to discuss the various proposals in person. It's hard to do this over a Zoom meeting.
- **Report of the Cemeteries:** Nothing to report.
- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.
- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.
- **Condominium:** Pavers are being placed in front of the building, slowed down by weather, only two men were installing for the first two weeks.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** Greenwood Cemetery Tour – The trolley tours are still suspended until further notice (hoping to start up in the fall), but currently they are offering private walking tours for up to 25-30 people.

- **Members' Discussion:**
 - Jean Le Rouzic – Not much to say. Hope he's able to go to the office very soon.
 - Yves Busnel – Everything is okay with me. See you next week.
 - Jacques Coustar – Everything is okay with me and my family. Michel Martin has a problem with his heart, not serious. Franz Wielander and Mr. Soltner send best to the SCP.
 - Jean-Claude Blazy – Good afternoon. I'm doing okay. Weather is good today, so I'm alone. I'm going with Jean to the Home. Robert Depardieu passed away, there is a mass for him at 10am in Astoria. Let's hope to reopen meetings to see each other.
 - Maurice Pailleret – Thank you Francis Richard for inviting me to the meeting on May 19th. Looking forward to that and then we're going back to NJ after that.
 - Maurice Bonté – He inquired about Bernard Launay's memorial and reception.
 - Henri Dubarry – All is well.
 - Bernard Malet-Dupont – Inquired about Home Depot for the pantry.
 - Louise Hoffman – Not much more to say. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person.
 - Dominique Payraudeau – Good to see you all. He's booking private parties in May, June, and July. He's booking a trip in August and in September he's planning a trip to France to see mom and dad.
 - Jean F. Claude – All is well. It is the end of the semester. Hopefully classes will be on-site in August. They are having their B Tech Awards soon, and Graduation is in June.
 - Francis Richard – Hello to all. Looking forward to seeing everyone on May 19th.
 - Gérard Vidal – Everything is okay for me and my wife. He saw Mr. & Mrs. Le Bossier, they were good. Hopes to see you all soon.
 - Jean Géraud – Bonjour to everyone. He is doing well.
 - Thomas Santamaria – All is okay for me and my family. Asked what time Bernard Launay's mass is.
 - Pascal Guillotin – Spoke briefly about Bernard Launay's memorial mass and reception afterwards. They were limited to a certain number of invited guests due to COVID restrictions. Mass will be at 11:00 am in the chapel at St. Patrick's Cathedral and lunch will follow at 1:00 pm at La Bonne Soupe.
 - Luc Holié – Bonjour to all.

The next **Quarterly Zoom Meeting** for **Officers and Members** will be held on **Thursday, June 3rd at 3:00 pm.**

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Meeting was adjourned at **3:48 pm**