



## MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

**Attendees:** Gérard Drouet, Maurice Bonté, Henry Dubarry, Gérard Vidal, Yves Busnel, Maurice Pailleret, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Luc Holié, Laurent Morisse, Pascal Petiteau, André Soltner, Dominique Payraudeau, Pascal Guillotin, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Cedo Pavlovic.

Reading of the minutes of the Officers' Meeting of **November 7, 2019 at 3:12pm** by Pascal Petiteau.

- **Office:**
  - Change in office staff. We are looking for full-time office help. Interviews are on-going.
  - Christmas cards have been mailed out.
  - Yearbook is in the process of being mailed out.
- **Pension:**
  - Patrick Smet-Chevron's pension request was approved at the **November 21<sup>st</sup>** Trustees' Meeting.
  - Dominique Mitais pension request will be delayed by one year. This was decided at the **November 21<sup>st</sup>** Trustees' Meeting.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Maurice Pailleret's request for sick benefits was approved by the Trustees at the **November 21<sup>st</sup>** meeting. A check was sent on **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
- **Picnic:** A great success. Over 1,100 people attended.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Christmas party will be on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Jean Le Rouzic said they are expecting about eighty people including a visit from Père Noël.
- **Events:**
  - **The Culinary Institute of America's Bachelor's Degree Graduation** will be held on **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm** located in the **Marriott Pavilion in Hyde Park, NY** with a reception to follow. Mr. & Mrs. Maurice and Rosa Pailleret will attend and represent the **Société Culinaire Philanthropique**.
  - Sébastien Baud will be holding a future food competition and it will be held at the International Culinary Center every two years. The first competition will be held on **April 18, 2020**. It will be called the **Trophée Culinaire du Président Jean-Jacques Dietrich**.
- **Newsletter:** Louise said we are aiming for a late January launch. Looking for articles to be contributed.
- **Dinner Dance:** Date is **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. Venue is **The Yale Club of New York**, located at 50 Vanderbilt Avenue. Alain Quirin received the contract for review, he was not happy with it and has asked for another copy like the one from 2016 which is all inclusive. Anthony Arbeeney will work on it and have something possibly in a week.

- **Report of the Chapters:**
  - Florida Chapter: The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner will be held on **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** at **Chez Marie** in **Boca Raton, Fl**. Invitations were mailed on **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**.
  - LI Chapter: A meeting was held on **Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** at **Jonathan's Restaurant** in New Hyde Park. Eleven people attended.
  - Mid-Hudson: Nothing to report.
  - NJ Chapter: Nothing to report.
  
- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Nothing to report.
  
- **Report of the Cemeteries Committee:** Nothing to report.
  
- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.
  
- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.
  
- **Condominium:** There was a leak in the windows in Diane's office; the building manager was notified and came to inspect the damage. They will come and do pointing from the outside and then fix the inside. Diane has sent Javier Solis, Building Manager, a follow-up email to find out the status of when work can be done.
  
- **Special Activities and Outings:** There will be a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery** on **May 30, 2020**. Lunch will follow the tour.
  
- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.
  
- **Membership:**  
 Membership Dues have been increased to **\$175 for the year 2020**. Invoices have been emailed to all members and mailed to those without email. Payment has begun to be received in the office.  
**\*\*The membership dues must be received in the office by the end of December 2019.**
  
- **Miscellaneous:** Discussion was held if a person can become a member if they only have investors or a green card. This will have to be looked into.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Mr. Guillotin thanked members who contributed to the buffet.

**Meeting was adjourned at 3:49pm.**