



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Attendees: Jacques Coustar, Maurice Bonté, Bernard Malet Dupont, Henry Dubarry, Yves Busnel, Michel Keller, Gérard Vidal, Jean F. Claude, Angel Sanay, Louise Hoffman, Michel Pombet, Pascal Petiteau, Luc Holié, Laurent Morisse, Pascal Guillotin, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam

The Meeting was opened up by President Pascal Guillotin at **3:00pm**.

Reading of the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting for Officers' and Members of **January 9, 2020** approved as read by Pascal Petiteau.

- **Office:**
 - Change in staff. We are in the process of looking for full-time office help. We have interviewed 7 people so far; an offer letter has been sent to Helene Semmel.
- **Pension:**
 - Alain Quirin's pension request was approved at the **January 23rd Trustees' Meeting**.
- **Death Benefits:** Joseph Melz, member who passed away on **December 10, 2019**, his death beneficiary form was insufficient, it named Jean-Jacques Dietrich. His daughter sent an email to the office asking how to claim death benefits for herself and her brothers. This will be discussed at the Trustees' meeting on **February 20th**.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Michel Keller reported that they found a new way to access the pipes. They are on the right track.
- **Events:**
 - **The CIA Graduation of Société Culinaire Philanthropique Endowed Scholarship Recipient, Matthew Arce**, was held on **Friday, January 24th at 10:00am**. Pierre Baran and Dominique Payraudeau attended. Dominique Payraudeau said it was very nice, it was his first time attending, it was a good buffet.
 - **The CIA Associates Degree Graduation of Société Culinaire Philanthropique Endowed Scholarship Recipient, Liliانا Dawidoff** will be held on **Friday, February, 14th at 10:00am** with a reception to follow. It will be held at the CIA's Marriott Pavilion. Attendees need to arrive by **9:30am** to meet Erin Decker. Mr. & Mrs. Michel Keller will attend.

- **Events continued:**
 - **Société Culinaire Officers' Appreciation Dinner** will be held at **New York City College of Technology** on **Monday, March 23rd**.
 - **The CIA** will host the **14th Annual Leadership Awards** at the Ziegfeld Ballroom, on **Thursday, April 2nd**, **two tickets will be purchased at the cost of \$1,000 per ticket.** Gérard Drouet and Pascal Guillotin will attend.
 - Sébastien Baud will be holding a future food competition 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**. Check was mailed on **Monday, January 27th**.

- **Dinner Dance:**
 - The date is **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. The venue is **The Yale Club of New York** located at **50 Vanderbilt Avenue**. The revised contract was signed and sent to Rachael Freedland of **The Yale Club** on **January 9th**.
 - The band, **Manhattan City Music**, was sent their deposit of **\$2,052.00** on **January 13th** along with the signed contract.

- **Picnic:**
 - Waiting for Steve Walljasper to pick a date to schedule a picnic meeting in **March**. The deadline to purchase the picnic tickets is **August 21st**. This year there will be a penalty incurred for buying the tickets late.

- **Newsletter:**
 - Louise Hoffman to report. The newsletter will be sent out soon.

- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - Mid-Hudson: Cynthia Keller is planning a meeting on **Sunday, March 29th**. Location will be the **CIA in the EGG private dining room**. A group tour of the **FDR Presidential Library and FDR's home is also on the agenda**. The cost for the tour of the library and house is **\$16 for seniors and \$20 for adults**.
 - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour is planning a meeting in **May**.
 - LI Chapter: James Mollitor is planning a trip to an escargot farm on Long Island in the Spring time. A trip to the wineries and a regular farm is also being planned.
 - Florida 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:**
 - Letter received that the maintenance charges have increased by **3%**, from **\$4,481.00** to **\$4,617.00**.
 - Annual Condo Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 26th at 8:30am** on the 8th floor. Gérard Drouet and Diane Capuano will attend. Jacques Coustar offered to be an alternate if one of the others cannot attend.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** There will be a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery on Saturday, May 30th** with lunch to follow at a restaurant in Brooklyn.

- **Membership:**
 - Membership Dues have been increased to **\$175 for the year 2020**. So far, **110** members (out of **138**) have paid their dues. There was discussion of imposing penalties to members who pay their dues past the due date. This will be brought up next week at the By-laws meeting. Someone suggested the members who are delinquent be given a phone call and let them know they will be charged a late fee.
****The membership dues were payable by the end of December 2019.**

- **Miscellaneous:** Thank you letter received from Robert Walljasper of the **International Chefs Association** for the donation received to the **Culinary Olympics in Stuttgart, Germany**. He will share the results of the competition at one of the monthly meetings and will do an article for the newsletter.

The next Officers' Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 5th at 3:00pm**. All members are welcome to attend.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Mr. Guillotin thanked members who contributed to the buffet.

The meeting was adjourned at **3:56pm**.