



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

Attendees: Jacques Coustar, Gérard Drouet, Michel Keller, Yves Busnel, Jean F. Claude, Gérard Vidal, Maurice Bonté, Henri Dubarry, André Soltner, André Moisan, Laurent Morisse, Luc Holié, Arno Schmidt, Pascal Petiteau, Jean-Marc Lozach, Alain Quirin, Thalia Pericles, Pascal Guillotin, Louise Hoffman, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Bernard Malet-Dupont, Angel Sanay.

The meeting was opened up by President Pascal Guillotin at **3:15pm**.

Reading of the minutes from the Officers' Meeting held on **February 6, 2020** approved as read by Pascal Petiteau.

- **Sick Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Pension:** Nothing to report.
- **Dinner Dance:** The date is **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. The venue is **The Yale Club of New York** located at **50 Vanderbilt Avenue**. Letters were mailed on **Tuesday, February 25th**. Alain Quirin, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Henri Dubarry, and Jean-Michel Bournot had a meeting with the Chef of **The Yale Club** on **Wednesday, February 26th** and the menu & wines have been chosen. Alain Quirin reported that he is very happy with the menu, he knows the chef will do a good job and encourages everyone to invite their family and friends.
Prices will be set as follows:
\$310 per person for non-members;
\$210 per person for members and 1 guest;
\$125 per person for Officers and Trustees and 1 guest.
- **Culinarians' Home Foundation:** Nothing to report.
- **Events:**
 - **Société Culinaire Officers' Appreciation Dinner** will be held at **New York City College of Technology on Monday, March 23rd**. The reception begins at **6:00pm** with dinner to follow at **6:30pm**. Please use the entrance located at **Tillary Street between Adams and Jay Streets (enter through the big courtyard into the Atrium)**. It is called the **Library Quad**, due to the main entrance being renovated. If coming by subway, you can enter at **259 Adams Street, (under the scaffolding)**.

Events continued:

- **The Culinary Institute of America** will host the **14th Annual Leadership Awards** at the **Ziegfeld Ballroom, 141 W. 54th Street**, on **Thursday, April 2nd**. Two tickets were purchased at the cost of **\$1,000** each. Gérard Drouet and Maurice Bonté will attend.
- Sébastien Baud will be holding a future food competition every two years. The first competition will be held on **April 18, 2020** and named after Chef Jean-Jacques Dietrich.

- **Condominium:** The annual condo meeting was held on **Wednesday, February 26th at 8:30am** on the 8th floor. Gérard Drouet and Diane Capuano attended.
 - Work to replace the paving stones in front of the building will begin at the end of March; will take approximately 2 weeks.
 - Elevator work; converting heating system from oil to gas and roof work has all been completed.
 - Stairwell work is ongoing, this will take quite some time to be finished.

- **Dues:** Membership Dues have been increased to **\$175** for the year **2020**. **15** members still owe their dues.

- **Picnic:** A picnic meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 31st**. **August 21st** is the deadline to buy tickets this year, after that date a penalty will be incurred. Ticket prices are **\$55.00 and will increase to \$60.00 after August 21st**.
 - Coach bus has been reserved. It is a **56-passenger** bus, a **\$200 deposit** has been sent. Price is **\$1,050**.

- **Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

- **Newsletter:** The Newsletter was emailed to all members and was mailed on **February 21st**. Louise Hoffman reported that the deadline for the next newsletter will be after the dinner dance. Louise asked for contributions for the upcoming newsletter.

- **Cemeteries:** Nothing to report.

- **Office:** Amanda Catton-Johnson started in the office on **Tuesday, February 18th**.
 - Called 8 retired members who do not have email to see if they want to receive Officers' Meeting Minutes. Was able to reach 7 of the members; and obtained 1 email. All of the members want the meeting minutes. Will send minutes to all 8 members.
 - Sent **66 emails** to members with the dinner dance information; **mailed 20** more dinner dance letters to those who did not have email.
 - The office sent Denise Petillo, daughter of Joseph Melz, an email notifying her of the family's ineligibility to claim death benefits due to by laws technicality.
 - Called several delinquent members to remind them their dues are overdue. Were successful with 2 members.
 - Started re-organizing the files; some of the invoice files date back to **1989**. Combined multiple files. Confirmed with Spence that copies of invoices only need to be kept for **7 years**.
 - Contacted website person to arrange a meeting to begin the updating. Waiting for call back.

- **Chapters:**
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Cynthia Keller has planned a meeting on Sunday, **March 29th**. **Location will be the EGG private dining room.** A morning tour at **10:00am** of **FDR's Presidential Library and Home** is also on the agenda. The cost for the tour of the library and house is **\$16 for seniors and \$20 for adults.**
 - Florida Chapter: Spring meeting will be held at **12:30pm on Monday, April 20th at Vincent's Bistro located in Lake Worth, FL.** Lunch will follow the meeting.
 - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour is planning a spring meeting at the **Joe Jefferson Club in Saddle River, NJ.** The date is to be determined.
 - LI Chapter: James Mollitor is planning a meeting in the spring. He's looking into where and when.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Nothing to report.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** There will be a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery on May 30, 2020.** A lunch will follow the tour at **Boutros** restaurant located at **185 Atlantic Avenue in Brooklyn.** Dominique Payraudeau arranged the lunch.

- **Miscellaneous:**
 - Subscription renewal to Les Cuisiniers De France received. Cost is **70 euros.** Henri Dubarry will pay the invoice and be reimbursed by the office.
 - Trustees' Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, May 3rd** at the Culinarians' Home. Invitations will be sent out soon.

The next Quarterly Members and Officers' Meeting will be held on **April 2, 2020.**
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 **4:09pm.**