



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

Attendees: Gérard Drouet, André Moisan, Michel Keller, Jean Le Rouzic, Thomas Santamaria, Bernard Malet Dupont, Henry Dubarry, Yves Busnel, Jean Claude Blazy, Gérard Vidal, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Maurice Pailleret, Luc Holié, Maurice Bonté, Jean Géraud, Steve Walljasper, Louise Hoffman, Dominique Payraudeau, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam, Pascal Guillotin, Angel Sanay

Reading of the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting Officers' and Members Meeting of **October 3, 2019** by Susan Lifrieri-Lowry at **3:22pm**.

- **Office:**
 - Change in office staff. We are looking for full-time office help.
 - Yearbook is in production. **350 copies** will be printed. Expected delivery date is **November 13th**.
 - **NYC Not-for-Profit Property Tax Exemption Form** was filed for tax year **2020-2021**.
 - **990PF Tax Payment of \$8,000** was made on **November 1st** for the Culinaricians' Home Foundation.
- **Pension:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Picnic:** **A great success. Over 1,100 people attended.** Steve Walljasper said we did a good job. Always looking to improve on things.
- **Culinarician Home Foundation:** Jean Le Rouzic to report.
 - There was damage from the storm; trees and branches fell down. We are thinking of renting a chipper to get rid of the pile of wood debris.
 - The compressor in the main freezer broke down. It was only a little over a year old and will be replaced under the warranty.
 - Jean Claude and Claudie Blazy joined us on **Sunday, November 3rd** at the Home. Monday morning we continued the clean-up of the branches and downed trees with the help of handyman, Robert, who had already started the job on Saturday.
 - Monday afternoon we went to Kingston to look at a new van with Robert who knows some of the works at the dealership. We are interested in a 2019 Dodge Caravan, similar to the one we have now.
 - We have a full-house back at the Home. Anna is back from the hospital and she is happy to be back and enjoying the food.
- **Events:**
 - **Les Amis d'Escoffier Society of New York** is holding their **83rd Annual Black Tie Dinner on Friday, November 8th at the Four Seasons Hotel**. Two tickets were purchased and Pascal Guillotin and Susan Lifrieri-Lowry will attend. Tickets cost **\$425** per person.
 - **The Federation of French War Veterans' Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, November 10th at 1:00pm at Jubilee Restaurant**. Tickets cost **\$75.00 each**. Four tickets will be purchased. Henry Dubarry and friend and Mr. and Mrs. Yves Busnel will attend.

- **Events continued:**
 - Sébastien Baud will be holding a future food competition to promote French cuisine among young chefs. 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**. The Société Culinaire will be kept informed and billed as an equal partner. Jean Claude Blazy attended a planning meeting held on **Tuesday, October 22nd** and reported the competition is on **April 18, 2020**. An official invitation with details will be sent closer to the date. All the information is in the packet that Sebastien Baud handed out at the previous Officers Meeting.

- **Newsletter:**

Was emailed to all members and mailed to Officers, Trustees, international members and those without email. Louise Hoffman thanked everyone for their contributions. Moving forward have to decide when to launch the next newsletter.

- **Dinner Dance:** Date is **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. Venue is **The Yale Club of New York**, located at 50 Vanderbilt Avenue. Save the Date email was sent to all members on **October 28th**.

- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - LI Chapter: James Mollitor called and is planning on having a meeting at **7:00pm** at the **Seven Seas Diner** located on Northern Blvd. in Great Neck, NY. The tentative date is **Tuesday, November 19th**.
 - NJ Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - Mid-Hudson: Nothing to report.
 - Florida Chapter: Nothing to report.

- **Eileen DeMarco's Visit to NY:** Eileen DeMarco came to New York on **Wednesday, October 23rd through mid-day of Friday, October 25th** and helped out in the office. She continued her work and made great progress on the Picnic Standard Operating Procedure Manual. Worked on the Timeline document for more details and dates.
 - She helped to reorganize 3 file drawers in the main office and shredded unnecessary paperwork.
 - Assisted in the mailing of the newsletter.
 - Composed plan for creation of Dinner Dance Standard Operating Procedure Manual.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** The next meeting is on **Thursday, November 14th at 6:30pm** located at the **Consulat Général of France, 934 Fifth Avenue**.

- **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.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** There will be a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery** on **May 30, 2020**. Lunch will follow the tour. Angel Sanay will speak with Salaam about dining at his restaurant.

- **Report of the Jules Weber Foundation:** Nothing to report.

- **Membership:**
Membership Dues have been increased to **\$175 for the year 2020** and invoices will be mailed to members along with the Yearbook in November.
****The membership dues must be received in the office by the end of December 2019.**

- **Miscellaneous:** Cynthia Keller wanted to share the news of her sister having the opportunity of interviewing M. Philippe Etienne the French Ambassador on Monday at the French consulate. She is the vice chair of the Managed Funds Association and the conversation was focused mainly on European integration, the EU agenda on sustainable finance, and the future of capital markets in Europe. Louise and Susan suggested Cynthia Keller write an article about this for the newsletter.

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Mr. Guillotin thanked members who contributed to the buffet.