



MINUTES FOR QUARTERLY MEETING FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019

Attendees: Jacques Coustar, Michel Keller, Jean-Claude Blazy, André Soltner, Gerard Vidal, Henry Dubarry, Oscar Salvador, Gaspar Caloz, Maurice Pailleret, Pascal Petiteau, Laurent Morisse, Michel Carrer, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Arno Schmidt, Louise Hoffman, Bernard Malet Dupont, Pascal Guillotin, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam

Reading of the minutes of Officers' Meeting of **June 6, 2019 at 3:13pm** by Pascal Petiteau.

Roll Call of Members:

- Introduction of new member Laurent Morisse. Photos taken with President, Pascal Guillotin, and Laurent's sponsors, Luc Holié and Pascal Petiteau.
- **Office:**
 - Change in staff. Pascal announced that Christine Blumenauer didn't work out. We are in the process of looking for office help; possibly part-time or full-time.
 - Yearbook is ready to go to the printer. Office noted it has gone to the printer. **350** copies will be printed.
- **Pension:**
 - Michel Rossignol's pension request was approved by the Trustees at the **September 19th** meeting. He has been a member since **June 22, 1989**.
 - The October pension payment was made on **October 1st to 150** retired members. **149 members** received it via bank transfer and **1 manual check** was written (Michel Rossignol).
- **Death Benefits:**
 - Jean-Jacques Dietrich, **80 years old**, retired member of the Société Culinaire Philanthropique since **January 9, 1964**, death benefits were approved by the Trustees at the **September 19th** meeting. Checks were sent to Mrs. Rosa Dietrich on **October 1st**.
- **Sickness Benefits:**
 - Franz Wielander's request for **18 days** of sickness benefits was approved by the Trustees at the **September 19th** meeting. Check was sent to Franz Wielander on **September 27th**.
 - Michel Keller's request for **80 days** of sickness benefits was approved by the Trustees at the **September 19th** meeting. Check was sent to Michel Keller on **September 27th**. Michel Keller was present at the meeting and personally thanked everyone for his sickness benefit.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Nothing to report.
- **Events:**
 - Marc Sarrazin represented the Société Culinaire at the **Food and Beverage Association's Ninth Annual Golf Outing** this past **Tuesday, October 1st**. It was held at the **Old Oaks Country Club** in Purchase, NY. Proceeds will benefit the **Food & Beverage Scholarship Association**.

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 in **April of 2020**. It will be called the **Trophée Culinare du Président Jean-Jacques Dietrich**. The Société Culinare will be kept informed and billed as an equal partner.
- **Four (4) Supporter tickets at \$500 per ticket** were purchased for the **Best of New York Awards Presentation, Celebrating Innovation hosted by the Directors of NYC College of Technology on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:00pm**. Henry Dubarry, Pascal Guillotin, André Moisan and Thomas Santamaria will attend and represent the Société Culinare Philanthropique.

- **Picnic:**
 - The longer tent, **60 x 180** was used. We had **55 6' tables** and **90 8' tables**, plus **1,200 chairs**.
 - The price of the tickets will be **\$55.00** per ticket; **prices for tables of 10 will be done away with**. Discussion was held about penalizing latecomers after the deadline date. Louise Hoffman suggested a nicer way of saying it. "Get your tickets now at the discounted price of **\$55.00** or wait and be charged **\$75.00** after August 21st." Everyone liked that idea.
 - **Coach Bus** – We will get the larger coach bus for next year too.
 - **Eurotronix** – Bigger sound system was used. Everyone heard better.
 - **Roaming Accordionist** – Steve Mazzuca – Good reviews - will bring him back next year.
 - **Liquor License** – Steve Walljasper to work on that for next year.
 - Jean Le Rouzic made the room reservations for the weekend of the Picnic. **23 rooms** were reserved.

- **Newsletter:**
 - In progress. Beirne Lowry has offered to help. Louise Hoffman said the articles are in place, hopefully will launch soon.

- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - NJ Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - Mid-Hudson: Nothing to report.
 - Florida Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - LI Chapter: Nothing to report.

- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** The meeting was **Thursday, September 26th**. We missed the meeting.

- **Report of the Cemeteries Committee:** Nothing to report.

- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.

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

- **Condominium:** Nothing to report.

- **Special Activities and Outings:** Looking into having a tour of **Greenwood Cemetery** located in Brooklyn and a lunch following the tour at the end of next May.

- **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.**

Mr. Guillotin asked if anyone had any comments.

Mr. Guillotin thanked members who contributed to the buffet.