



**MINUTES FOR QUARTERLY MEETING FOR OFFICERS' AND MEMBERS'
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022**

President Pascal Guillotin opened the meeting at **3:10 pm**

In-Office Attendees: Gérard Drouet, Jacky Parault, Thomas Santamaria, Gérard Vidal, Henri Dubarry, Anthony Arbeeny, Pascal Guillotin, Laurent Morisse

Zoom Attendees: Pierre Baran, Marc Bauer, Jean-Claude Blazy, Joseph Boljonis, Yves Busnel, Joanne Lewin-Jacus, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, André Moisan, Cyril Renaud, Laurent Richard, Thomas Smyth, Kate Wayler

Excused: Dominique Payraudeau, Louise Hoffman, Jean F. Claude, Steve Walljasper, Jean Le Rouzic, Arno Schmidt, Pascal Petiteau, Gerald Barthelemy, Jean-Jacques Bernat, Marc Sarrazin, Bernad Malet-Dupont, Nduvoakim Abdus-Salaam

- **Pension:** The pension was disbursed on October 4th. One international member's transfer failed. President Pascal said the office is working on resolving the issue with the failed transfer.
- **Death Notices:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean Le Rouzic was unable to report but Terry phoned in a report earlier. There were two deaths at the Home during September. Both residents were ladies. They had one new admission, a lady on September 7th. They are still searching for a part-time weekend cook; it is not easy to find. Rob Lent, the maintenance man, has been busy painting the apartments, cleaning out the gutters of leaves, and helping the trustees with the cutting up and removing of trees and limbs. They are looking forward to a better October.

- **Dinner Dance:** President Pascal spoke and said the consensus is to go ahead with the formal Dinner Dance. The Société will contribute a portion of the admission to bring the price down for members and spouses. This was a decision made by the trustees. We want to have 150 members and spouses attending for an evening of fine dining and dancing. We're looking at the month of April and hoping for the Yale Club.
- **Picnic:** The 2023 Picnic is hoping to be on schedule for September 10th. Pascal said we want to be back to where we were prior to 2020. We didn't hold the picnic this year, it was terrible weather, maybe it was a blessing in disguise.
- **Newsletter:** Louise Hoffman is unable to report but has asked President Pascal to speak on her behalf. President Pascal said this newsletter is almost finished, it's being sent out soon.
- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - NJ Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - LI Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - Florida Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - Mid-Hudson Chapter: Nothing to report.
- **Report by the Committee of French Speaking Societies:** Henri Dubarry said there was nothing to report.
- **Membership Dues:** The 2023 membership dues are **\$200** and will be emailed and mailed to active members the beginning of November. The dues are payable by December 31, 2022.
- **Office:**
 - The PKF half-year audit is still on-going.
 - A medical insurance audit is in process.
 - The scanning of members files are in the process to be created into a digital database.
 - The 2022 – 2023 Yearbook is being updated.
 - The 2023-2024 Non-Profit Property Tax Exemption Renewal has been submitted.
 - Have contacted the graduates of the CIA and City Tech who have a personal email.
- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.
- **Members' Discussion:**

Gérard Drouet – Hello to all, hope everyone is okay. Have a good winter.
Gérard Vidal – Hello everyone. All is okay.
Anthony Arbeeny – Great to see everyone come back, it's a good sign.
Jacky Parault – He has cooking classes on Monday and Thursday, that's why he doesn't come to the SCP on Thursday for meetings. Great to see everyone.
Laurent Morisse – All is good.
Thomas Santamaria – Everything is okay.
André Moisan – Everything is good.
Yves Busnel – Everything is okay. One day I will come back to the Société's office.
Jean-Claude Blazy – Hello to everyone. I'm okay. Thank you for the pension check, I saw the amount on the computer this morning.

- **Members' Discussion cont'd:**

Susan Lifrieri-Lowry – I'm sorry I couldn't be there in person, had off from school so I'm upstate. Lots of rain, but we need it. I had great tomatoes this year. School is going well. Checked if anyone heard from André Soltner, tried to reach him but was not successful.

Kate Wayler – Hi to everybody. Kingsborough is rolling along, enrollment is down but it's good. President Pascal told Kate he loved her hat.

Pierre Baran – Nice to see you all. Thank you for the pension check. Thanked the President and the office for the hard work. He had a busy summer.

Joanne Lewin-Jacus – She's upstate, the colors are starting to change. They really need rain.

Joanne loves being back in-person teaching. Looking forward to the Dinner Dance and Picnic.

Laurent Richard – Thank you for doing a great job. Looking forward to the next Picnic.

Thom Smyth – Ciao! I'm in Italy until December. My mom turned 90, I'll go to L.A. then NY in early January. Happy to hear about the Picnic. Thank you for the pension check, it's a beautiful thing being retired.

Marc Bauer – Nice to see everybody. I'm working in a hospital, different than working at a restaurant.

Joseph Boljonis – I'm in lovely downtown Perth Amboy. It's great to see everybody.

President Pascal Guillotin inquired if anyone had any comments.

The next **Officers' Meeting** will be held **November 3, 2022**

The meeting was adjourned at **3:37 pm**

