



MINUTES FOR OFFICERS' MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022

Jean F. Claude opened the meeting at **3:00 pm** and welcomed everyone to the November 3rd Officers' Meeting. Jean Claude said President Pascal was away and its big shoes to fill.

Attendees: Jean F. Claude, Anthony Arbeeny, Gérard Drouet, Gérard Vidal, Dominique Payraudeau, Pascal Petiteau, Henri Dubarry, Steve Walljasper, Laurent Morisse, Bernard Malet-Dupont, Kate Wayler, Franklin Patrice

Excused: Jean LeRouzic, Jacques Coustar, Louise Hoffman, Susan Lifrieri-Lowry, Thomas Santamaria, Maurice Pailleret, Yves Busnel

- **Pension:** Nothing to report.
- **Death Notices:** Nothing to report.
- **Sickness Benefits:** Nothing to report.
- **Culinarian Home Foundation:** Jean Le Rouzic phoned in a report. The installation of the generator is almost complete. The trench has been dug and they are installing the cables. Kathy Simpson and Robert Lent sent Jean photos of the work being done on Tuesday, November 2nd. The residents of the Home are fine, all is status quo.
- **Dinner Dance:** The consensus is to go ahead with the formal Dinner Dance in April. Jean Claude spoke and said Alain Quirin is looking for a venue.
- **Picnic:** The 2023 Picnic is planned to take place on schedule Sunday, September 10th. Steve Walljasper attended the meeting, and he will plan to schedule a picnic meeting in January.

- **Newsletter:** The newsletter was emailed to all members on Monday, October 24th and mailed to members on Friday, October 28th.
- **Report of the Chapters:**
 - NJ Chapter: Michael Latour has nothing to report.
 - LI Chapter: Nothing to report.
 - Florida Chapter: Francis Richard reported there will be a meeting and luncheon in the Spring.
 - 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 were mailed to active members on November 1st. They will also be emailed to active members the beginning of November. The dues are payable by December 31, 2022.
- **Events:**
 - The Federation of French War Veterans luncheon will be held on Sunday, November 13th at 12:30 pm at Le Monde Restaurant located at 2885 Broadway, NY. Henri Dubarry said four people will attend.
 - The Food and Beverage Association of America is hosting a Reception and Dinner at Patsy's Italian Restaurant located at 236 W. 56th St., NY on Tuesday, November 15th. The reception begins at 6:30 pm and the cost is \$135.00 per person. This was declined.
 - The French Heritage Society is hosting a Black-Tie event, "The Gilded Age Gala" on Thursday, November 17th at The Union Club located at 101 East 69th St., NY. Cocktails are at 7:00 pm and dinner and dancing are at 8:00 pm. Tickets start at \$500.00 per person. This was declined.
 - The General Consul of France in New York, Jeremie Robert, and The Entraide Française of New York are hosting a Charity Gala on Friday, November 18th at the Consulate General of France in New York. The time is 6:00 pm, the cost per person is \$600.00. Jean F. Claude asked the office to email President Pascal to inquire if he had the availability to attend.
- **Office:**
 - The PKF half-year audit has wrapped up. Jean F. Claude asked how that went. It appeared all went well.
 - Prepping for the 990-tax return filing with Spence.
 - A medical insurance audit has been completed and approved.
 - The scanning of members files is in the process to be created into a digital database. Jean F. Claude asked Olivia Guillotin the status of this project. Olivia replied all the active members files are completed; she is now working on the retired members files.
 - Christmas cards are being addressed and will be mailed the beginning of December.
 - The 2022 – 2023 Yearbook is being updated; the last entry will be the June 2023 Quarterly Meeting Minutes.

- **Condominium:** The façade inspection was completed over the weekend of October 29th and water filtration was shown on the main office side. Repair work has begun. A water test was performed the afternoon of Wednesday, November 2nd. Waiting for a report from the Building Manager, Javier Solis.
- **Report by Archivist:** Nothing to report.
- **Miscellaneous:** Kate Wayler spoke about attending the Escoffier Dinner. She said it was a great event. She told them that the Société couldn't get a ticket to the event. She was told that they sold most of their tables to wine merchants.

Jean F. Claude inquired if anyone had any comments.

The next **Officers' Meeting** will be held **December 1, 2022**

Meeting was adjourned at **3:20 pm**