

## **New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

September 24, 2012

NDC Back Room

Meeting called to order at 6:25pm

Attendance:

Board of Directors:

Michael Hartman – president  
Dorian Winterfeld – Secretary  
Lisa Voith  
Neil McConlogue

Audit Committee:

Mike Stark  
Bill O’Grady

Staff:

Terri Rutledge – General Manager  
Amethyst Dwyer – Bar Manager

Members:

Nancy Melandry  
Craig Tooley  
John Draggo  
Allan Zambreny  
Karl Grotke

1. Approval of Agenda – unanimous

2. Approval of meeting minutes from Sep 10, 2012 Board Meeting - unanimous

3. Members/Visitors:

- John D. objects to graphic or disgusting content of poems during Poetry Night.
- Nancy M. addresses subject of beer prices; wants board to keep musician tips in mind; think of ways to increase business w/o raising prices.
- Mike S. wants board meetings to be held at later time to accommodate people coming from work.
- Allan Z also addresses beer prices; raising prices could reduce demand. Also suggests ways to increase business on week nights ie. Specials, game nights, etc.

Reports:

4. General Manager: Blues Festival was big success; mentions volunteers and new signage. Planning Coop Alliance display case in Community Center or Library; needs content such as old coffee mugs.

President wants minutes to reflect his appreciation of the General Manager and other volunteers that made the Blues Festival successful.

5. Audit Committee

- Mike Stark reports that the Bylaws recommend that the General Membership meeting be held in January. Asks Terri for Quickbook reports.

Unfinished Business:

6. Performance reviews for the General Manager and Bar Manager (BW)

Michael reports that Bill, Neil and he have developed template; will send to board via email for approval.

New Business:

7. 2013 Budget Planning (BW)

2012 budget was reviewed. General discussion and brainstorming by all present on priorities for 2013 budget. Reserve funds, publicity budget, repair fund for sound equipment, repaying City and member loans were discussed. Terri will prepare budget based on these priorities and present to the board.

8. Letter to Editor in Greenbelt News Review complaining about volume of Blues Festival.

Michael Hartman will draft response and send to the board.

Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm

Dorian Winterfeld, secretary