

New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2013

Café back room

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Attendance:

Board of Directors:

Dorian Winterfeld – Secretary

Neil McConologue

Lisa Voith

Audit Committee:

Mike Stark

Staff:

Amethyst Dwyer – Bar Manager

Members:

Nancy Melandry

Connie Davis

Tom Moran

Note: Michael Hartman (President), Bill Wilkerson (Treasurer) and Terri Rutledge (General Manager) had excused absences.

1. Approval of Agenda – unanimous. Neil agrees to Chair meeting
2. Approval of meeting minutes from Feb 25, 2013 Board Meeting – unanimous
3. Members/Visitors: Nancy points out need for more table service on busy weekend nights. One server, even a good one like Isabel, can't handle a really busy night alone. This also affects service from bar.

Reports:

4. Bar Manager: see attached

5. Music Committee: see attached

6. Audit Committee: Mike requests that meeting minutes be more verbose and contain action items.

New Business

7. Energy Audit

Tom Moran gives a brief presentation explaining his services as an Energy Auditor. He uses a “blower door” system and an infrared camera to test the doors, walls and ducts for air infiltration and heat loss. His web site is <http://helios-home-energy.com>.

Motion from Dorian; Ask Terri to call Tom Moran to schedule an appointment for an Energy Audit.

Second, Lisa; passes unanimously

8. Annual Membership Meeting (DW)

Review of online Doodle poll and schedules of everyone present at meeting. May 19 seems to be a date that everyone can make but no replies from Terri Rutledge, Bill Wilkerson or Bill O'Grady so far. Decide to schedule tentative date and check with them.

Motion from Dorian; 2013 Annual Membership meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 19 from 2 to 5PM (pending reply from Terri.) Second, Lisa; passes unanimously

Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm

Dorian Winterfeld, secretary

Bar Manager's Report

Barbara Glick is our newest volunteer bartender. I have spent the last two Thursday evenings in training with her. She's enthusiastic and a fast learner. Please introduce yourself if you see her behind the bar in the near future.

We have a new stout on draft - Evolution's Rise Up. It's a delicious coffee stout with chocolate and vanilla undertones.

Our current beer selection is: Starr Hill's The Love (Hefeweizen), Heavy Seas Cutlass Amber Lager, Starr Hill's Northern Lights IPA, Evolution's Rise Up Stout, Stella Artois, Corona, Redbridge (Gluten-Free), Sam Adams Light, Guinness, and Angry Orchard's Crisp Hard Cider.

We have a temporary house red, Onice, a Spanish Tempranillo blend from the Rioja region of Spain.

Music Coordinator's Report

We had a lively St. Patrick's Day with green beer, The Greentop Ramblers playing traditional Irish folk music to a packed house, and Karim selling out every order of his corned beef and cabbage. It was also Maria's birthday! The only glitch in the evening was the band's sound engineer not leaving the equipment as he found it. Luckily, Frank came to the rescue on Tuesday and put the cables back in order.

On Tuesday March 19th, Poetry Night Open Mic celebrated its 2nd year anniversary! David Nielson is the host and he seems to be doing an excellent job. This monthly event is a perfect example of how The New Deal is able to encourage, nurture and showcase the arts in our community. Look for an article by Jim Link soon in The News Review.

This is a taste of the genres of music that the cafe has offered this last month: Celtic harp and World percussion (Harp 46), classic rock and Chicago Blues (Bud Skeleton), Native-American flute (Randy "Windtalker" Motz), ragtime and pre-war jazz (Bumper Jacksons), West African drumming (Akoma Drummers), an operatically-trained singer/songwriter (Allison Shapira), bebop and bossa nova World jazz (Djesben with John Kadlecik from Furthur), roots rock & roll (Jelly Roll Mortals, Ren Rick's 2nd Annual Rock & Roll Dinner Show), and classic country & Western Swing (Patsy's Honky Tonk Torch and Twang with The Hall Brothers).