

NEW DEAL CAFÉ
MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2015
Call to Order: 6:40pm

Attendees:

Board: Michael Hartman, Frank Gervasi, Nancy Melandry, Terri Acton, Tom LeaMond
Audit Committee: Dorian Winterfeld, Mike Stark
Staff: Amethyst Dwyer, Meg Haney
Visitors: Donna Hoffmeister, Michael Smallwood, Dean Boyd, Michael Rall, Peter May, Alan Zambreny

Approval and Prioritization of Proposed: Approved with following changes: Move Reel & Meal to Visitors (D. Hoffmeister); add Piano Tuning (D. Winterfeld) and Old Greenbelt Theatre Contribution (T. LeaMond) to New Business.
Michael Hartman / Frank Gervasi - 2nd / Unanimous

Approval of Minutes: Tabled until 11/30 meeting.

Members and Visitors:

1. Reel & Meal Equipment (D. Hoffmeister): Reel & Meal application to Jim Cassels Award rejected due to ownership issues of equipment (application submitted by Reel & Meal, but New Deal Café would own the equipment). Equipment to be purchasaed included projector, blue ray dvd player, universal ceiling mount, installation. M. Hartman advised us of an anonymous \$1,000 donation made to Café to purchase equipment as specified in the Reel & Meal application to Cassels Award. Café will pay any additional incidental expenses.

Motion: Accept the \$1,000 donation and purchase any additional incidental expenses if needed.

T. LeaMond / F. Gervasi - 2nd / Unanimous

Reports:

2. Music Coordinator, Bar Manager reports attached.

Old Business:

3. 20th Anniversary: M. Hartman, T. Acton will finalize menu items with KMK. Discussion regarding appetizers to be purchased (veggie, cheese, fruit platters, hummus) and cake. F. Gervasi will compile video clips. M. Smallwood will provide flashdrive of old photos; T. Acton to provide "card". Photo slide-show on laptop; not screen. Tie-dyed anniversary t-shirts will be sold by Erin. D. Winterfeld to discuss KMK purchase of black anniversary t-shirts; Café will consider purchasing if KMK not interested). N. Melandry to provide decorations. T. LeaMond will speak to George Boyce about app for oral history.

4. Membership Survey Development: Reviewed/approved latest version of draft membership survey. T. LeaMond will review draft with Karim for his input; and will launch using Survey Monkey when finalized.

5. 2015 Budget Adjustments: No further adjustments. Will begin work on 2016 budget at November 30 meeting.

6. Solor Panels: F. Gervasi researching and will provide report to the Board in near future.

New Business:

7. Extended Hours: Discussion regarding possibility of extending hours on Tuesday/Wednesday to 10pm. Consensus of the Board to move forward and follow-up with KMK.

8. Piano Tuning: D. Winterfeld will coordinate with John Guernsey. Fee for tuning is \$150.

9. Old Greenbelt Theatre Contribution: T. LeaMond asked the Board to consider becoming a Founding Member at \$1000. T. LeaMond will follow-up on additional information from OGT and advise the Board.

Motion: T. LeaMond will approach Caitlin McGrath with intention of supporting Old Greenbelt Theatre and request additional funding details. Board will vote at November 30 meeting regarding Founding Member contribution level.

M. Hartman / T. LeaMond – 2nd / N. Melandry, T. Acton – yea / F. Gervasi – abstain.

Adjourned: 9:30pm

Submitted by Nancy Melandry

Friday October 23rd, 2015

Bar Manager Report

September was extremely busy. The Labor Day Festival and the Blues Festival contributed to the highest grossing month on record. The Greenbelt Rhythm and Drum Festival also brought in a tremendous amount of bar revenue in October. Festivals continue to be a great source of income for the cafe.

Our newest beer is Gypsy Lager. It is a Munich Helles style lager brewed by Forham Brewing Company in Dover, Delaware.

Mike Roy, Franklins' Master Brewer, has informed me that The Nude Eel 20th Anniversary IPA is ready to go! We will get our first shipment in this week and it should be tapped by the end of the weekend.

One of our barstools was repaired by our vendor, National Restaurant Supply in Laurel. They continue to provide excellent service, free of charge.

Music Coordinator Report

The Greenbelt Rhythm and Drum Festival was a big success this year! The cafe was full of people all day and into the night. Fractal Cat played to a packed house and closed out the festivities.

Some highlights for the month include: Wolgemut (a fusion of historic and traditional music with ancient bagpipes, bombastic drums, dance and comedy); The Stacy Brooks Band (multi-award winning blues and traditional R&B band headlined by D.C.'s Queen of the Blues); DeBonis/Allen Duo (virtuoso guitarists that cover classics from The Allman Brothers, Santana, Hendrix and more); Oshun Gaia (ancient indigenous chants and original songs from global traditions and spiritualities); The Oxymorons (award-winning eight-piece band with top notch musicianship and soaring male & female vocals); The Nighthawks (blues, R&B, honky-tonk country, doo-wop, gospel and rockabilly); Tommy and the Bahamas (rock, country, blues and more); and Zydeco Jed (rock, jazz, funk, and grateful delta).

~Amethyst