

NEW DEAL CAFÉ
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2016
Call to Order: 6:35pm

Attendees:

Board: Michael Hartman (President), Frank Gervasi (Treasurer), Nancy Melandry (Secretary), Terri (Acton) Goodnow, Tom LeaMond
Audit Committee: Dorian Winterfeld, Tom Jones
Staff: Amethyst Dwyer (Bar Manager/Music Coordinator), Meg Haney (Art Coordinator)
Visitors: Mike Rall, Peter May, Barbara Simon

Approval and Prioritization of Proposed: Approved with following changes: Add New Business – Deaf Brunch Group request for window treatment in front room, (2) Monthly Non-Profit Benefit Night.

T. LeaMond / T. Goodnow - 2nd / Unanimous

Approval of Minutes: 12/28/15 minutes approved unanimously.

Reports:

President, Treasurer, Music Coordinator/Bar Manager (attached), Art Coordinator.

Motion: \$200 stipend paid monthly to Frank Keyser for his lead sound engineering duties.
F. Gervasi / T. LeaMond - 2nd / Unanimous

Old Business:

NDC Survey: T. LeaMond reviewed Board's assigned tasks regarding implementation of improvements related to survey results. Proposals/summaries to be presented at March 28 meeting.

Solar panels report:

New Business:

FONDCA Art Receptions: Discussion regarding expenses involved in FONDCA-sponsored art receptions -- \$100 fee, cost of refreshments. New 3-5pm time frame working out well; addition of fruit/veggie/cheese tray popular with guests. M. Haney, B. Simon, F. Gervasi to discuss refreshment options with KMK.

Motion: Eliminate FONDCA's \$100 art reception payment to KMK; henceforth FONDCA will negotiate payment for art reception refreshments directly with KMK.

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

Adoption of Policy of the NDC regarding Controversial Issues and Public Discourse: Draft policy reviewed. Draft to be revised and voted on at March 28 meeting. Policy is in response to previous customer complaint regarding "Washington Report on Middle East Affairs" magazine in front room.

Donations requests response policy: Discussion regarding a process when requests are received by Café for contributions/sponsorships to civic organizations. At times, decision

must be made before a regularly scheduled Board meeting. Further discussion regarding budget line item for Charitable Contributions.

Motion: Frank Gervasi will notify Board by e-mail when requests for donations are received. Funding decision will be made by majority vote of the Board.

T. LeMond / F. Gervasi / Unanimous

Request for front room window treatment : The Sunday Deaf brunch group requested a window treatment for front room in order to reduce glare when signing. They offered to help defray cost of window treatment. N. Melandry to look into options and report back to board.

Monthly Non-Profit Benefit Night: Discussion regarding member suggestion that we set aside one night per month for non-profit organizations to hold fundraisers at Café. Café would contribute a percentage of bar proceeds to the non-profit group. Board to get more detail and discuss further.

Adjourned: 8:10pm

Submitted by Nancy Melandry, Secretary

Friday February 19th, 2016

Bar Manager Report

Tom LeaMond has been hired as our newest bartender. Being the former Bar Manager he is an excellent fit and a real benefit to the cafe.

Welcome, Tom!

Old Dominion's Oak Barrel Stout is our new beer on tap. It's a sweet, smooth and roasty stout infused with vanilla beans and oak chips. It was a favorite in the past and is sure to be a good seller.

The Nude Eel continues to be a very popular IPA. I have ordered a second major batch of 20 barrels.

Bar revenue in January was slow due to the cafe being closed on three weekend nights (New Year's Day and two for Snowzilla). February is looking promising so hopefully we will make up for the lost revenue soon.

I attended a meeting with our accountant, Marla Harding of The Harding Group, along with our Treasurer, Frank Gervasi, and Audit Committee member, Dorian Winterfeld. We reviewed our financial procedures and discussed how to streamline our accounting. It was a productive meeting.

I also attended a Prince George's County Council meeting held at The Greenbelt Theater. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation of the arts given by Rhonda Dallas, the Executive Director of the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council. I had a chance to meet her afterwards and discuss grant opportunities that could benefit the cafe.

Music Coordinator Report

Despite having to cancel two weekend shows due to inclement weather, we had a great month musically. Kudos go out to Geff King for pulling together a last minute, but nonetheless outstanding band on the Sunday of Snowzilla. For all those that could make their way to the cafe that night they were treated to a wonderful show by Geff (Cold Hard Cash, Karen Collins and the Backroads Band), Mark Stutso (The Nighthawks), Ed Crowley (Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes), and Bob Millardi (Bad Influence Band). A wonderful time was had by all.

Mardis Gras has always been a special holiday for the New Deal and so we had three bands this month to acknowledge and honor the music and celebratory spirit of our big sister city, New Orleans: Little Red and the Renegades (Zydeco, New Orleans R&B, Rock & Roll, Funk, Blues and Cajun); Dixieland Express (Dixieland-style music that pays homage to the tradition and creativity found in performances of early twentieth century jazz); and The Wild Anacostias (Hyattsville's preeminent New Orleans/Blues style, funky, raucous, merry-making, multi-morphous Zydeco party band).

Some other highlights include: Fractal Cat (an ensemble that emphasizes classic songwriting, melodic vocals, and a multi-layered psychedelic rock sound); Annette Wasilik (Americana); The Nighthawks (blues, R&B, honky-tonk country, doo-wop, gospel and rockabilly); Gary Rue and Jeff Farias (original songs, solid vocals and song writing that features unique guitar & dobro styles, supported by cello, violin, upright bass, and percussion); The Window Panes (folk rock); and The Bachelor and the Bad Actress & The North American Martyrs (indie folk).

~Amethyst

