

NEW DEAL CAFÉ
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2016
Call to Order: 6:30pm

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)
Visitors: Mike Rall, Lisa & Ray Zammuto, Peter May

Approval and Prioritization of Proposed Agenda: Approved with following changes: Move GCF grant proposal to follow "Members and Visitors".
T. LeaMond / T. Goodnow - 2nd / Unanimous

Approval of Minutes: 2/22/16 minutes approved unanimously.

New Business:

Greenbelt Community Foundation grant proposal (Lisa & Ray Zammuto): Discussion regarding submission of proposal to GCF requesting partial funding of commercial espresso machine purchase. Lisa & Ray will draft proposal and submit to Board for review. Proposal must be submitted by April 15. Grants are announced in October 2016.

Motion: Authorize Lisa & Ray Zammuto to draft grant proposal for commercial espresso machine to be submitted to Café board to review and submit to GFC by April 15 deadline.
T. LeaMond/F. Gervasi - 2nd / Unanimous

Reports:

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

During the Treasurer's Report: (1) Tom LeaMond agreed to research online payment service alternatives to Paypal; and (2) Peter May produced an uncashed check dated 12/1/2011 which he had misplaced. He requested the check be reissued. The board agreed and issued a replacement check immediately and given to Peter at the meeting.

Old Business:

Adoption of Policy of the NDC Regarding Issues and Public Discourse (M. Hartman): Draft policy reviewed and edited. (Policy is in response to customer complaint regarding "Washington Report on Middle East Affairs" magazine in front room.)

Move to accept policy as written, with edit (policy attached).
F. Gervasi / T. LeaMond / Unanimous

Window treatment request for front room per deaf brunch group (N. Melandry): Quote from Next Day Blinds to be submitted to deaf brunch group for review. M. Hartman to discuss with group on April 3.

Solar panels report (F. Gervasi): Continuing to explore additional solar panel options.

New Business (cont'd):

Floor improvement options (F. Gervasi): Research regarding flooring options for future consideration when funding permits.

B-Notes (P. May): Board was asked to explore use of B-Notes (Baltimore Green Currency).

Adjourned: 8:25pm

Submitted by Nancy Melandry, Secretary

Friday March 25th, 2016

Bar Manager Report

District Common is our new lager on tap. It's brewed by Atlas Brew Works in Washington D.C., and is a pale, well-balanced beer combining crisp lager character with fruity ale notes.

Bold Rock Pear Hard Cider is also new on tap this month. It's an interesting and refreshing blend of New Zealand pears and local apples from the Blue Ridge Mountains. It has been a strong seller so far.

We have worked out an advertising trade with The Greenbelt Theater. They will advertise The New Deal on the big screen and we, in turn, will allow them to advertise their movies on our individual tables. Right now they are using table tents, but we will soon be purchasing 4" x 6" turnstiles.

We will also be advertising on Maryland Party, an online website for music and entertainment in the Maryland region. Our site should be up and running in the next couple of weeks.

We continue to have fruit fly issues. Maria and I were present when the cafe's exterminator came in for routine maintenance and so asked him to take a look around to determine where the issue was originating. He carefully examined the bar area and the kitchen and said the flies were definitely coming from the produce left open in the storage area adjoining the kitchen. He reported the results to Maria and I, and said that all produce should be stored in closed containers or refrigerated.

Music Coordinator Report

We hosted three new bands this month: The Sidleys (unique high-energy, melodic, soul-influenced indie rock); The 5-1-2 Experience (R&B and Neo-Soul); and Split 2nd (classic rock & Motown, and The Capital Gazette's Readers' Choice Award Winner for Best Local Band, three years in a row).

Other highlights include: Tom Constanten and Anthem String Quartet (keyboardist for the Grateful Dead, Rock N Roll Hall of Fame inductee and Woodstock veteran, accompanied by a four-string quartet); Ishtar (unique interpretation of Vintage Middle Eastern and Mediterranean folk melodies); Black Masala (a colorful mix of sounds that draw inspiration from the melodies of Eastern European brass bands, New Orleans jazz, and Latin grooves); Tongue In Cheek (jazz from the days of Tin Pan Alley through the days of the Hot Club de Franc); Tower Green (Renaissance and British folk music inspired rock); and 49 Cent Dress (a mix of rock and roll with a dash of blues and soul).

~Amethyst