

New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, December 1, 2014 – 6:30pm
Café back room

Board: Michael Hartman (President), Frank Gervasi (Treasurer), Nancy Melandry (Secretary), Terri Acton (Dina Sykes - excused absence)

Audit: Dorian Winterfeld, Mike Stark, Tom Jones

Staff: Amethyst Dwyer (Music Coordinator, Bar Manager); Meg Haney (Arts Coordinator)

Visitors: Ronnie Skotkin, Ed, Mike Rall, Michael Smallwood, Alan Zambreny, Peter May, John Buck
Approval and prioritization of proposed agenda
Approval of Minutes – tabled

Called to order – 6:50pm

Reports:

President

Bar Manager (attached)

Music Coordinator (attached)

Art Coordinator

Dynamic Governance presentation: John Buck presentation

Extended hours: Memorandum of Understanding with KMK executed. Extended hours on Thursday/Friday/Saturday nights implemented 11/29/14.

2015 budget review: Frank Gervasi presented numbers for review. Meg Haney to assist Frank as needed. Board to reexamine revised numbers at 12/15/14 meeting.

Music coordinator compensation: General agreement of those present to compensate Music Coordinator position. Rate to be determined.

Support for Friends of Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT): Discussion regarding pros/cons of FOGT operating Greenbelt Theater.

Motion: New Deal Café to send City Council a letter of support for Friends of Greenbelt Theater for their bid to operate Greenbelt Theater.

Michael Hartman / No 2nd

Water filter purchase: Commercial grade Everpure water filter to be purchased at coop's expense and installed as separate faucet in kitchen for drinking water. New filters also purchased for ice machine. (No charge for installation of new faucet.)

Community Calendar: Tom Jones described the new Greenbelt Community Calendar which will connect all Greenbelt events (including Café calendar).

NDC 20-year anniversary: Discussion regarding activities surround the Café's 20th anniversary (December 2015). Meg Haney to chair committee to discuss ideas/options (e.g., outdoor festival, t-shirts, special NDC brew).

Update on the retrieval of Café records: Tabled until January 2015 board meeting.

Volunteer & Staff Appreciation Party: January 12 and 25 suggested.

Adjourned: 9:26pm

Submitted by Nancy Melandry

Friday November 28th, 2014

Bar Manager's Report

November has been another good revenue month for the bar. Sales were strong with Friday the 14th (Karikatura) and Saturday the 22nd (Billy Coulter Band) standing out as particularly high grossing nights.

We have a new beer on tap from Jailbreak Brewery in Laurel, MD. It's called The Infinite and is a smooth, classic amber lager with hints of caramel that lend to a slightly sweet malt with a semi-dry finish. Sales of our other beers are doing well, especially the Lucky 7 Porter. For variety, I am planning on switching two of the taps this month.

On Halloween night we were visited by Governor Martin O'Malley. He was planning on staying for half an hour, but ended up having a great time and staying for three. I am told his beer of choice was Purple Haze.

On November 22nd Meg Haney and I attended the DC Craft Beer Festival at the Washington Convention Center. Seventy-five craft breweries from around the country attended. We made some good connections including Denizens Brewery in Silver Spring. I plan to visit them soon to see if they have any offerings that will work for us.

Starting on November 29th we will be staying open until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. On Thursdays we will be staying open until 10pm.

Alicia Deligianis continues to do well as our newest bartender. She has already worked on some very busy nights and has done an excellent job.

Bill Muney's memorial service was held in the back room on November 8th. It was well attended and the family was very happy with their New Deal experience.

Music Coordinator's Report

- | Michael and I met with Tom Jones to discuss the new Community Calendar. It is a
- | great project that will connect all of Greenbelt's events onto one calendar run by
- | The News Review. This will be an automated process and should not require any
- | extra work from cafe staff. It is currently free, but there may be a monthly charge
- | in the future for this service.

Governor Martin O'Malley opened Halloween Eve with a very well done solo acoustic set. Saskia and the Truly Unruly Band hosted the evening's festivities, which included contests and prizes. It is rumored that The Goatman took home first prize....

S.J. Tucker returned to the cafe on Sunday the 9th and played her fantasy inspired Celtic Folk-Rock to a packed house.

Karikatura returned from touring Europe to rock the cafe on Friday the 14th.

Frenchy and the Punk returned to The New Deal on November 21st and played to a much appreciative and energetic full house. Their pixie-spirited, folky, Steam Punk antics resonates well with the cafe.

The Billy Coulter Band brought their fan base with them and filled the house. It was the busiest night of month.

Skyline Hotel and Dandy performed inside the cafe as the closing acts for the FONDCA-sponsored "Teens & Twenties Music Festival". It was well attended with a younger than usual audience in attendance.

Other highlights include: Allison Shapira (a DC-based singer/songwriter that blends American folk influences with an expressive, classically-trained voice); Cousin John Band (eclectic rock with a wide range of original music); Double Sharp (acoustic duo with roots in Classical, Americana and Irish traditional music); DragonSong (an organic and unique collaborative World Music and Belly Dance ensemble); Hollertown (a bluegrass and old time music band playing everything from old-timey standards to tunes by Lady Gaga, Bob Marley, and the Texas Tornados); The Moxie Blues Band (blues and blues/rock); and LuLu's Fate (a mix of music from the Appalachian, southern string band and country blues traditions that blend virtuosic instrumentals with lush 3-part vocal harmonies to create new interpretations of traditional tunes).

~Amethyst