

NEW DEAL CAFÉ BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 25, 2014  
Call to Order: 6:44 PM

**In attendance:**

Board: Michael Hartman, Frank Gervasi, Nancy Melandry, Dina Sykes

Audit Committee: Dorain Winterfeld, Michael Stark

Employee: Amethyst Dwyer

Visitors: Alan Zambreny, Mike Rall, Meg Haney, Terri Acton, Paul Solis

1. ***Moved to consider agenda as amended.*** (Added "Reports" to include upcoming festival updates, and Maryland Restaurant Association application)

Motion: Michael Hartman/2<sup>nd</sup>-Dina Sykes – approved unanimously

2. Members and Visitors

Question from visitor regarding non-paying customers, especially not supporting the music. It was explained that the New Deal Cooperative is designed for everyone in the community, even those who cannot afford. We will make efforts to encourage monetary support, but we will not turn away community.

Mike Rall recommended that New Deal Café participate in the Labor Day Parade next year. Mike Rall will review process to enter and follow up.

3. ***Motion to approve minutes of 7/14/14 and 7/28/14 as amended.***

Motion: Michael Hartman/2<sup>nd</sup>-Nancy Melandry – approved unanimously

4. Reports:

Dorian reported that new router has resolved Comcast loss of Internet issue.

Finance Report: Frank Gervasi reports that we have good income, but closing of the Greenbelt Theater has slowed business.

Arts Coordinator Report: Meg Haney has met with Michael Smallwood and Mark Wamaling regarding the photography exhibit. Opens Wednesday, September 3 and runs through Monday, October 30, 2014. RECEPTION DATE: Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Meg has also contacted farmer's market representatives about having an art show at the farmer's market.

Michael Hartman mentioned importance of records. Archived records produced two checks for an individual.

Bar manager reports changes that may enhance business: ½ pints for \$2.75 to @ \$3 with tax. Need to have Karim program the register for ½ pints. More shelving. Also reported successful event on Wednesday, August 20 – Zane Kesey and the Merry Pranksters with the Furthur bus!!

5. Neil McConlogue visited briefly to submit resignation to the Board of Director's, secretary, Dina Sykes.

6. Old Business: furniture table/chairs, fire proof safe, professional fridge's, mini bar, front counter and door vestibule, AND discussion with Karim about Yelp.

7. Michael Hartman spoke with George Kristakos about renting basement for the refrigerators. George mentioned that there are no sprinklers and that we may have to get a waiver.

8. Discussion of Friday and Saturday night extended hours. Discussion will also have to be held with Karim regarding food service, and bartenders regarding longer hours.

9. HVAC – done for summer? Discussion of re-routing ducts. 2015 – A/C update and painting of roof – need money and plan!! Dorian will assist Frank with reserves review for plan.

10. New business:

Display at library: by 12 noon on October 1, 2014. Provide poster, (ex: Reel-a-Meal) tap handles, wine and beer lists. Amethyst will provide items to Michael Hartman.

Leta Mach – GATE interviews – The NDC representatives for the Cooperative Month GATE interview were Amethyst, Meg, Frank, and Michael

11. Festivals:

Blues Festival – Chris Logan – Saturday, September 13, 2014

NDC is providing platters for bands, one for each band. Chris Logan is providing profit share from T-shirt sales.

Teen Halloween – November 1, 2014 – application submitted a month ago to Emory Belton (Emmitt/Mayor recommended insurance for outdoor concerts. NDC is covered in policy).

GRAD – application for this from NDC – insurance will be covered, OR get a one-day policy as recommended.

***Motion to sponsor GRAD so that New Deal adds name as sponsor for insurance concerns.***

Frank Gervasi/2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Melandry – agreed unanimously

12. Restaurant Association of MD

NDC was a member, which lapsed. \$350 is a special rate for cooperative. Provide a lot of information to assist with keeping up-to-date.

Consensus of Board of Directors to join Restaurant Association of MD. (Nancy will follow-up with application process.)

13. Discussion of proposal to the News Review regarding cost of community event ads. Meg will discuss the possibility of an account especially for the New Deal and possible discount for community events. Tom Jones is currently working on a community calendar for the New Review that may result in this eventually anyway.

14. ***Move to adjourn at 8:32***

Michael Hartman/2<sup>nd</sup> Dina Sykes - approved unanimously

Submitted by Dina Sykes