

**New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, Feb. 24, 2020**  
MINUTES

**Attendees**

Board of Directors: Tom LeaMond (President), Mark Cheater (secretary), Michael Hartman, Dorian Winterfeld (treasurer), Diana McFadden

Audit Committee: Raven Eyes Cagle, Mike Stark

Staff: Amethyst Dwyer, Carla Monardes, Alicia Deligianis

FONDCA: Peter May

Visitors: Maureen Farrington, Haley Ahearn, Mara Whitney, David Cohen, Connie Davis, Ken Haas, Kathy Freeman, Mike Rall

**Call to order** – 6:32 pm

Approval of minutes of 1/27/20 board meeting

*Dorian Winterfeld / Diana McFadden – 2<sup>nd</sup> / Unanimously approved*

**Reports**

DCVegan: Not present

President: We had to make some emergency repairs in the past few weeks, but overall things are going well.

Treasurer: Presented a proposed 2020 budget for the Cafe, based on conservative estimates of our revenue and cautious estimates of our expenses. The goal is to load this budget into QuickBooks so we can track it easily. Questions and discussions ensued. *Motion to approve the 2020 Budget Dorian W / Michael H--seconded. / Unanimously approved.*

Audit Committee: No report.

Bar Manager: January bar sales were 20% higher than Jan. 2019.

FONDCA: Planning a special 25th anniversary event on a weekend afternoon--details to come. Hope to upgrade FONDCA's web page to enhance fundraising efforts. Working on a web radio channel to play music from bands that have played at the Cafe.

25th Annv Committee: T-shirts and bumperstickers are in, hope to have coffee mugs and beer glasses soon. Working on magnets and tote bags. The next membership discount night is March 4, and the next membership happy hour is April 25. Haley Ahearn reports that the 'worm crew' now has 41 one-pound bags of compost generated from Cafe food scraps, and she offered these to the board for its 25th anniv fundraising efforts.

Annual Membership Meeting: The meeting is scheduled for May 3 at 1pm, and members are encouraged to attend. There will be presentations from the president, the treasurer and the audit committee, and there will be elections for three board positions and all three audit committee positions. Members are encouraged to run for these positions.

### **New business**

New table tops: Amethyst Dwyer presented a proposal to buy six new, narrower table tops for the back room at a cost of \$300. The new tops will make it easier for both patrons and staff to navigate between tables during crowded evening shows. *Motion: to authorize spending \$300 for six new table tops (Michael H.) Seconded (Mark C.). Unanimously approved.*

Standing committees: Discussion of establishing committees of volunteers and board members to take on fundraising, membership, communications and other tasks. Decided to begin with a development (fundraising) committee, and ask for volunteers in the next newsletter.

Phenomenal Womxn Festival: Amethyst D. presented a request from Caitlin Gompf of the Phenomenal Womxn group for the Cafe to sponsor a women's music and arts festival on Aug. 8 or 9. The festival would take place in Roosevelt Center and the Cafe's back room. *Motion: to sponsor the Phenomenal Womxn festival on Aug. 8 or 9 (Dorian W.). Seconded (Michael H.). Unanimously approved.*

Member/Customer Survey: Mark C. spoke about the need to get updated data on members' and customers needs, preferences and thoughts about the Cafe. The last comprehensive survey was conducted in 2015-2016. The questions from the last survey will be incorporated in a new survey to provide baseline/comparison data, and a draft will be circulated to board and staff.

**Adjourned – 8:12pm**

*Submitted by Mark Cheater*