

New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting (online)
Wednesday, September 30, 2020

MINUTES

Attendees

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

Audit Committee: Mike Stark, Carla Monardes, Jay Bellamy

Staff: Amethyst Dwyer, Alicia Deligianis

FONDCA: Meg Haney, Peter May

Visitors: Connie Davis, Arlene Kaminsky, Susan Harris, Lore Rosenthal

Call to order – 6:33 pm

Approval of minutes of 8/26/20 board meeting

Dorian W. / Diana McF – 2nd / approved unanimously

Reports

DC Vegan: (not present at meeting)

President: Thanked Arlene Kaminsky and other volunteers for their great work on the auction. Reminded everyone that October is National Co-op Month, and reviewed the seven principles of co-ops.

Treasurer: Reviewed the Cafe's bank balances and quarterly reports. He pointed out that we haven't yet used our federal government EIDL or PPP loans (which are kept in separate bank accounts). He said that in addition to our normal monthly bills, we have property tax bill due, as well as bills for repairs and maintenance. He reminded everyone that the Cafe still has to pay almost all the same monthly bills as before the pandemic, even though our income is significantly reduced.

FONDCA: Meg Haney said that all of FONDCA's outdoor music festivals for the fall have been cancelled. She said FONDCA is looking for a new treasurer, and asked people to spread the word.

Bar and Music Manager: Amethyst Dwyer said that August wine and beer sales were about 6% of sales for August 2019, because of the pandemic. She spoke to the PG County official in charge of live entertainment to see if the Cafe could get permission for a no-live-audience indoor event, and was told we were not allowed to sponsor any live entertainment inside or outside. She shared the good news that the Cafe won DC City Paper Readers' Choice awards in three categories: Best Place to Experience Local Music (1st), Best Music Venue (3d), and Best Place for Dinner and Live Music (3d).

Audit Committee: Mike Stark announced the appointment of Carla Monardes and Jay Bellamy to fill the two open spots on the audit committee.

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Online Fundraising Auction: Volunteer auction coordinator Arlene Kaminsky announced the successful conclusion of the auction, with more than \$14,000 in sales. She thanked everyone involved, including sponsors, donors, buyers and the New Deal community. She said unsold items will either be returned to the donors, or given to Habitat for Humanity.

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Dynamic Governance: Board member Aileen Kroll, who is the co-founder of the Center for Dynamic Community Governance, gave a training in dynamic governance to the board in September. The goal is to make sure the board's processes are transparent, clear, inclusive and effective.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Oct. 28.

Adjourned at 7:28pm

Submitted by M. Cheater 10/25/20