

New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting (online)
Wednesday, August 26, 2020
MINUTES

Attendees

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

Audit Committee: (no members present)

Staff: Amethyst Dwyer, Carla Monardes

DC Vegan: Leah Moon

FONDCA: Peter May

Visitors: Connie Davis, Arlene Kaminsky, John Campanile, Lore Rosenthal, Kathy Bartolomeo

Call to order – 6:33 pm

Approval of minutes of 7/29/20 board meeting

Dorian W. / Mark C. – 2nd / approved unanimously

Reports

DC Vegan: It's been about a month since re-opening for outdoor dining, and things are going reasonably well. We're not a break-even point, but business is trending upward and we're willing to give it more time. There was a discussion about the possibility of opening on Sundays.

President: Michael Hartman said that the board and auction volunteers are continuing to search for auction sponsors and donors, and have been passing out flyers at the Greenbelt Farmers Market. The board is also investigating new grant possibilities, and looking into ways of improving board governance.

Treasurer: Dorian Winterfeld 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), and that what has been keeping the Cafe going the past several months is mostly donations from members and grants. He also noted that the Cafe still has about \$86,000 due in member loans from previous years, but that we only have to make interest payments on these loans for the time-being.

FONDCA: Peter May said the group had not met in the past month, but that it has received an arts-related grant from the county.

Bar and Music Manager: Amethyst Dwyer said that wine and bottled/canned beer sales for consumption on the patio began July 31, and sales have been modest. She is working with the band IlyAimy on scheduling a virtual concert, and checking with county officials to see if we can get permission to livestream a no-audience concert from the Cafe for the auction kick-off.

Old Business

Online Fundraising Auction: Volunteer Arlene Kaminsky, who is leading the effort, said that she has received more than 100 donated items to date. She continues to search for more sponsors

for the auction. The auction begins Sept. 8 and runs through Sept. 26. She is seeking to market the auction beyond Greenbelt, and asked for help. There was a discussion about items available for bidding, when the deadline for donations was, and other logistics related to the auction.

New Business (none)

Next Meeting: Originally scheduled for Sept. 28, rescheduled to Sept. 30.

Adjourned at 7:42pm

Submitted by M. Cheater 9/30/20