

**New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting (online)**  
**Monday, May 24, 2021**

MINUTES

**Attendees**

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

Audit Committee: Carla Monardes, Mike Stark, Jay Bellamy

FONDCA: Peter May

Visitors: Michael Travis, Connie Davis, Johanna Goderre, Susan Harris, Bill Jones, Terry Goodnow, Greg Meyer, Alicia Deligianis, Abby Crowley, Karen Gregoire, Barbara Glick, Frank Gervasi, Tom LeaMond

**Call to order** – 6:33 pm

Approval of minutes of 4/26/21 board meeting

*Dorian W– move; John C.--2<sup>nd</sup> / approved unanimously*

**Reports**

President: The board has been working hard on several issues for several months to keep the Cafe alive until we are back in full operation.

Treasurer: We currently have bank balances of about \$160,000, and debts of about \$210,000 (including a low-interest, 30-year \$100,000 federal pandemic loan; and member loans of about \$78,000 that are not due until 2025).

Secretary: Ask everyone who has not already done so to renew their Cafe memberships, or to join if they're not already members. Reminded everyone about May 28 deadline for June newsletter.

Audit Committee: Working on a report covering 2019 to 2021, to be presented at the upcoming annual meeting on June 6.

Bar/Music Manager: In the bar manager's absence, Michael H. noted that we have applied to renew the Cafe's entertainment permit, which now has a requirement for submitting and getting approval for a security plan. The security plan has been submitted and is awaiting approval.

FONDCA: No report.

**Old Business**

Cafe Updates: Floor refinishing is complete. Volunteer Nancy Melandry is coordinating efforts to repair and replace ceiling tiles and track lighting, as well as repainting the walls and refinishing the bar. Hope to have that done soon.

Search for New Food Vendor: Michael H. said the work to find the best vendor on the best terms is ongoing. Because applicants have requested confidentiality, we can't provide more details.

Membership Meeting: Scheduled for June 6 on Zoom. Member Johanna Goderre has graciously volunteered to help run the election, with the help of Cafe membership registrar Bill Jones. Johanna made a presentation on how the election and the online OPA voting system will work. There will be two votes, one for the board and one for the audit committee; the three board candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to two-year terms, and the next two candidates will get one-year terms. Bill Jones reminded people that their memberships need to be paid up no later than two hours before the meeting in order to be eligible to vote. Absentee ballots need to be given to the Cafe secretary no later than the night before the vote to be tallied. Michael H and Bill Jones noted that the Cafe's three employees are normally considered members and thus qualified to vote without having to pay membership fees, but because they have all been furloughed, they can't vote this year. The board recently took an email vote to rectify this and allow the three furloughed employees to vote--but this needs to be confirmed at an open board meeting. *Michael H. moves that the board waive the requirement for renewal dues from the three furloughed employees (Amethyst Dwyer, Carla Monardes, and Alicia Deligianis) so they can vote at the June 6 membership meeting. Mark C seconds the motion. Dorian W. recuses himself. The motion passes 4-0.*

**Next Meeting:** Membership meeting June 6; next regular board meeting June 28.

**Adjourned at 7:33pm**

*Submitted 6/22/21 by M. Cheater*