

New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting (online)
Monday, July 26, 2021

MINUTES

Attendees

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

Audit Committee: Mike Stark, Susan Harris

Music Manager: Amethyst Dwyer

FONDCA: Meg Haney

Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket/Cafe Food & Beverage Manager: Dan Gilotte

Visitors: Michael Travis, Connie Davis, Johanna Goderre, Abby Crowley, Lore Rosenthal, Ray Zamuto, Lisa Zamuto, Carla Monardes, Sandy Irving, Mary Ann Lipovsky, Mara Whitney, Raven Eyes Cagle, Deb Daniel, Lori Dominick, Mark Drumetter, Tom LeaMond, April Ashpes, Mike Rall

Call to order – 6:33 pm

Approval of minutes of 6/28/21 board meeting

Dorian W-- move; John C.--2nd / approved unanimously

Reports

President: Our thanks to the 'Worm Crew,' who, in addition to feeding and maintaining our worm composting bins, have been tabling outside the Cafe every Sunday and soliciting donations in exchange for bags of worm castings.

Treasurer: We currently have bank balances of about \$135,000, and debts of about \$210,000. Our application for the federal Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program was denied. As part of our agreement with the Co-op Grocery, they will be taking over many of our monthly bills imminently, and that will help our bottom line. We spent about \$25,000 on repairs and maintenance in the second quarter of the fiscal year (on floors, walls and ceilings)--this was an important investment in the future of the Cafe.

Secretary: Requested submissions for the August newsletter.

Audit Committee: We've been observing the actions of the board, and everything looks good.

Music Manager: We're still waiting for PG County to renew our entertainment permit.

FONDCA: The Blues Festival has been scheduled for Sept. 25. Bands have been lined up, but there will not be vendors this year.

Old Business

Cafe Re-opening: Dan G. said that today's "soft opening" went well, and feedback has been very positive. The current plan is to offer coffee drinks and smoothies from 9am to 2pm, and gradually expand the hours and menu offerings.

New Business

National Night Out: This event, held on the first Tuesday in August, is designed for law enforcement and the community to interact and have fun. Roosevelt Center may not be included in this year's NNO sites; so the Cafe may not have a presence this year.

Labor Day Weekend: The board asked for volunteers to help organize the Cafe's entry in the Labor Day parade, and both John C and member Mara Whitney offered to spearhead the effort.

Next Meeting: August 23.

Adjourned at 7:38pm

Submitted 8/20/21 by M. Cheater; approved 8/23/21