

**New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting (online)**  
**Monday, Aug. 23, 2021**

MINUTES

**Attendees**

Board of Directors: Michael Hartman (President), Mark Cheater (secretary), Katy Gaughan, John Campanile. (Absent on vacation: Dorian Winterfeld)

Audit Committee: Mike Stark, John Appiah-Duffell

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

Visitors: Mary Grace Waldron, Barbara Bjanas, Johanna Goderre, Lore Rosenthal, Bill Jones, Peter May, Brandon Cole, Greg Meyer, Carla Monardes, Mara Whitney, Tom Leamond, Greg Meyer, Diana McFadden, Susan Harris

**Call to order** – 6:34 pm

Approval of minutes of 7/26/21 board meeting

*John C– move; Michael H--2<sup>nd</sup> / approved unanimously*

**Reports**

President: Very pleased with the Cafe’s operation; we’ve received many accolades since the re-opening last month. It’s great to see both old and new faces at the Cafe.

Treasurer: (presented by Michael H. in the treasurer’s absence) Our bank balances currently total around \$140,000 and our debts are about \$210,000. Our request for forgiveness of our federal PPP1 loan was denied. We’re exploring an appeal of that decision, as the SBA did not take into consideration the fact that we couldn’t spend the money in the specified time period because we were closed. We (and other recipients) received a deferral of our federal EIDL loan payments until 2022. We recently signed a contract with a solar energy company, Neighborhood Sun, that will provide us with solar energy from a local solar farm, and reduce our monthly energy bill.

Secretary: Requested submissions for the September newsletter.

Audit Committee: Mike Stark pointed out the committee needs a new member because of a recent resignation. Looking for someone who is able to make meetings on short notice; ideally a retiree or someone who has a flexible daytime schedule. Please send an email to [audit@newdealcafe.com](mailto:audit@newdealcafe.com) if interested.

Music Manager: (absent on vacation)

FONDCA: No report.

Cafe Manager: Thanks to folks who have been patronizing the Cafe! We’re seeing a wide range of people coming in--both long-time customers and new faces. Since we’ve done limited promotion during our soft opening phase, the volume and mix of customers bodes well for the future. There have been some challenges posed by working in an old building with old

equipment, and also posed by COVID, but we're meeting those challenges. The next phase of the re-opening plan is to expand the hours and menu into lunch and dinner--hoping to do that sometime in September. We're taking things slow to make sure we're doing it right. (There was a discussion about COVID, vaccination policies, etc. Michael H. pointed out that the board has been discussing this issue and will come up with a plan by the next meeting.)

### **Old Business**

Labor Day Parade: John C. outlined plans for the Cafe's parade entry, including a flatbed truck with drummers, and encouraged people to participate. The theme is "Better Together" (i.e., the partnership between the Co-op and the Cafe, and Co-op staff will be marching with us.

### **New Business**

(none)

**Next Meeting:** September 27 at 6:30pm.

**Adjourned at 7:38pm**

*Submitted 9/23/21 by M. Cheater; approved 9/27/21*