

New Deal Café Board of Directors Meeting (online)
Monday, Feb. 28, 2022

MINUTES

Attendees

Board of Directors: Michael Hartman (President), Mark Cheater (secretary), Katy Gaughan.

Absent: Dorian Winterfeld (Treasurer), John Campanile.

Audit Committee: John Appiah-Duffell, Mike Stark

Cafe Music Coordinator: Caitlin Gompf

Cafe Food & Beverage Manager: Dan Gillotte

FONDCA: Meg Haney

Visitors: Lore Rosenthal, Susan Harris, Connie Davis, Barbara Glick, Brett McCoy, Jay Bellamy, Sandy Irving, Johanna Goderre, Tom Jones, Deb Daniel, John Klinovsky, Kathy Bartolomeo, Joe Robbins, Peter May, Barbara Bjanes, Catherine Plaisant, Sean McCartney, Mike Rall

Call to order – 6:33 pm

Approval of minutes of 1/24/22 board meeting: *approved unanimously*

Vote to affirm Jan. 30 email vote to hire Caitlin Gompf as the new Cafe Music Coordinator:
Mark C--moved, Katy G.--seconded. Approved unanimously.

Reports

President: Michael H. urged Cafe members to volunteer for one of the four committees currently doing vital work: Covid Monitoring, Marketing, Development, and Budget.

Treasurer: In Dorian's absence, Michael H said that a fiscal first quarter report would be available next month, and that the budget committee is working on a draft budget for the year.

Secretary: Mark C. thanked all the Cafe volunteers for their efforts, and asked for additional people to come forward to help w/ sound and Covid monitoring duties.

Audit Committee: Mike S. reminded everyone that the Audit Committee is still seeking a third member; anyone interested should send an email to audit@newdealcafe.com.

Cafe Manager: Dan G. announced the board's decision (made in consultation with him) to encourage, rather than require mask wearing in the Cafe. (Staff and vendors will be required to mask for the time-being.) The vaccination requirement for dining in and attending performances remains. He announced that he has hired a couple of new staffers, but is still looking for another cook. He also announced some new dishes and beers, and said sales have been trending upward since live music resumed earlier this month.

Music Coordinator: Caitlin G. announced she had started on Feb. 12, and was in the process of job training. She said that among her goals are to increase/improve the Cafe's social media

presence, and to engage with new bands and different types of music that will appeal to different audiences. Katy G. announced plans to honor retired music coordinator Amethyst Dwyer with a party and a tribute video on March 18.

FONDCA: Meg H. announced that artist Gabriela Nobody's work is now on display, and encouraged everyone to check it out. An artist reception is in the works. Meg also announced that art coordinator Shaymar Higgs has stepped down, and asked that if anyone knows of someone who might be interested in the position, to please contact her. She thanked Peter May for his service on the FONDCA board, and welcomed new board member Barbara Glick. She said that FONDCA is currently planning several festivals for 2022.

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Development Committee: Katy G. reminded everyone that the Cafe urgently needs financial support, and that we are embarking on a development campaign to help raise those funds. Volunteers are needed to help with that effort. If anyone has experience in fundraising or is interested in learning, please contact Katy.

Next Meeting: March 28 at 6:30pm.

Adjourned at 7:23pm

Submitted 3/25/22 by M. Cheater; approved 3/28/22