

**New Deal Café Membership Meeting (online)  
Sunday, June 6, 2021**

MINUTES

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

Audit Committee: Carla Monardes, Mike Stark, Jay Bellamy

Parliamentarian: Bill Jones

Election Coordinator: Johanna Goderre

**Call to order** – 1:03 pm (Quorum present)

Approval of agenda

*Michael H--move; Dorian W--2nd / approved unanimously*

Welcome by Board of Directors President Michael Hartman

Approval of minutes of 2019 membership meeting

*Diana McF-- move; Reese Aguilar.--2<sup>nd</sup> / approved unanimously*

**Reports**

Audit Committee: Mike Stark presented the committee's 2019-2021 report, highlighting the Cafe's successful fundraising and debt-repayment efforts; reviewing the steps leading up to the departure of the Cafe's previous food contractor in 2020; and summarizing the search for a new food vendor (noting that due diligence was done by the leadership team and confidentiality was maintained as requested by the applicants).

Board of Directors: Michael Hartman provided an overview of events, achievements and challenges during the past two years. These included: celebrating the Cafe's 25th anniversary; conducting a search for a new kitchen manager; making repairs and upgrades to the Cafe interior; soliciting grants, loans and donations; running a successful fundraising auction; paying off high-interest loan and credit card debt; and winning the Washington City Paper's competition for "Best Place to Experience Local Music." He thanked volunteers, members and supporters for their efforts on the Community Living Room, worm composting, art shows, music events, open mics, Reel and Meal screenings--and for their donations to help keep the Cafe alive during the pandemic.

Treasurer: Dorian Winterfeld shared profit-and-loss reports for 2019, 2020 and the first quarter of 2021. He noted that in 2019 we made a profit of \$33,000, allowing us to pay down some debt. In 2020, despite the pandemic closures, we also turned a profit thanks to more than \$40,000 in donations and \$83,000 in grants. The Cafe also applied for and received pandemic loans from the federal Small Business Administration: an Economic Injury Disaster (EIDL) loan of \$101,000, and two Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans of \$15,625 each. The first quarter of 2021

resulted in a net loss of about \$7,000. The Cafe currently has bank balances of about \$153,000, and debts of about \$210,000, and we will be seeking forgiveness from the two PPP loans.

Dorian announced that the Cafe had reached an agreement in principle with the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket for them to become our new food and beverage manager. He hailed this as a historic partnership that resulted from a long search process, and said it was the best outcome for the Cafe and the Greenbelt community. He introduced Greenbelt Co-op general manager Dan Gillotte, who will act as the Cafe's food and beverage manager, and asked him to talk about his vision for the Cafe. Dan said the new collaboration will be great for both the supermarket and the Cafe--as well as for Roosevelt Center and Greenbelt. He said he plans for the Cafe to be open seven days a week, and they will have some great food items for every part of the day. He emphasized that the supermarket will manage the food and beverage operations, and the Cafe will continue to manage the music and arts program.

### **Election of Board of Directors and Audit Committee**

Johanna Goderre explained the online OPA election process--assuring members that it was secure, anonymous, cost-effective and fair--and ran a test vote so members could familiarize themselves with it. Bill Jones noted that because a meeting wasn't held in 2020 due to the pandemic, and the bylaws call for staggered terms for the board, the top two vote-getters would be elected to two-year terms, and the next three would get one-year terms.

#### Board of Directors Election Results *(Five positions; six candidates)*

Katy Gaughan: 57 votes (two-year term)

Mark Cheater: 57 votes (two-year term)

Dorian Winterfeld: 56 votes (one-year term)

John Campanile: 52 votes (one-year term)

Michael Hartman: 45 votes (one-year term)

Peter May: 15 votes

#### Audit Committee Election

Since there were online three candidates for the three committee positions, a motion was made to approve the three candidates by acclamation. *Tom LeMond--moved / Maria Silvia Miller -2nd. Approved unanimously.*

The new audit committee members are *(all one-year terms)*:

Mike Stark

Susan Harris

John Appiah-Duffell

### **Additional Reports**

Music Program--presented by Amethyst Dwyer

Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA)--presented by Meg Haney

### **Motion to Adjourn**

*Reese Aguilar--moved /John Campanile--2nd. Approved unanimously.*

**Adjourned at 3:45pm**

*Submitted 6/22/21 by M. Cheater; approved 5/22/22*