American Culinary Federation Upper Michigan Culinarians, Inc.

Board Meeting

May 16, 2022 – 6:00 PM, EST

Border Grill Negaunee, MI

Host: Angela Verburg

PRESENT: Dave Cotanche, Chris Durley, Eric Juchemich, Jack LaSalle, Alden MacDonald, Alex Palzewicz, Christopher Sturzl, Susan Tollefson, Angela Verburg

The meeting was called to order by Chris Sturzl at 6:10 p.m.

1. Chapter Status.
   1. Membership: Juke reported that we have new members: Jordon JV Green and Trixie I.L. Maguran Jacobson, and that John Romps has not renewed his membership.
   2. Recruitment? Derek Estes will be contacting the new members from the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
2. Financial Status
   1. Current monthly report. We currently have $18,910.16 in our account and will be setting up budgets for the upcoming events we have scheduled.
   2. New and upcoming expenditures. Chef Sturzl said he was still hopeful we could organize a hospitality recruitment night. Juke said he got prices from UP Printing for badges (2” x 3” badge is 85 cents – minimum 250). They can embroider other items as well up to 14”. Loganne is looking at getting shirts made from Yooper Shirts.
3. Old Business
   1. Event updates
      1. BBQ event, June 12, 2022, at the Barrel and Beam. Chris D. said he is looking for a budget of $2,000 for the event. There will be a committee meeting soon but everything should be set. Chris will send out an e-mail to the members with all the specifics.
      2. Family Picnic. July 17th at Juke’s. Show up at 1 p.m. bring a dish to pass – we’ll eat a few hours later. A lamb is being donated. Discussion was held about an additional protein to supplement the lamb. We need to figure out a budget. Several grills, smokers, roasters, and deep fryers will be available.
      3. Blue Berry Fest. Juke said we will stick with GFS for the (boneless) pork. Alden offered to store pork in her freezer at NMU. We can use Border Grill for prep on July 27th, July 28 is transferring the product and July 29 is the festival. Alex and Robin volunteered to provide the giardiniera, so we don’t have to purchase it this year.
      4. BrewFeast. Chef Sturzl said we would go with six stations again. He will start setting up meeting next month. Chris D. agreed to MC the event. This year we will look for a local entity, i.e., NMU Hospitality Program, scholarships, MARESA, etc. Alden felt we would keep it industry related and keep it local. Jack emphasized we need to keep 50% of net for our two scholarships and/or hospitality programs.
      5. OSF Dinner – October 20, 2022. According to Robin, we will be doing five courses. Please contact Robin if you are interested in doing a dish.
   2. By-Laws
      1. Voting on COTY award changes. We will be voting on this at the general membership meeting.
4. New Business
   1. Certification update/concerns. Chef Sturzl announced that he may be stepping down from Certification Chair in December. It has been five years since one of our members has test for certification. He has had a few people start the process but not follow through and it is costing him time and money to keep his evaluator status). The only way he will continue is for committed people to come forward who actually want to do a test this spring or sooner.
   2. Current Committee Chairs. Chris D, indicated that they are current.
5. Good of the Order.
   1. The Web site needs to be updated and include a Calendar of Events. Chris D. will follow through.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tollefson, Secretary