**ACF Upper Peninsula Culinarians, Inc.**

**General Membership Meeting**

**September 27, 2021- 7:32 p.m.**

**Present**: Scott Bousson; Christopher Durley; Jack LaSalle; Alex Palzewicz; Chris Sturzl; Eric Juchemich; Nichole Durley-Rust; Randy Keough; Dan Lynch; and, Adam Lund

1. **Call to order**. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chair Juchemich.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**. The Pledge was suspended.
3. **Quorum**. A quorum was met.
4. **Introductions** - Introductions were made by those in attendance.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**. A motion was made and seconded (Palzewisc/Durley-Rust) to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.
6. **Chairman of the Board – Chef Chris Sturzl.** Chef announced there will not be an OSF Heart of Gold dinner in 2021. Also, reported on planning for an Industry Appreciation events around the U.P.
7. **Certification Committee Report – Chef Chris Sturzl.** He stated that anyone interested in certification should reach out to him at 612-616-9849 or via e-mail at:
8. **Treasurer’s Report**. In Chef Holmes’ absence, Juke reported that we are on the plus side.
9. **Marketing Report/Social Media – Christopher Durley.** Christopher explained that he needed to step away from some of the jobs for the Chapter and needs someone willing to take on video editing and some other tasks.
10. **Chapter Demographics:** 33 members: 28 professional, 1 culinarian, 1 associate, 2 enthusiasts, 1 senior. Certifications held: 11: 9 CEC, 1 CCE, 1 CCC.
11. **Unfinished Business:** 
    1. **BrewFeast – Ore Dock.** We sold 52 tickets for the event. The entire event went over very well with many patrons indicating they want to come to any future such events. Chef Sturzl said that we should send $2000 to Feeding America West Michigan, but no vote on action was taken.
    2. **Chef of the Year Dinner.** We had 32 guests/patrons at this Chef of the Year dinner on August 15th at the Northern Center. There were only 5 or 6 Chapter members attending as patrons. We send a big Thank YOU to Chefs Alden Griffus & Derek Estes, and their staff for all of their help with the service and the facility.

Also, it is likely that we will return to a June date for future CoY dinners.

* 1. **OSF Heart of Gold Dinner.**  This event will be cancelled for this year due to lack of an appropriate facility.
  2. **Blueberry Festival.** Chef Juchemich reported that we made over 1200 mini-bratwurst and sold 800. He also reported that we netted over $2000.00 and that a complete written accounting will be presented at the next meeting. The remaining blueberry brats were sold to members and to Mark Ammel for UPtober Fest on October 9th at Ludington Park, Escanaba, MI.
  3. **ServSafe.** Chef Juchemich reported that Alden Griffus will provide both a facility and proctoring services, with the understanding that she will charge for time and materials involved. If you need or someone you know needs the refresher course, please contact Chef Juchemich.

1. **New Business –** 
   1. **ACF Upper Michigan Industry Appreciation Events – Chef Juchemich.** It is hoped that the Chapter can start holding meetings around the U.P. to host people who work in/owners of hospitality and restaurant businesses. We hope to use such meetings as a recruitment tool for members. We hope to start such meeting occurring in January or February of 2022.

It was decided by consensus that the Chapter needs to form a committee to work out details and to begin the scheduling process. Moving forward, this idea needs to be fleshed-out and approved by the Chapter Membership.

1. **Announcements/Good of the Order:** 
   1. **November Meeting.** We need a host for the November meeting.
2. **Adjournment.** A motion made (Sturzl/Palzewicz) to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon G. LaSalle, Acting Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 25th – 7 p.m. at Northern Center, NMU