**ACF Upper Michigan Chefs**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Nov. 29, 2021 600:pmEST/5pmCST**

**Bay College, Escanaba, Michigan**

Present: Eric Juchemich, Christopher Durley, Chris Sturzl, Robin Holmes, Alden Griffus, Alexandria Palzewicz

**I Chapter Status**

A. Current membership levels

B. Meeting attendance

1. We are going to start holding all meetings on Zoom for those that cannot attend in person.

C. Confirmed chapter membership at 32

**II Financials**

A. Current bank statements

1. OSF deposit
   1. Check deposited was confirmed

2. 50/50 raﬄe deposits still not showing

B. Proﬁt and loss statements

1. BrewFeast ﬁnal numbers

We came out of the event with a positive

2. Projected Hospitality Appreciation Night costs

A. A discussion was held on what our expectations of the event are, potential budgets,

And if the projected outcome of a membership increase was worth the cost. It has been

Decided that we need to focus on membership retention over recruitment at this time.

**III Old Business**

1. NMU student organization presentation?
   1. Alex P. did a demonstration with the NMU students on November 14 featuring ramen. 12 students attended. If anyone has interest in doing a demonstration for the hospitality students please let someone on the board know.
2. COTY award
   1. What’s in a name? The national office does not have any guidelines on qualifications for this award.
   2. Who should be eligible? Currently there are six qualifications and most are attendance based. We are agreed that the name and the qualifications need to be discussed more.
   3. What do other chapter do?
      1. Multiple Awards
      2. The previous COTY recipients were the ones that voted on the newest recipient
      3. Community Awards?
3. Certiﬁcation update (Tabled for General Meeting)
   1. Date not set yet with NMU
   2. Still only one candidate from chapter
4. Adding members to Board of Directors (Trustees)

**V New Business**

A. Set up a committee to plan a summer family get-together

B. Work on chapter calendar to go farther out; at least to the end of 2022

C. Ideas were discussed on how to improve member retention and interest in the chapter, and

Improve the meeting content. An anonymous survey will be sent out asking for member feedback. We will create a “Meeting Standards” sheet on what will be expected for each meeting. Alden will start a shared document. Zoom meeting will be held on Monday at 7pm to start the discussion.

D. Work with Taste the Local Difference when they do magazine release parties.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm