

# ***Chefs & Culinary Professionals of Chicagoland***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

November 14, 2016

### **Call to order**

John Reed called to order the Board meeting of the CCPC at 5:49 p.m. on November 14, 2016 at Apropro Catering, and seconded by Tom Ryan.

### **Roll call**

The following persons were present: John Reed, President; Joe Aiello, Trustee; Don Zajac, Vice President; Tom Ryan, Corresponding Secretary; Mary Gorski, Membership Chair; John Kaufmann; Angelique Connor; Tony Gomez, Recording Secretary; and Rosemary Tate, Administrator.

Absent were: Eric Clark, Jeff Lemke, John Kartje, John Draz, Tonie Houke, and Michael Garbin.

**Minutes from September 19th:** John Reed motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Tony Gomez.

### **Committee Reports:**

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** John Reed for Jeff Lemke  
Current bank balance is \$15,000 with \$7,900 payable for the AAC dinner event. The next expense will be the event being held at Kendall College. Approval of the treasurer's report was motioned by John Reed and seconded by Tom Ryan, and approved by all members present.

- b) **Social Media:**  
Don Zajac: Presented website report and described the areas that have shown significant downloads by users.

Tony Gomez: Presented a report of users who have elected to unsubscribe from future Constant Contact campaigns. He also presented a report describing the open rate of recent email campaigns from desktop vs. mobile devices.

- c) **Elections:**

Slate:

President

Jesse Cobb CEC, AAC

Don Zajac

Vice President

Thomas Ryan CEC, CCA

Treasurer

Anthony J. Gomez

Secretary

Mary Gorski

- d) **Ballots/Post Cards:** A discussion took place as to whether to use post cards or folded sheets of paper to use as ballots. The cost of the different options was also discussed.

- e) **History of the Association Book:** Discussions on the history were tabled until the first of next year.

**Old Business:**

- a) **ACF Certification Testing – October 28**  
Of the five test candidates, three passed.  
Accolades were given to Eric Clark for his professionalism demonstrated in his handling of the certification process.
- b) **AAC Dinner:** John Kaufmann  
The AAC Dinner went very smoothly and John Reed & John Kaufmann were very pleased. This was John Kaufmann's 35<sup>th</sup> year of putting on the AAC Dinner. Betty Ramon's \$1,000 credit has been received for the AAC Dinner.
- c) **Membership:** Mary Gorski  
Mary shared with the board that she had contacted each new member by email, and sent them a Welcome Letter. She also included our coming events in the envelope as well as her business card. She brought up the fact that Rosemary requested business cards also and did not feel she was obligated to pay for them herself. Everyone agreed and felt we should have an amount that would be considered a "limit" of what the spending was without board approval.
- d) **Chapter Meeting:** John Reed  
The next chapter meeting will be held at Kendall College which will be hosted by U.S. Foods. The slate of candidates for the next chapter's board are invited to present themselves to the membership/
- e) **La Rabida:** Tonie/Don  
A Constant Contact campaign will be sent out to membership to recruit volunteers to help with food and workers. Members are encouraged to contact Tonie Houoke.
- f) **Holiday Party:** Joe Aiello  
The holiday party will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at La Villa, 3632 N. Pulaski Rd, Chicago. Early registration and members' admission is \$35 which ends December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thereafter admission is \$40. Venue for the Gala was discussed and the expense was estimated between \$5K & \$6K with about 200 in attendance.

**ChefConnect 2017:** Update

Next conference call is scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 Eastern/3:30 Central. Pop up tastings will be provided by Fortune Fish.

Dine Around Baderbräu – Tour tickets are \$15.00.

Volunteers: Tony Gomez has visited Elgin Community College and is scheduled to visit Kendall College and Washburne to recruit students for Chef Connect 2017. Students have inquired about parking and whether they can obtain certificates for their contribution, which has been addressed by the board.

**Next Board Meeting:** December 5<sup>th</sup> at Kendal College.

**Adjourn:** Maty moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Ryan, the meeting ended at 7:51 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Tony Gomez