

Minnesota LDEI Chapter Board Meeting
August 15, 2018
Common Roots Café – Common Room
2558 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55405

Call the Meeting to Order 6:05 by President Janice Cole

In Attendance: Ingrid Gangestad, Kristen Olson, Joan Donatelle, Cindy Jurgensen, Janice Cole, Merrilyn Tauscher, Susan Peters, Betsy Nelson

Secretary's Report and Approval of the 6/27/18 Board Meeting Minutes

Edit to June's notes: Move to offer Emily \$4,500 scholarship to be paid to Saint Paul college to be divided into \$2,500 to Saint Paul College and \$2,000 to metro state for a total of \$4,500. *Updated to add the last zero to \$2,500*

Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of July 2018 Financial Summary

- Received a lovely thank you note from Lori Arnold from Urban Roots for the generous donation from our group of \$4,400.
- Merrilyn looked into having an auditor look into our finances after reading about it in the quarterly newsletter. It is recommended for a groups budget is \$150,000 to \$200,000. We will look into it again in the future and not do it at this time.
- Move to approve July financial summary. Seconded and approved.
- Dues Update - 21 of 50 have paid their yearly dues at this time. Merrilyn/Deb will resend invoices for those who have not paid by the 18th of August.

Old Business

- Voting Results Slate of Officers and Bylaws Revision - Deb provided an update for the voting on the slate of officers. 3 emails have opted out of Survey Monkey. 31 people have voted so far and all voted YES.
 - In terms of the bylaw update, we have 20 YES, 1 NO and 0 abstained. It has passed.
- Dame It Dollars - Micro Grants for Women in the Food Industry - 2018 Round II
 - Received 5 grant requests, the committee has decided to recommend that we accept and provide the grants to 4 of the requests of \$500 each.
 - Move to approve Grants. Seconded and approved
- Annual Meeting - Monday September 10th. Deb has sent out an invite. Joan Semmer has volunteered her home and to prepare most of the food. Nikki and board will provide beverages and appetizers.
 - Janice is requesting year-end committee reports from all committees by Friday September 7th.
 - Discussion on how to manage and store the information for our group. Do we create a members only section on the MN LDEI site or house in the information on a google drive. Janice will look into how much it costs to add the members only information to the website.
- Scholarship: Update to scholarship information that was discussed at the last board meeting. There is a change to scholarship funds for Emily. The total of

\$4,500 that is being offered to Emily will be paid to Saint Paul College instead of splitting between Saint Paul College and Metro State.

New Business

- No New Business

Committee Reports:

- Membership: Cindy has been busy contacting members and working through surveys with each member. We have 50 members, 46 were interviewed. Cindy has written up a summary that will be provided to the newsletter for all members to read. There are some great ideas for programming, membership and other areas where we could improve the member experience with the group.
 - There has been another inquiry by a former LDEI member based in DC. Cindy is reaching back out to connect with her.
 - Discussion on board meetings and possibly inviting non-board members to join us at the meetings. They are open to the group to attend and it helps to clarify what the board is responsible for. It helps provide transparency for the group. Board could approve minutes through email then share the approved minutes on our private portion of the website.
- Service - Joan reports that its been a very active year with members volunteering for classes at Urban Roots and the very successful meeting at the Pizza Farm. October 11th will be the Urban Roots Fundraisers. MN LDEI is supporting the wall of wine again for Urban Roots, members should bring wine donations to the annual meeting for the wine wall and the silent auction. Urban Roots is also looking for volunteers for the event.
- Programs - Betsy and the programs committee are working to book future events. Sunday October 21st - We will be visiting an apple orchard and cider maker where we can host a cider tasting and have some snacks.
- Fundraiser - Ingrid signed the contract with Chow Girls to book the fundraiser event for 2018 for March 31st and hasn't heard back yet. Ingrid will have a sign up list for volunteers at the annual meeting.
- Newsletter - Kim Ode sent in a note that there were no updates at this time.
- Scholarship - Susan is reporting that she has been emailing the scholarship winners that they are welcome and invited to attend upcoming meetings. It gives the membership a chance to connect with the scholarship winners.
- Social Media - Robin has been posting on instagram recently, we are working to get the log in information updated again.
 - Discussion on the facebook page for our group and the international group

Adjourn – 7:40 Janice motion to adjourn, seconded and all approved.