

Minnesota LDEI Chapter Board Meeting
October 25, 2018
Audrey Nelson's home
4338 Aldrich Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55419

Meeting Called to Order 6:30 by President Audrey Nelson

In Attendance: Audrey Nelson, Joan Donatelle, Emily Paul, Diane Jackson, Liz Nerud, Betsy Nelson, Cindy Jurgensen

Secretary's Report and Approval of the 8/25/18 Board Meeting Minutes

Discussed, again, that board meeting notes be emailed shortly after the meeting to president for review. She will send to entire board for approval via email. Deb or president will share approved notes on the website under the members' only section. Cindy motioned to approve, Joan seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Marilyn out-of-town so this portion led by Audrey. Discussed budget by committee and last year versus this year's projected expenses. Extra money given to programs to keep member meeting costs down and also to make sure we have solid programming. Extra money to subsidize attendance by two members to the annual conference and extra to membership for the new initiative Membership Development. Audrey will discuss the budget proposals with Treasurer Marilyn and present a firm budget for a vote at the next board meeting or earlier via email.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Talked about our micro-grants and scholarships and whether members are allowed to apply for them. The thought was no, it wouldn't be a fiscally responsible use of our fundraising dollars but more examination needed. Who's leading and making the decisions? Audrey will clarify with Janice and Ingrid.

Committee Reports:

President

Audrey recapped the LDEI Seattle conference leadership and delegate meetings, how well-run and helpful they were.

Vice President

Joan's gleanings from the conference: check the international website for discounts to members by various companies, there's a 30th LDEI anniversary video, there are 42 chapters worldwide, note the Trend Report, she recapped the Green Tables breakfast and speakers and said that, at this time, our chapter feels that our work with Urban Roots covers LDEI's Global Culinary and Green Tables Initiatives. Very fun that a Nashville Dame dressed up and sang a 'welcome to the conference in Nashville 2019' by singing a Patsy Cline song. It's NYC in 2020.

Program

Betsy and Liz recapped the fun August meeting at Betty Danger's and the October meeting at Sweetland Orchard where both the owner and Dame Joan spoke. Joan provided three apple recipes. Liz also spoke and provided cheese. Potential member JoAnna Zachman attended.

The November 26th meeting speaker will be Dame Betsy on the herbs and food which build immunity. It will be at Joan Semmer's house. Liz went through the program email from Audrey. Future programs in the works!

Membership

Voted tonight to invite Abundant Kitchen Cooking School owner Becki Melvie, to join. She was nominated by Dame Mary Levinski. If she accepts, that brings membership to 49.

Brief discussion that 55 members is fine and desirable as we strive for a more diverse (in a variety of ways) membership.

Cindy and Emily, as the 2018/19 membership co-chairs, met ahead of the board meeting.

'Membership Development' initiative was proposed by Emily. She will do scenario planning and solicit feedback electronically. More to come!

Scholarship

Neither Andi nor Paula could make tonight's meeting.

Service

Diane and husband Rich, Janice and husband Marty, BJ and Betsy attended the Urban Roots fundraiser. The silent and live auctions were a big success.

Diane and BJ have a planning meeting set with Dame Patsy from Urban Roots.

Fundraiser

Ingrid is organizing us for Dame It! on March 31st at the Chow Girls event space. The first meeting was Oct. 8th at Barb's, the next meeting will be Nov. 12th at Cindy's. Meredith and Mary Jane are meeting soon with Maggie Winter who will be doing marketing for the event.

Newsletter

Kim Ode couldn't make it but said via email that she'd like newsletter content by the 20th of the month.

Announcements

Note the emails from our international organization requesting member milestones and respond. Toot your horn if you have a new cookbook or have done something else momentous!

Adjourn – 8:05 Liz moved to adjourn, Joan seconded and all approved.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Jurgensen for Kristen Olson