

LDEI - Minnesota Chapter Board Meeting
June 30, 2020 -6pm
Virtual-Zoom

President, Joan Donatelle Called the Meeting to Order @ 6:13 PM

Present at Meeting: Joan Donatelle, Cindy Jurgensen, Audrey Nelson, Pam Powell, Lois Tlusty, Lachelle Cunningham, Paula Zuhlsdorf, Emily Paul, Janice Cole, Niki Erpeldling, Amalia Moreno Damgarrd, Bobby Carpenter.

Secretary's Report April 2nd and Approval: Pam Powell,
No discussion and approved Motion to pass, Cindy, Janice 2nd it! Approved!

Treasurer's Report: Lois Tlusty:

Budget will be emailed and attached to board meeting notes-

Emily offered: organizational best practices having 3 months operational cash reserve: is the formula to security for defining our gross profit= our fixed costs: (Tanya costs + \$ chapter dues) what are the philanthropy costs, members needs finding that # and building off of that-

Lois, Joan, BJ: Scholarship Funds discussion commit \$5000.00 to BJ for Urban Roots, Joan & Lois would like to review our budget #'s and make sure we have enough in our budget to commit the \$5000.00 to Urban Roots. Lois will revise our budget the boards review and we will vote on it to approve by email.

Lois offered: to attempt to get rid the Pay Pal fee by offering the option of sending in a check instead 175.00 or pay pal and expect the 6.00 fee 😊

Amalia offered: Automatic deposit for dues?

President Elect's Report:

Cindy Jurgensen: Cindy is putting together the new MN chapter of the LDEI board and is almost finished. Cindy will have final 2021 Minnesota LDEI Board completed within the next week and will send out for boards approval.

Cindy & Lachelle are both on the international LDEI chapter development task force helping to create membership changes-criteria and experience...

Cindy reminded us of the Patron Program, the scholarship fund we usually have available for helping members go to the LDEI National conference, and we are nixing the scholarship for 2020.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Fund: Susan Peters, Paula Zuhlsdorf, Andi Bidwell, Arlene Coco have chosen 2 scholarship candidates, **Chloe Thomas** and **Samantha (Sami) Maldonado**. Susan and Paula have sent our board all of the info on each applicant to be reviewed by board. Susan made a motion to approve these candidates, Paula 2nd it and it has been approved. Paula will invite these scholarship winners to participate in one of our virtual programs.

Service Committee Urban Roots: Discussion w/BJ Carpenter for Scholarship Fund: BJ will discuss with Patsy and get back to the board with some approximate #'s for scholarships. The scholarship number @ 5000.00 scholarship. Divided into portions of either \$3000.00 and \$2000.00 for a scholarship or 2500.00 scholarships? Lois will send revised budget to the entire board and we can vote on it by email.

Microgrants: *Audrey Nelson:* reports that we have spent all of the money - Central Kitchen has been a recipient.

Membership: *Lachelle Cunningham & Emily Paul:* Great JOB on membership! Farmer Carla Mertz/Iron Shoe Farm is a new possibility for LDEI Mn. chapter member. Emily offers: can we as a group make a decision to foster a new member applying for financial aid and consider waiving pro-rated dues for her? Emily and Lois will take this offline and come up with a plan for this member. By end of fiscal year we will have 6 potential new members! Lachelle and Emily both agree that we should create a special new member meeting separate from scheduled meetings.

Programs: *Amalia and Liz:* Liz believes that putting together a program especially made for the new members. Liz wants to keep the virtual events going for our programs. Upcoming events: International zoom meetings, Iron Shoe Farms in Sept?

Annual LDEI Meeting: Thurs. Sep 3, 2020 6pm – 8pm

Newsletter: *Remember to list your cook-book in the All Member Cook Books listing!*

Fundraiser: *Janice Cole:* reviewed the number of donations from the Dame It Non-Event. Janice suggested new fundraising ideas! Anyone know any BIG donors?

President Joan mentioned: the idea of having some virtual events for fundraising help-\$ to cushion our group and support our members...

New Business: Annual Meeting, Social Media Facebook Home Page, we are looking for someone to take care of our social media. We are ready to add a SM & Communications chair-person to the board- Joan made the motion, Pam 2ndd it, and all in favor said I. Motion passed!

Improve upon our Mentoring in Les Dames, perhaps we need a mentoring chairperson on the board? What does mentoring mean to our chapter... Amalia is a mentor with several women in the food industry here in the Twin Cities, perhaps she can give us ideas?

Joan makes a motion to Adjourn-all in favor!

Adjourning @ 7:50 PM