

**Les Dames D'Escoffier Mn.
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the MN LDEI
(April 2nd, 2020 5:00)**

Location of Meeting :

Zoom

Present at meeting : Joan Donatelle, Susan Peters, Cindy Jurgensen, Audrey Nelson, Pam Powell, Lois Tlusty, Paula Zuhlsdorf, Janice Cole, Nikki Erpelding, Amalia Moreno Damgaard, BJ Carpenter, Liz Neru

Not Present at meeting: Lachelle Cunningham, Emily Paul

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Mn. LDEI of Les Dames D'Escoffier Mn was called to order at 6:PM by President Joan Donatelle.

1. **Review and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes:** Move to approve Feb. 2020 board

Committee Reports

2. **Treasurer's Report: Lois Tlusty:** Dame it income: Lois talked about and gave total stats on "Dame It" ticket Sales & Donations. Lois suggested to think about ways to make up for "Dame It losses". Checking on Pay-Pal fees to see if they may have a discount for us as a "non-profit status".
3. **Cindy President Elect:** Grand Dame nomination was submitted by Pam Powell, Cindy & Audrey. Sue Moores is the Dame that we nominated this year as our chapter nominee for Grand Dame. Sue graciously accepted the nomination. Cindy is working on nominating new board members for next year.
4. **Scholarships: Susan Peters-Paula Zuhlsdorf,**10,000 allotted for scholarships this year, so to take 3000.00 for scholarships this year. Let's discuss because the scholarships are important. We will put this to a vote?
5. **Microgrants:** Audrey suggested using the \$ for Central Kitchen, Lachelle, Emily & Chow Girls.
6. **New Membership Drive: Emily Paul & Lachelle Cunningham**

Membership Event May 13th on hold...perhaps by Fall? Joan spoke about the possibility of having a virtual membership meeting.

Emily suggested that we spend our time focusing our time and energy on. Some of our older members, volunteering to do errands for some of the members that we do have😊

Supporting the members we have now and to prioritize service within. **(Joan will attach the email from Emily).*

7. Service-Urban Roots: BJ Carpenter: Joan mentioned hearing from Patsy-

8. Events/Programs: Amalia Moreno-Damgaard & Liz Nerud

Two months of Virtual/Zoom Events w/ Julia Child, a lunch and learn event scheduled for May, June & July featuring women owned business vendors/farmers/owners from the *Mill City Farmers Market*.

9. Fundraiser: Janice Cole

Janice re-emphasized decision made to cancel our 2020 Dame It. Figures from "Dame It" ticket donations, checks and pay pal donations will be submitted soon by Janice. Refunds?...

10. Newsletter: Nikki Erpelding: Nikki would like to add in video content w/newsletter. Perhaps some of us could add Interviews with local chefs, and maybe check in with area food businesses about re-opening? Nikki will be re-formatting submission of articles in google docs. Extra submissions could be filed on members only site or file and use as needed.

Old Business:

Amalia will cancel May membership event with Cambria.

Microphone: Liz joined😊 Liz has connected with Metro sound and lighting, recommending a blue tooth cordless microphone and will submit pricing. Cindy and Liz discussed either the portable size or plugin with wheels? She will check into it. The budget for microphone set up \$550.00? Our budget was \$600.00, and to be charged to budget.

Nikki voting for wireless, Joan agrees- but suggesting that we wait on this decision making until we are all back to normal times...

New Business: Sue Peters and Amalia suggested pop ups in the Fall for events- Women owned farm in Princeton Mn. will open her farm for us. The Mung Market... Create more revenue for our chapter by coming up with some innovative new ideas?

Send ideas for fundraising & email ideas to Lois about changes or cuts on the budget.
Fund raising ideas from Amalia.

We approved the purchase of a ZOOM subscription via a unanimous email Vote.

Upcoming Presidents call: Joan talked about the possibility of National LDEI dues being lowered for 2021?

By-laws posted on the Members Only Section of the Webpage, also all of the board meetings will be posted there as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM by Joan Donatelle

Minutes Submitted by: Secretary, Pamela Powell April 2nd, 2020