

Minnesota LDEI Chapter Board Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019 6:30 PM
Audrey Nelson's Home

Call the Meeting to Order 6:56 - Call to Order by President Audrey Nelson

- Audrey Nelson, Ingrid Gangestad, Kristen Olson, Joan Donatelle, Cindy Jurgensen, Janice Cole

Secretary's Report and Approval of Minutes of December 2018 Meeting

- December Meeting minutes approved with edits (Cindy Jurgensen)

Treasury's Report and Acceptance of January 2018 Financial Summary

- January financial summary approved

Old Business

- Proposal from member Emily Paul to increase scholarship funds for those who might have a hardship paying the dues. More discussion has happened since the last meeting
 - If they qualify for a partial scholarship, we could provide 3 payments each of \$30. We could add it as a line for the application process, if financial assistance is needed, a box could be checked. If that box is checked, it could be kept confidential in the membership committee and not shared with the rest of the group for privacy reasons.
 - There could be two levels to the scholarships, a full scholarship to cover the full \$175 or the \$90 investment (paid in 3 portions).
 - This is a great way for us to give back to the community and provide opportunities for professionals that are in financial need.
 - Move to approve Emily Paul's membership committees proposal and pilot the plan to not exceed \$575 - approved
 - Cindy and Emily to work out the details on how to administer this and add to the membership application the information in a fair and reasonable way. Membership committee will have full ownership to be able to decide who gets approved to be granted the scholarship. Membership Committee, Treasurer, President and Vice President (5 people) will be informed on who the recipient is.
 - The funds, once given out will be noted in the financial report as a scholarship. The board will be provided with the information that someone (privacy will be maintained) has been granted the scholarship.

New Business

- Cindy was watching the international webinar and was interested in bringing a documentary to the city that was featured during the call. At this point, our group is not able to take the lead on it and would be happy to support another group leading the event.
- Audrey and Joan are exploring how to pursue a meeting with Shawn Sherman - the general public would be welcome.
- Yia Vang would be another great chef to welcome to a meeting

Committee Reports

- President - Audrey Nelson
 - Int'l. Quarterly Call Report - on a recent call Audrey shared information about our membership and how we are attracting, maintaining and gathering dues. Most of the other Chapters are charging a slightly lower membership fee and are struggling to maintain members and keep them active. Chapters that are doing cool events seem to be able to better keep members.
 - Next year we should submit some local women for the Grand Dame nomination - recommendation - Lynn Rosetto Kasper
 - Looking to submit recommendations for the Legacy award for the international group. Members have been sharing the information with the community.
- Vice President - Joan Donatelle
 - Joan has been sharing the upcoming services from the international group to the larger LDEI community as a great benefit for members of the chapter.
 - Working on Dame It!
- Program - Liz Nerud
 - Event at Henry and Son was a huge success for their support with the food and beverage. It was a great venue to welcome newer members in a welcoming space.
 - April Event - Next event is a Pizza Toss event in April (16th or 24th) at Kitchen in the Market - \$30 will include a salad, pizza, champagne cocktail. Liz will talk about cheese and the melting properties and someone from Kitchen in the Window will talk about the local programs that they offer
 - June - we will be going to Fig and Farro - someone will be talking about Climate change and how it impacts the food industry.
 - It would be fun to do a summer event with the Campus Club on the roof top.
- Membership - Cindy Jurgensen
 - Cindy was on a call with Anne Stratte and asked to see if there were any complaints about removing some of the perimeters around membership. There are some requirements, but we can be flexible.
 - Each member doesn't have to be invited. This is a rule that has been around for a long time but has never been on the books.
 - Each member applicant does need to have 5 years in the profession.
 - Since we are already reworking application forms, it would be adjusted so that you could apply vs waiting to be invited.
 - We will adjust the by-laws to reflect a more open and welcoming spirit
 - We reviewed and welcomed 3 New Members - this now brings our Chapter total to 52.
Warm welcome to:
 - Lachelle Cunningham
 - Laura Miller
 - Eileen Mead
- Scholarship - Paula Z.

- Paula and Andi have written a letter for the newsletter - they are reaching out to local universities to expand our reach
- Microgrants
 - Opened Microgrants for 1 month - didn't get a lot of response, since it went out shortly after Christmas- timing was bad. The micro-grant committee hasn't had a chance to review yet.
 - Received 3 applications, 2 of whom have already received micro-grants in the past. The 2 applicants are friends, both work for school system. They were awarded funds in January 2018; they are both teachers in the pro-start program. The third applicant is from Mankato and is interested in funds to help cover the application fee for an RD internship.
- Service -
 - Met with Saba and Patsy Noble to chat about the upcoming year and how the funds could be put best to use. Able to deliver the cutting boards from Epicurian and Cooks of Crocus Hill. Saba is putting together a list that will be sent at the end of the month. They're looking into an outdoor kitchen area. They'll also be writing an article for the newsletter.
- Fundraising -
 - Fundraiser Dame It! Meeting on Feb 27th at 5:30 - At 4pm there will be a meeting at Solar Arts Building with Daria to figure out space.
- Newsletter - Kim Ode
 - No new updates, always looking for articles for the newsletter.
- Announcements

Adjourn 9:03

Move: Approved: by all

Minutes taken by Kristen Olson, Secretary