



American Culinary Federation
Long Island Chapter

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, October 7th, 2024

Attendance:

<u>Executive Board</u>		<u>Board of Directors</u>	
Nancy Kombert (President)	✓	Chris Palmer (Fundraising)	x
Paul Jensen (Chairman)	x	Rich Simon (Scholarship)	✓
Spiro Giannakouloupoulos (Vice)(Cert. & Comp.Chair)	✓	Roland Iadanza (Placement)	✓
John Carr (Vice)(Website)	✓	Chris LaVecchia (Program & Media)	✓
Liz Franks (Treasurer)	✓	Alain De Coster (Membership)	✓
Chelsea Osiecki (Secretary)	✓	Martin Daniels (Trustee & Co-Sponsorship)	x
Andrew Whitcomb (Srgt. in Arms)	✓	Ed Daniels (Trustee & Co-Sponsorship)	x
		Eric Pellizari (Trustee)	✓
		Anthony Muzia (Trustee)	✓
		Anthony Digiantomasso (Trustee)	✓

Nancy Kombert (President):

- Morgan Center
 - Fundraiser
 - Weds November 13, 2024
 - 6pm-10pm
 - Piermont Babylon N.Y.
 - Will have a table
 - Alain will lead table
 - He will coordinate with chefs to get the table covered and get food donations
- Website is updated with calendar events
- Will purchase (2) tickets to Paul Megro fundraiser
 - Chef Simon & Chef Spiro will attend for ACFLI
- Sponsors
 - Ultimate Image is now a sponsor
 - Need to follow up with remaining website sponsors to see if they are in or out and get website updated
- Florida hurricane relief funds partner with Florida chapters to see how to help out

Spiro Giannakouloupoulos (Vice President):

- **ACF Certification Practical Exam**
 - Fall, Winter and Spring
 - Dates are confirmed nationally
 - 10/28/24 (as of now, no candidates)
 - 1/27/25
 - 4/28/25
- **New Chapter Pins & Chapter Logo**
 - Chapter logo first draft from the graphics department at ESBOCES
 - Handout logo—changes to be made
 - Smaller LI image & greenery turn to gold
- **ACFLI Board Business Cards**
 - Dispersed 20 cards to each board member
 - QR Codes are on the back
 - Members can add their contact info to the back if they want
- **Restaurant Depot ACFLI Partnership**
 - Waiting to confirm sponsorship level
 - Committed to sponsoring CJN Competition and Ready Set Cook with main protein item
 - Master series is underway
 - 1st will consist of duck & 2nd will consist of pork
 - Presented to ACFLI secondary student community in November
 - Waiting for confirmation for May's Chapter meeting to be Demoed by Restaurant Depot
- **Jetro Restaurant Depot Winter Classic**
 - Thoughts of swapping winter scholarships for cook offs
 - Student Teams or individuals
 - Chapter medals and monetary winnings
 - Local Chefs & Sponsor Judge
- **Board Meeting/General Meeting**
 - 2-3 a year to be held before a general meeting

- November
 - Board meeting before Ready Set Cook?
 - Will plan and send out an email to confirm
- **Exam Evaluator Commitments**
 - Policy
 - If you are committed to an exam and are a no call no show, we will fill out an incident report and if there are 2 or more consecutive reports, your status can be revoked by the national committee
- **Ready Set Cook**
 - 01.13.25
 - Will be product sponsored by Restaurant Depot & Scholarships by Chef Frank and Monroe College
 - Need to create a form to be filled out by competitors saying that if they compete they understand they must attend the Gala and BBQ
 - Students and Parents are aware if competing and are winning school they must attend the gala to receive scholarship prize and medal
 - Ready Set Cook will be hosted at Wilson Tech this year (5:15pm arrival)
 - ESBOCES as a backup option
 - Competition format (mystery basket-10 min menu plan,60 min cook & plate)
 - Removing Chef mentors (allow students to collaborate and problem solve)
 - At the beginning there will be a meeting with the students where they will be offered the opportunity to speak with a professional if they have any questions of need any clarifications
 - Chef Frank will inform winning schools prior to the gala
 - \$90 Ready Set Cook Admissions Fee—includes ticket to Gala

John Carr (Vice President):

- Sponsorship letters and levels have been sent to all the sponsors on the website.
 - OneEvent was a space holder, and Middleby was not a reputable company. Please have them removed from the website.
- I have gone back 2 years' worth of demos and sent out sponsorship letters to the vendors that may be viable.
 - Reached out to several vendors regarding sponsorship.
- Vendors that have sponsored the ACFLI for FY25
 - Sysco - \$5,000
 - Restaurant Depot - \$5,000
 - Adams Apple – \$750
 - Rational - \$2,500—awaiting invoice
 - Mas/ Weber – Donated a Weber traveler portable griddle worth \$250-\$300 – Possible raffle/ silent auction item for Annual BBQ
 - Marriott provides the complimentary room valued at \$7,000.
- Sponsorship letters have been sent to the following vendors:
 - Performance Food is waiting on approval
 - Blackfish confirmed
 - Hospitality News confirmed
 - Ukraine caviar
 - Schawans

- Kettle Cuisine
- Vitamix
- Superme Crab
- Mr. BBQ
- Les Chateaux
- Lobster Boys
- Libbey

Liz Franks (Treasurer):

- Balance \$26,490.73
- Need committees to submit budget requests
 - Committee budgets

Chelsea Osiecki (Secretary):

- Google Classroom will have how to directions by November Meeting—still working on getting it set up
- Will Send out Thank you letters to confirmed sponsors, please let me know when we have confirmed payments and I will send letter out with Executive Board CC'd
- Proxy Submissions
 - Please submit proxy form to Secretary email when you cannot attend
 - Will attach form and video on how to fill out digitally to email with minutes from this meeting
- Email confirmations—please create a gmail email if you do not have one so that you can get email forwards
- ACFLI Secretary email
 - All correspondence to be to this email moving forward
 - Will be emailing meeting from ACFLISECRETARY@GMAIL.COM
 - Reminder: Nancy has access to no limit zoom so we will utilize that for the time being and purchase google meet in the future.
 - Email link will be sent out with the same day as the meeting for those who will not be able to show up in person

Richard Simon (Scholarship/Jr. membership)

- 1000\$ Scholarship RENSTATED
- WOULD LIKE INVITE TO AWARDS GALA ROD ZUCK of the Morgan Center

Alain De Coster(Membership)

- Sign the attendance sheet in order to obtain valuable CEH (Continuing Education Hours) credit(s)
 - Please make sure all information regarding your membership number, name spelling, certification level, etc... is accurate and up to date.
 - Those credits can be a valuable asset when applying for certification or recertification, as well as seeking office within the ACF organization
 - These attendance sheets are forwarded to the ACF National Office every month.
- Several ACFLI applications have been handed to a wide variety of Chefs in my area of residence.

- Include: Nassau CC, Piping Rock Club, The Creek, Brookville CC, Glen Head CC, Atria of Glen Cove, The Regency of Glen Cove, Pine Hollow CC, etc... I will continue to visit Chefs and colleagues when traveling to other towns.

Roland Iadanza (Placement):

- **Placement:**
 - Assisting chefs with new opportunities: Executive Chef at CHSLI Good Samaritan Hospital
 - FSD-Chef Rehabilitation Center Eastern Long Island
 - Many other opportunities-Restaurants
 - Assisted Living Atria on Roslyn Harbor Chef Paul Thompson
- Please email all requests to me
 - Go to lichefs.com to email placement and submit job requests or resumes.

Chris LaVecchia (Social Media & Programing):

- **SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT:**
 - **FB: AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION OF LONG ISLAND / WE CURRENTLY HAVE 2.9K FOLLOWERS ON FB**
 - **IG: @LiChefs / WE CURRENTLY HAVE 1,308 FOLLOWERS ON IG**
 - **IG TAGS: USE THE # ACFLI & LICHEFS / TAG @LiChefs IN YOUR POSTS**
 - IF ANYONE HAS ANY POSTS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE ME TO SHARE PLEASE TEXT OR EMAIL ME PHOTOS, ALONG WITH A BRIEF DESCRIPTION, TITLES, HANDLES (@), ETC.
 - I ALSO SHARE POSTS FROM PAGES WE FOLLOW, CINY, BOCES, CHEFS, ETC. & ANYTHING RELEVANT TO CULINARY EDUCATION
 - I CAN SHARE POSTS TO OUR STORY, ONLY IF THE PAGE IS SET TO "PUBLIC", not "PRIVATE"
- **PROGRAMMING & DEMOS:**
 - **November Meeting:**
 - Monday 11.04.24
 - **Location:** Melville Marriott
 - **Demo:** Podravka USA INC./Albert Vidulich (Awaiting Confirmation)
 - SideBar: TBD
 - **December Meeting:**
 - Monday 12.02.24
 - **Location:** Empire Bakery Equipment / 1 C, 1 Enterprise Way / Hicksville, NY 11801
 - **Demo:** Cooking Making Demo
 - SideBar: TBD
 - **January:**
 - **No Meeting**
 - Ready-Set-Cook
 - Location: Wilson Tech
 - Monday 01.13.25
 - **February Meeting:**
 - Monday 02.03.25
 - **Location:** wineUdesign / 156 Engineers Dr. / Hicksville, NY 11801
 - **Demo:** Winemaking & Sampling
 - Sidebar: TBD
 - **March Meeting:**

- Monday 03.03.25
- Location: T B D
- Demo: Bake Me Healthy/ Kimberle Lau
- SideBar: TBD
- **ACFLI ANNUAL CULINARY EXCELLENCE AWARDS GALA:**
Monday, March 24, 2025
- **April Meeting:**
 - Monday 04.07.25 (Possible Joint Meeting With ACFELI?)
 - Location: Homestead Farm / 5412 Sound Avenue / Riverhead, NY
 - Demo: Homestead Farm / Farm Chef Larry Kaiser
 - SideBar: TBD
- **May Meeting:**
 - Monday 05.05.25
 - Location: (BSE) Affinity Group
 - Demo: Restaurant Depot/ Waiting Confirmation
 - SideBar: TBD
- **June:**
 - Monday 06.02.25
 - No Meeting
 - ACFLI BBQ
 - Location: T B D

Old Business:

- Gala
 - Venues:
 - Jericho Terrace Agreed to do it
 - Chef Chris L will be speaking with them
 - Cocktail hour—approval menu from board first
 - 3 Course menu—approval from board first
 - Roland spoke to Lessings Chef Eddie Michaels regarding our Gala. He would like to host it.
 - Running it up the ladder to confirm this. May be able to get vendor food donations.
 - Stonebridge \$80 a head
 - Get vendors that they use to donate food to us for Cocktail Hour
 - December board meeting, is deadline for gala nominees
 - **Nomination:**
 - Sponsorship of the Year: Restaurant Depot
 - Chef of the Year:
 - Pastry Chef of the Year:
 - Need to know so we can tell the person who is nominated so that they come to the Gala
 - Worthy gets awards—lets not just give awards to give awards
 - Journal ads
 - \$350 front cover
 - \$250 back cover
 - \$100 journal ad
 - Sponsors get an ad in the journal depending on tier of sponsorship
 - Flyers for Journals at every meeting
- Chris J Neary Competition
 - Date: Possible May 3rd, 2025?

- Advertisement of Christopher J Neary Culinary Challenge patches (\$5) and pins (\$10)
 - Sell at meetings & competition, Venmo or cash
- Sponsors who commit to Executive level sponsorship, present a \$500 scholarship at the Gala
 - We need to ask them if they want to pick the recipient or if they want to leave it up to us
 - Professional Scholarship or a student scholarship
 - Need to figure that out within the next month in order to give people time to apply and compete