



## **MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHAPTER**

### **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

The October Board of Directors meeting for the American Culinary Federation Middle Tennessee Chapter was held on Monday, October 08, 2012, 5:30 PM at Second Harvest Food Bank, Nashville.

### **Board Members in Attendance;**

Mark Ruben, Lisa Ramsey, Vince Tyler, Kim Davis, Charles Gillespie, Cathy Hoorman, Mary Campbell, Cle Jones

### **Members in Attendance;**

Kim Ingram, Nancy Campbell, Kevin Dorr, Willie Jemison, Brandon Styll, Kristian Morgan

### **Call to Order;**

President Mark Ruben called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

### **ON GOING BUSINESS:**

#### **Committee Members**

The board discussed the possibilities of asking the following members to fill these chair openings  
Student Liason Chair - Melissa Stanley  
Membership Chair - Pamela Moore

### **Chapter Awards Gala Dinner Location:**

The suggestion of holding the Annual Awards Gala at the Fontanel Mansion or at the Studio at the Mansion was made. The Mansion is located at 4225 Whites Creek Pike Nashville, TN 37189. The Mansion is the former home of Barbara Mandrell, it has a main room and Indoor Swimming Pool area in the Mansion that can be considered and it also has a second possibility for the event, the Studio which is next to the main building. The Studio would allow a more unified area to hold the event. ACF MTC member Chef Kristian Morgan spoke on behalf of the Mansion. Chef Morgan and his team have offered to waive the \$5,000 fee generally associated with functions held at the Mansion. He will be meeting with Mark Ruben and Cathy Hoorman to develop the menu based on a proposed budget of approximately \$45-50.00 per person. Tours of the Mansion may be available the evening of the event.

There will be room for a 3 piece Band along with plenty of parking adjacent to the venue. A 45 minute reception time with Passed hors d'oeuvres was set. The rest of the menu would be up to the chef.

**Agenda/Format for the Evening:** To be Discussed in the future

### **110 Chefs – 100 Schools**

Kevin Dorr & Mark Rubin– Sponsors

October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Nashville City Schools

Kevin Dorr spoke to the board regarding the event.

There are currently 92 chefs signed up to participate.

There will be a Webinar on October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM for Chefs and 4:30 PM for Schools, at this time information on the event will be given to the chefs and the schools. After this call chefs will need to contact their school to schedule the time or times of their presentations.

Kickoff of the event will be at Glenview Elementary on 10/24 @ 10 AM Kevin Dorr will be presenting here. Pumpkin Bread and Fruit Nachos will be the featured recipes for all of the chefs. A motion to donate \$500 out of our current funds in addition to the proceeds from the October and November Monthly Meeting Raffles was made by Kim Davis and seconded by Mark Ruben. The vote passed a board vote.

Brandon Styll and Fresh Point Produce offered to help with produce donations.

There will be hand out information along with Chefs Kits that will be picked up at Second Harvest prior to the events.

There are only three chapters in the Southwest Region working on an event for this. Mark and Kevin will be submitting our application to the National Board so that we can be considered for the regional prize of \$10,000.

\* **An announcement** for this event will be made on Monday by a board Member

### **Aspiring Chefs Award**

October Award, it was agreed that the award will go to 3-4 members of the AI culinary school who recently participated in the Food Truck Challenge. Brandon Styll will contact each of the winners and ask them questions prior to Monday.

\* **An announcement** of the winners will be made on Monday by Brandon Styll.

During that meeting Brandon will ask each of them a few brief questions after they have received their awards.

Brandon Styll and Fresh Point Produce have asked the board if they could be the Aspiring Chef Award sponsor. Fresh Point will donate a 1 year membership to the ACF to any winner that is not a member or to any current student member winner, a gift certificate or Chefs Knife.

Vince Tyler offered to contact Hammer-Stahl Knives out of Cleveland TN. To see if they would like to Co Sponsor the award and donate the knives.

Lisa Ramsey will be working on the criteria for Aspiring Student Chefs award in the future.

### **ACF Certification - Robbie Piel**

October 14<sup>th</sup>, Nashville Arts Institute

Lisa Ramsey spoke on behalf of Robbie Piel who was not available; the event is full. The Certification group is all set for this Sunday. A short email or Face Book post will go out in the days prior to the event reminding members of the time and location.

\* **An announcement** for this event will be made on Monday acknowledging the Chefs that pass the Practical Exam on Sunday by Robbie Piel

### **Music City Challenge**

Update on Status:

Event Show Chair Lisa Ramsey spoke;

Everything seems to be lining up well. We are still looking for one additional judge. At this time we have a CMC and A CMPC both set as judges along with others.

\* **An announcement** for this event will be made on Monday by Lisa Ramsey

### **December Holiday Meeting**

The December Holiday meeting was discussed

Cathy Hoorman and Mark Ruben will be looking into the Bridge, a new facility adjacent to LP Field that is opening on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The event will be open to members and their families.

Kim Davis, Cathy Hoorman, Lisa Ramsey and Brandon Styll will be working on the details of the event

\* **A “Save the Date” announcement** for this event will be made on Monday by Cathy Hoorman

### **Communication / Social Networking Committee Report**

- There is continued work on the re-engineering of our website and we should have more to discuss in the future.
- The subject of a Job Posting and Job opening Communication and the committee agreed to work on some possible solutions such as a Newsletter that would have that information as well as other information available on a monthly basis. In order to support short notices there is the possibility of sending out email announcements when new jobs are posted directing members to our website to review new postings.
- The committee has been working on improving our social network presence via Face Book and our base continues to grow.
- **A announcement** will be made on Monday by Kim Ingram to have the members at that time, Like Us on Face Book

### **Future Board Meeting Locations / Dates: “Mark Rubin”**

Mark Ruben asked if future meetings could be held at Go Go Sushi and there was no objection Go Go Sushi is located at 2057 Scarritt Place Nashville, Tennessee 37212

### **Future Member Meeting Locations / Dates:**

Lisa Ramsey mentioned that the Monthly Meeting locations for the following months have been secured.

Oct 2012 – Jack A Lope

Nov 2012 -

Dec 2012 –

Jan 2013 - The Art Institute

Feb 2013 -

### **Budgets – 2012**

Mark Ruben mentioned a desire to develop a 2012/2013 financial budget for the chapter.

Mark and Kim Davis will begin work on defining what our anticipated expenses are for each month along with our sources of income such as Raffles and the Golf Outing

### **Members Meeting Agenda Review:**

October Meeting Agenda was completed by the group

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Round the Board Table**

A motion was made and passed to pay the Bartender (s) on Monday evening a tip of \$50

Willie Jemison requested that in the upcoming months we poll our current membership to see what they are interested in, what do they like about the current chapter and any suggestions they may have on how to improve the chapter. Mark mentioned that we can look at this in the future and possibly create a chapter survey via Survey Monkey.

**BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED**

7:00 PM