

WSCA Meeting

04/09/2018

RTC

April Meeting called to order @4:09p

Attendance –14 members' present

Mr. President- Welcome, Brandon LaVielle called meeting to order.

Secretary- Review of the March minutes-Motion to approve.

Treasurer's report – Review of Financials by Jeff Pratt

- Convention was pretty quiet considering the expense for the regional conference.
- Costs affected the conference.
- WSCA did not get an ACF stipend.
- There is a big empty space in the front a statement balance and is no longer available on line. Has to do with the representative at Bank of America.
- \$14 fee is to be returned because of poor service.
- However, we are still on tract and money's will be arriving at the end of the month.
- WSCA broke even on the president's dinner.

Apprentice report- Tony

- Expecting 130 in attendance at the Bite of the Apprentice, maybe more are expected.
- Tony Parker reached out to compass group, however, they backed out of the Special Olympics. The military shut it down due to construction and Special Olympic National took over. There were conflicts between Compass Group.
- Tony Parker was able to get 50,000 dollars in donations in the past, however, Compass group is not able to do that and it is a huge logistical nightmare at the base. The Special Olympics will never go back to way it was managed previously.
- The Special Olympics may stay at a college, which is what Compass Group is thinking as well.
- WSCA looking at advertising on the radio.
- Pacific Grill is looking for cooks. Chef Mich needs to hire within a month.
- RTC is filming a Microsoft commercial through the company, showing Microsoft technology in the kitchen. Microsoft is looking for a passionate chef that has proficient skills in cooking technology.
- Tony Parker cannot commit due to conflict of interest. If interested, one will need to produce a YouTube video by April 25, 2018.
- Apprenticeship- \$3000 donation.
- Danny Babaduchi and Tony Parker will be judging the Bite of the Apprentice.
- Rainer golf and country club will be at the Bite of the Apprentice.
- Tony Parker has reached out to chefs and apprentices to be paid up on dues.
- People's choice will be only one ticket. Apprentice and schools are being judged by a judging sheet and trophies will be distributed.

- There will be free water and soda. Tony Parker bought a lot of beer and wine. and spent \$285 for alcohol. Boars Head will sponsor.
- WSCA still needs to review at the Houses, which is where a lot of the revenue comes from.
- ACF Nationals is focusing on apprenticeship. \$2500 - \$3000 is going to cost WSCA for apprentices going to ACF Nationals.
- Banner is up and we are ready for the Bit of the Apprentice.

Competition Report-Janet Waters & David Wynne

- The art institute has a photographer for the competition, which is one of the students. However, there is still in need for a videographer. Maybe there may be some buzz on Facebook.
- Five spots left in K case that Janet Waters need to fill. There are a lot of drop offs (4) & (18), 7 chefs and 11 students.
- Please let Janet Water know if you know a student or chef to compete.
- Bellingham is coming down/Brandon's crew/Janet's students coming.
- WSCA needs a banner to showcase our sponsors.
- Janet Waters are currently analyzing P&L for the judge's expenditures.
- The art institute may have options for dining.
- Sean Hanlin will may be able to transport the judges and is currently coordinating.
- There might be small food fee at the competition. The Art Institute may cover the costs of pastry fruit coffee.
- Competition: There is a lot of discussion going on with this. In addition, FSA wants to be more involved, maybe, a possible "Signature" sponsor for \$2500. FSA wants to be involved at a higher capacity.
- The history of the Chapter has recognized chefs from the past. In return FSA would like a membership, maybe, after the competition.
- Each year FSA is willingly to donate \$1500, which would be good for competition
- BMI hospitality and Mike Ventura does a lot of work with this and has couple hotels in mind. They are our new lodging partner and may possibly agree on a marketing trade. The newest hotel is called 'Aloft in Sea Tac. This is where the judges will be staying. BMI is willing to work on a marketing agreement.
- Rooms need to be booked for competition judges.
- New Facebook page is up and running. Please go on and share a like.
- Smithfield Pork is starting to get involved and will start with a \$1500 donation to WSCA and as a trade off, would like to be offered an 'Associate Membership'. Possibly 1-2 demos each year.
- WSCA is looking at a stipend for costs.
- The Art Institute has a map of the college for the competitors as well as an arrival packet.
- Affordable parking is a block and a half from the competition.
- The Art Institute has a green room for everybody.
- Janet will be purchasing medals with WSCA credit card.
- There will be a \$100 stipend at the Art Institute.

Competition Sponsors:

- FSA \$2500
- Smithfield Pork \$1500
- Peterson Company \$500
- P&R Paper Supply Company \$500
- Royal Cup Coffee \$500

- Chaine des Rotisseurs \$500
- BMI Hospitality Lodging for the Judges

Regional Conference update: Chef Brandon LaVielle

- ACF Nationals is changing the bylaws and wants chapters to host "Be the Change" initiative.
- Need diversity, inclusion, new chefs
- Possibly four regionals, maybe two.
- Our region is down by 9%. Possibly it is the students as well as 78% certification pass rate.
- ChefConnect: Atlantic City Feb 24-26th
- ChefConnect: Minneapolis Mar 31-April 2nd
- Cook, Craft. Create. ACF National Convention Show - Orlando Aug 4-6th.
- The next two chef's events were announced.

Old Business:

- ChefConnect 2020 is coming! Dinner with Heidi and Amy went very well, and all are waiting to finalize the contract with the hotel for exact dates.
- ChefConnect: Need ideas for 'Hands-On Workshops', presenters, local talent, a school to host competitions.
- Smithfield Pork contribution
- Food Services of America contribution
- Pastry Educational Class with Chef Roger Howald (and his dad) for Clearwater Casino at Bates June 9 or June 16.
- Next practical exam is September 29th, need more dates scheduled.
- South Seattle Baking and Pastry program is on the verge of being shut down. Big meeting at 2pm tomorrow and all chefs/supporters are being asked to show their support.
- WSCA New Facebook page is up and running with 71 real likes and previous account is discontinued.

New Business

- WSCA is waiting to finalize the contract for the hotel conference 2020 and needs new ideas for tours. Heidi is real excited and needs a school to host the competition.
- Dates have not been made yet.
- Waiting for requirements from nationals.
- WSCA will be doing icebreaker.
- They are introducing the next city immediately after the conference starts and wants the chapter to be part of that. For example, Minneapolis did some pop up displays.
- Pasty class date: possibly the 9th or the 30th of June. June 30th is ideal at Bates. However, July 4th is the following week.
- Pastry Chef Roger Howald and his father will be doing the class.
- WSCA needs to get more practical's on the calendar, only one is scheduled.
- SSCC Bakery and Pastry program is being shut down. The culinary side needs to up there student enrollment as well. Brandon LaVielle will be going to a meeting for a vote. There is low enrollment across the US.
- US Government occupational data is questioning if there is a need for bakers.
- Need to prove that there is interest for the culinary and pasty craft within the region.

Roundtable

- Janet Waters: Thank you for getting the sponsorship. Possibly will put into educational seminars. Use WSCA prepaid cards to boost Facebook promotion.
- David Wynne is looking for a store room clerk.
- Diane Prine: Working with Fort Lewis Base to get soldiers certified.
- John Clark: Accepted a position at a Bonaventure retirement community. Bonaventure Regional manager is flying in to meet John Clark and wants to know more about WSCA.
- Tomas Ronyai: WSCA website needs to be crosschecked for updated meeting calendar.
- JJ Meland: Remind everyone to like our Facebook page. Please donate moneys to entice them to like the page.
- Brandon LaVielle: Getting good feedback from ACF Nationals.
- Gary Fuller: Using Facebook by searching for foodies.
- Gabriel Montgomery: Who manages twitter and LinkedIn? Janet Waters will be giving Gabriel the passwords.

Upcoming Meetings – Brandon LaVielle

- May 14th Board Meeting – L' atelier Bainbridge Island
- June 11th Muckleshoot Casino Dinner Appreciation - TBD
- July – No meeting
- August 13th – The Core Group
- September – Bargreen Ellingson Tacoma – Rational dinner
- October 8th- Meeting at Bates Technical College Downtown Tacoma
- November 12-Board Meeting and Dinner Auction – Clearwater Casino
- December – No meeting
- January 2019 – Café 186 Olympia -

Motion to adjourn JJ Meland 1st, Roger Knap 2nd all approved 5:18 p.m.

Members in attendance: Tony Parker, Gary Fuller, Jeff Pratt, Brandon LaVielle, Janet Waters, Roger Knapp, J.J. Meland, John Clark, Steven Schrader, Diane Prine, David Wynne, Tomas Ronyai, Daniel Griffith & Gabriel Montgomery

