

Minutes

Board of Director's Meeting
October 9th, 2024
Annual and Regular Meetings
SUB 408

Attendees:	Steve Deutsch	Edward Curley
	Melinda Cirillo	Derek Rodriguez
	Michele Halstead	Mark McFadden
	Michael Cavalieri	Rachel Rigolino
	Kevin Saunders	Corinna Caracci

Recording Secretary: Kellyann Hauschildt

Call to Order: 10 :05

Steve welcomed Derek R and Eddie C to their first meeting. Introductions were made by everyone in the room. Steve directed everyone to look at the 2024 Board Member Handbook. The purpose of the Board is to set policy and oversee the budget. Individual members are Directors of the Company first and representatives second meaning the role of a Board Member is to act the best interest of company rather than as a political representative advocating for a certain constituency. The ex officio officers are Michele Halstead, Chairperson; Mark McFadden, Vice Chair; Steve Deutsch, Secretary/Treasurer. Eddie Curley was elected as the Parliamentarian. The Board then selected the members of the different committees. The Budget Committee is comprised of Derek Rodriguez, Michele Halstead, Corinna Caracci, Steve Deutsch, and Melinda Cirillo. The Executive Committee is comprised of Michele Halstead, Kevin Saunders, and Eddie Curley. The Jim Fredericks Scholarship Committee is comprised of Melinda Cirillo, Rachel Rigolino, and Mark McFadden. The Annual Meeting concluded at 10:20.

The regular meeting began with an executive session at 10:22. We ended the executive session at 11:03 and began discussing dining services. **Michael C** spoke about Peregrine Dining Hall being shut down next year. The renovation will be extensive. **Kevin S** asked what the approximate date is of the renovation. **Michael C** responded that it will begin in the summer of 2025 and continue through January 2028. **Michael C** continued with that in addition to the remodeling of all areas, there will be extensive work done on utilities. The building will be entirely electric. **Kevin S** asked what the rational is for that. **Michael C** stated that it is for sustainability purposes; to reduce

steam and gas usage across campus. The bottom floor of Peregrine Dining Hall will have offices and an old school diner. **Michael C** then proceeded with the Terrace. It will be an all-you-care-to-eat venue with a capacity of approximately 100 people. **Eddie C** asked if people could sit and eat there. **Michael C** responded it will be cafeteria style but with much less seating than Peregrine. **Kevin S** asked if the porch area could be turned into eating space. **Steve** replied there are permit constraints and the space can only be available for three to six months, so we'll have to gauge demand and make adjustments after we see traffic patterns. **Michael C** went on with Element 93 to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. **Steve** stated there will be a complete presentation at the and upcoming board meeting.

The discussion then went on to the reuse pass / green containers program. **Michael C** stated the program is running well. The return rate went from 40% before the program and to a 95% return rate. However, there are issues with the back of the house, specifically, washing items in time and getting each box scanned in a timely fashion. **Michael C** continued that they are working on solutions such as shifting hours for employees to better optimize cleaning. Additionally, eliminating the incorrect messages students are getting for un-returned containers. **Eddie C** stated that the messaging is not clear, and many students do not know they can text message back to those messages. **Michele H** suggested an all students email that explains the process to students. **Michele H** asked if there was forgiveness of those charges or is it contracted by the app. **Michael C** responded that there must be a fear of being charged. If not, the program will fail. **Derek R** stated that as a commuter student, he was worried he may not be able to return the container and then be charged another five dollars for another meal. **Michael C** responded that they are working hard to keep up with the sheer volume of containers. A big impact will be the new dish machine in the Student Union Building. The whole kitchen area will be reconfigured. **Steve** stated that it is a sustainability issue and that the end user will be expected to do more than they were doing. It is an educational issue, and the students will have to assume more responsibility. **Kevin S** asked if the program was announced to faculty and staff because he knew nothing about it. **Michael C** responded that Grub Hub will enroll people and explained the directions. **Kevin S** stated that the directions would be helpful to others. Discussions regarding where to drop off the containers began. **Michael C** stated there will be more locations to drop off the containers within the timeframe given. **Eddie C** asked if that included weekends. **Kevin S** responded that it is a business hours concept.

Michele H asked Michael C if he has interns working. **Michael C** replied that he has five interns working with Lauren Kanan, the Marketing Manager. More discussion followed.

Michael C moved on to other options within the dining service. Yadi's Empanadas are doing a great job and their sales are great. Next was the Nest with grab and go options. **Derek R** stated that students really enjoy that option. **Eddie C** asked if there were any late-night options for students. **Michael C** replied that it is not cost effective but that they are working on weekly events and would like to incorporate different pop-ups in the dining hall due to students commenting that

there is a lack of options in the dining hall. Discussion followed regarding the pop-up ideas. **Steve** stated that it will drive up business. Meeting was officially adjourned at that time.

Meeting adjourned: 11:41