

Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club

Board of Governors Meeting

Thursday January 7, 2016

An organizational meeting of the newly elected Board of Governors was held on Thursday, January 7, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers. Vivian Darnell was nominated for President by Paul Jacobson, elected to office. Paul Jacobson was nominated for Vice President by Bill Nussbaum, elected to office. Nancy Moran was nominated for Secretary by Barbara Tate, elected to office. Bill Nussbaum was nominated for another term as Treasurer by Paul Jacobson, elected to office.

This meeting was very well attended because of many club members concern about the issues surrounding the letter of termination sent to Chef Steve Andrews by the 2015 Board of Governors.

A brief history of the Kitchen issues was given by Paul Jacobson. Steve Andrews contract was signed in April 2015 after lengthy negotiation. Recently there has been a rodent infestation within the building. The pest control company was called on several occasions. Their glue traps were ineffective. The area around the new dishwasher was sealed as were the pipes under the sink. This did not solve the problem. A new pest control company was hired and the entire building was sealed tight, costing approximately \$1600.00.

At this same time it was obvious there were some cleanliness problems within the kitchen. There was some unwrapped food found in the refrigerator. The ovens were not being cleaned, and it appeared the inside of the refrigerators were not being cleaned on a regular basis. These duties are very clearly requirements of Steve Andrews' current contract. After repeated attempts to get Steve Andrews to comply with his contractual requirements the 2015 Board sent the letter of termination.

There were several club members at the meeting to show support for Steve Andrews and many had signed a petition on his behalf. Several points were made.

1. Steve Andrews was never given a chance to appear before the Board to give his side of the story.
2. A point was made that the heavy cleaning of the kitchen should not be expected from the food service provider but should be contracted out.
3. Just because an item is found in the refrigerator does not mean it was placed there by Steve Andrews. At this time the kitchen is accessible to anyone.
4. The 2015 Board Members do not partake of the meal service and do not understand the social aspects of before game companionship.

Some of the 2015 Board Members feel that providing food service is very expensive. Restricting kitchen access would involve a considerable cost. Also the per lunch fee to the Food Service Provider is a consideration. There are a lot of club members who do not eat lunch there at all and yet have to share in these costs.

There are many sides to the Food Service problems. The 2016 Board will have much to consider.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.