



Minutes: Meeting of the Bourbon Republic, 12-10- 2023. Athens Grill.

Before the meeting was called to order, our Social Hour was highlighted by typical lively conversations and amazing Swedish meatballs, shrimp, cheeses and various hors d'oeuvres, provided by Bee. Tonight's meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Bourbon Republic Club President, Andy Ziegler.

On display and for tonight's presentation was Justin and Brandon from Driftless Glen Distillery.

Club business. Andy reviewed that it has been a big year for our Bourbon Republic. A couple of notable events - Sugar River Bourdon Festival with about 250 people, which we plan to be a yearly festival. We also had our Black Friday Bourbon Bonanza, set for buying and tasting. We raised over \$1500 for DAIS during our raffle. Looking to 2024, we hope to have 4 meetings.

It is time to vote for our new Board. Having had no new nominations, those on the Board are re-elected. We do need a Membership chair, though. Please contact Andy if you are interested. New to this meeting is an order card. So if you taste a product that you like tonight, you can order it - but only tonight. Bee spoke about an incentive program to sell bourbon. Bee's announcement will be followed up by various emails.

About membership, annual membership dues go into the fabulous foods we enjoy. Andy explained how the allocated raffle tickets work. No one is under any obligation to purchase bourbon at the end of the meeting.

Dinner was amazing. No one went away hungry with a build your own wedge salad bar; greens and cannelloni beans, squash, potatoes au gratin; lobster and a prime-rib carving station. Everyone cheered in anticipation of Bee's delicious dinner. (And it was very delicious.)

Everyone was given a raffle ticket before dinner and all the bottles of the raffle were picked up. Some very happy people. The meeting ended happily at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Garfield