

**Dallas Chapter Texas Chefs Association  
Business Meeting Minutes**

**Date: March 5, 2019**

**Place: El Centro Community College**



**Meeting Time:** 3:00pm

**Call to Order:** 3:05pm

**Sergeant at Arms:** Dieter Paul- We have a quorum.

**Introduction:** Gene Christiano – Welcomed all the guests, thanked all the members for attending

**Invocation:** Cassondra Armstrong **Birthdays, Sick and Shut Ins:** Cassondra Armstrong- Accident with Steven a car and a bike, but doing good. Dieter is recovering from his shoulder.

**Minutes:** Gene Christiano- We need to approve previous month minutes. I do not see that Sam uploaded the previous month's meeting. More to come, will be postponed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cassondra- We would like a drop down visual moving forward. Profit and loss beginning balance: \$21,614.42. Raffle of \$140, which brings our bank balance to \$21,754.42. TMobile and Constant Contact has an outstanding object to be paid – pending, we have to pay. Checks to be paid, reimbursement of Treats of Christmas, \$2,500. Reimbursement to Christina Brown for supplies. We donated \$200 to Pete Cwalino, in lieu of tip to Bottle Blonde. Al DeBerry took care of it. ATM debit for awards and board meeting we had last week. Ending balance of \$18,314.19. Savings account is \$6,000.17. Brings us a total combined balance of: \$24,314.36. Outstanding to be paid are the state tithes, check to Gene is pending. \$175 to helpers of Treats of Christmas, will be given out in the future. Giving us an available balance of \$18,314.19.

**New Business:** Gene Christiano- Christina Brown has stepped down from her board position. We need to appoint to Secretary of the Board Annette Greenslade. We are going to have a really good time having a complete board. The TCA meeting should be at Allen High School in May. We are going to look at the minutes on the website. Do you find the website cumbersome or cohesive? We are looking at ways to make it more cohesive.

**Motion to accept: Seconded by Brian Patton. Motion passed.**

**Old Business:** Gene Christiano- We presented the check to the North Texas Food bank, it was a 100% increase from prior year's donation. There are large events coming up, Empty Bowls.

The roles and responsibilities of the board members are cumbersome and are volunteer positions. If anyone wants to sit on the board, please notify us. We need to fill the Assistant Director position. Effective today, Chef Wade Burch is Assistant Director. Joana Bryan is going to be working on the Committee of Fundraising with Morris Salerno.

**New Business:** Gene Christiano- We need to nominate positions for Chef of the Year, Pastry Chef of the Year (Awards), etc. We need a committee to vet the nominees. Patrick Mitchell is appointed to this committee and Chef Hermann Hiemeyer. We will take nominations this meeting and next month. Voting will be next month (April). Awards will be announced after that. The floor is opened for nominations. Will be helpful to have a short bio and maybe a picture of the nominee. We can also use [dallaschaptertca@gmail.com](mailto:dallaschaptertca@gmail.com). Nominated - Student Chef of the Year: Chastity Alexander and Katherine Gallion. Pastry Chef of the Year: Jennifer Adams. Chef of the Year: Jean Claude Lyon and Cassondra Armstrong. Purveyors of the Year: Gourmet Foods and Fresh Point. Contributor of the Year: Fresh Point. Educator of the Year: Rusty Weatherly and Victoria Hooker.

Steve DeShazo- In the late 70's the Chef Apprenticeship began. It is a huge commitment for a student to take on a 3 year, 6,000 hour commitment. We have ten in our program and only one completer, Audrey Priest. She achieved her certification from the ACF. Some people in this room helped her complete this today. It takes a village. Steve is appreciative of everyone's help. Gus asked everyone to stand if they completed the El Centro apprenticeship.

Wade Burch- Thank you to Steve and Gus. It was an impressive program in 1989 and still is. I owe my CEC to this association. Al from the Hotel Association stated we are at 655 likes, but we need 700 on our Facebook page. Our post reaches have increased by 350%. We want students to join us and see that there are a group of chefs keeping traditions alive and doing it for the right reasons. It is a sense of community, comradery, and pride. Ben E. Keith show March 20<sup>th</sup> and Henry's Ice Cream will be there. If you want to win some money, cook a quail dish in one hour. ACF judges will be there.

Gene Christiano: May 4<sup>th</sup> will be the CEC testing. The state convention will be in Padre Island. If we can get a good number, we can get the buses donated, but it is 10 hours. The date is August 9, 10, 11. National Convention for the ACF in Dallas at the Anatole August 4, 5, 6.

Chili cookoff needs to be in Dallas or Plano. Ideas for fundraising stated, fine dining with our chefs cooking, or restaurants participating. We should have 3, 4, or 5 fundraisers per year.

The board is full now and we can move mountains. It's Fat Tuesday so Community coffee and kings cake will be served.

**Gus motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.**

**Meeting Adjourned. Time:** 3:50pm