

**Dallas Chapter Texas Chefs Association
Business Meeting Minutes
Date: April 3, 2018
Place: The Meat Shop
4410 W. Lovers Lane, Dallas TX 75209**



Meeting time: 3:00 pm

Call to Order: 3:03 pm

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

Introduction: Gene Christiano - Welcomed all the guests, thanked all members for attending. Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC, EWMCS: Announced that we lost a member, Karl Haulstead on March 22, 2018 and asked for a moment of silence for him. Dieter Paul: Karl Hass is doing better and making advances. Cassandra Armstrong: Announced April Birthdays. Gene Christiano: Recognized all new members and guests. Thanked Michael Scott CEC,AAC for hosting the meeting at the Meat Shop. Michael Scott CEC,AAC - Spoke about the Meat Shop and how it came about. He then, recognized all the vendors and thanked them for being at the meeting.

Minutes: Kristina Brown: Minutes are posted on the state website. **Motion to accept the minutes as read on the website made by Michael Scott CEC,AAC. Seconded by Joanna Bryant. Call for the vote, Motion approved.**

Treasurer's Report: Cassandra Armstrong: Income from raffle last month: \$254.00; Current Balance: \$20,234.51; Karl Hass Restricted Account: \$5999.62; Combined 26,234.13; Current Balance: \$20,234.51. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Jodi Duryea, Seconded by Peter Curley. Call for the vote, Motion Approved.**

Certification: Michelle Brown - Wants everybody to know she is on the Certification Commission of the American Culinary Federation (ACF) and wanted to make sure that when we have education after our meetings, she is the one who will be making sure the credits are recorded. Everyone needs to make sure their names are on the Education Form, so they get their Continuing Education Points.

Membership: Mike Mrugala: Two new benefits of being a member – 1. The ACF is now offering a new Private Insurance Exchange. 2. The ACF is also offering Business Insurance. You can get all the information you need on the ACF website. If you have any questions about membership see him or Peter Curley. Membership is also looking for more volunteers to help with on the committee.

Fundraising: Gene Christiano – We had a discussion at last meeting about supporting Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC,EWMCS as he competes in the Chef of the World Competition. We had discussed having a fundraiser at Venue Forty 50 in May, however, time is approaching quickly so we will postpone the fundraiser until the Fall. **Wade Burch CEC, motioned to have the chapter cut a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Patrick Mitchell's competition and then reimburse the chapter once the fundraiser is held in the fall. Seconded by Gus Katsigris. Call for the vote. Motion Approved.**

Old Business: Michael Scott CEC,AAC - Ballots have been passed out. Nominations are still opens for all chapter recognitions. Members who nominated an individual for an award briefly spoke about who they nominated. All Nominations closed. Voting ballots were collected and tallied. The following individuals won in each category:

Chapter Chef of the Year: Gene Christiano	Student of the Year: Sarah Dilling
Pastry Chef of the Year: Bill Hodges CPC	Contributor of the Year: Michael Scott CEC,AAC
Educator of the Year: Joanna Bryant	Purveyor of the Year: Ben E. Keith
	Romeo of the Year: Gus Katsigris

Gene Christiano – Announced the State Convention in August. There is going to be a bus to take us all down to Houston to represent Dallas. The Sheraton Hotel in Houston has just enough rooms, if everyone signs up, we will have the entire hotel to ourselves.

New Business: Gene Christiano – Meeting supplies and equipment – as we go to different venues to have our meeting, many time there isn't any equipment for us to use to communicate with each other during the meeting. **Pete Nolasco made a motion to have the chapter purchase the microphone and PA system up to \$300.00. Seconded by Michael Scott CEC,AAC. Call for the vote. Motion Approved.** An announcement was made that a projector was going to be donated from the University of Texas-Dallas. Kelly Cook CEC,AAC – Thanked Michael Scott CEC,AAC for inviting him. The Regional Conference in Newport Beach, California was an excellent conference. The Central and Western combined. A lot of good information about what we know about being chefs like Farm to Table and sustainability. We were very well represented by all the student teams that were there. Our students are very professional and attended all the events. He appreciates all the individuals involved with our students that make them the representatives they are. He met at the Winter Board meeting and had a good conversation with Adam, the Director in Houston, and the opportunity with the hotel. Everything is a little shaky after all the hurricanes last year but are very excited about putting on a good show for everybody and make sure we all know that they are OK. Next, we still do not have a Secretary/Treasurer nominated for the State Office. Anybody around here who might be interested or anybody around here you think might be interested, we just need to call the State Office to get that going. Future opportunities, next year the Regional Conference will be in Minneapolis. They really put on a good show and they're excited to have us up there. Mark your calendar, March 31 to April 2, 2019 for the next Regional Conference. There is also talk about having some ACF activity in Dallas in near future.

Education: Kenneth Braddock from Rosewood

Motion to Adjourn: Mike Mrugala motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Seconded by Phyllis Moynihan. Meeting Adjourned. Time: 4:20 pm.