

Dallas Chapter Texas Chefs Association
Business Meeting Minutes
Date: August 7th 2018
Place: Pilot Works- Dallas
11830 Webb Chapel Rd, Dallas TX 75209



Meeting time: 3:00 pm

Call to Order: 3:15 pm

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

Introduction: Gene Christiano - Welcomed all the guests, thanked all members for attending Thank you to our host Pilot Works.

Invocation: Gene Christiano. Cassondra Armstrong introduced Pilot Works and gave birthday wishes

Minutes: Kristina Brown: Because of my absence, we are behind a couple of months on approval of minutes. I will put them together and email out to be voted on at the September meeting. Rosters are not right, if anyone is not receiving emails, please email us at the chapter email on agenda so we will have correct address for members.

Treasurer's Report: Cassondra Armstrong: We have not raised any funds. We have talked about Treats of Christmas, a holiday party, and a fall fundraiser. We need to put some money back in to the pot. Currently we have \$13,730.73, and with the Karl Haas fund we have a total of \$19,730.00. We need to get approval for 2 months as the minutes. Lisa did a great job with the raffles, but we do not have that income anymore coming in each month. We need to do fundraising and bring in at least \$2,000 per event to put back into the account. Steve DeShazo- Proper procedure would be to publish the reports. Best practice is to publish it and let us look at it before voting. Cassondra Armstrong- We will email that out to members with the minutes and vote next month.

Certification: Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC- This Saturday Mark Schneider will have a Certification practice session down in Waco. Certification is a personal journey. I am around if anyone needs help. El Centro is a test site. This site is led by Jim Knifong. Patrick Mitchell also then spoke about his competition in Malaysia. He finished in the top 10 in the world.

Membership: Mike Mrugala: On back of agenda is information on the 90 Chef Challenge. Starts on 9/2 thru 10/31. It is based on professional memberships recruited. For everyone you sign up the member and new member receive jackets. You can go on ACF website for details. Membership is not just the committee it is everyone. There is a lag time between signup and being put on roster. All memberships should now go through ACF and then State and that should help.

New Business: Gene Christiano- We had the great pleasure of the State and Regional conventions. At regionals it was all about "BE THE CHANGE". This maybe the way we think, speak, or raise money. If we don't make it happen, then it won't happen. How can I be the change in our organization? During the AAC dinner it was amazing how they induct the Chefs. They inducted about 12 Chefs. The State convention was

unreal, Chef Adam did a great job. Awards were done a little different the year. They revamped the voting process. Chef Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC explained. In the past it was voted on by the board, It became a popularity contest. So we revamped the process. Now you have to meet the criteria, fill out an application, and past winners vote on each as a committee. Gene Christiano- Dallas Chapter swept every award this year except the Pina award which we won last year. Pete Nolasco has started a legacy with the R.O.M.E.O. award. It is now a State award. Gus Katsigris has won the award this year. Bill Hodges won the Pastry Chef award, Grayson County won Student of the year and Educator. I am very thankful for winning the Chef of the year award.

For years and years TCA has paid for life benefits and they have now changed and started a State fund. They also have the Chef Relief fund to help those in need. With hurricane Harvey they had pins made to raise money. Because it was so successful, they have ordered more to keep raising funds. Dallas has 50 to sell and raise money as a Chapter. We are asking for a donation of \$10 per pin.

I want to say thank you for allowing me to get my feet wet , and allowing me to go to these conventions. I feel I have a lot more knowledge by going.

2020 will be the year for Dallas. Dallas will host ACF National Convention at the Anatole Dallas.

Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC- We are gong to be instrumental in the planning of this. I would like to host an Academy Dinner and honor Karl Haas. I would like the ACF to come down for the dinner and show them different venues besides the Anatole. We are open to ideas.

**Motion to Adjourn: Mike Mrugala motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Seconded by Wade Burch.
Meeting Adjourned. Time: 4:39 pm.**