

# Texas Chefs Association

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

*(Chefs of the Coastal Bend)*



**Meeting Date:** 1/11/2021  
**Meeting Time:** 6:00pm  
**Meeting Place:** The Exchange

**Meeting Called to Order by:** Chef Dean Sprague CEC, Chapter President

**Recognize Host:** Thanks to Chef Tony Nichols and The Exchange for hosting our monthly meeting.

**Insure Roster/Quorum:** Dean Sprague, Michal Smith, Paula Szczepanek, Richie Jones, Matt Axtell, Israel Villeneuve, Tony Nichols, Kyra Sullenger, Juan Rodriguez, Aspen Tillman, Melvin Powell, John Powell, Harold Ramos, Marjorie Pettigrove, Robert Chan, Maria Sanchez

**Recognize the Excused:** Several members not in attendance due to work schedules and COVID concerns

**Treasurer's Report:** *Chef Paula S:* Bills paid for monthly storage fees

**Director's Report:** *Chef Dean Sprague CEC:*

Discussion on what we as a chapter can do to increase member activity. We have many members but the same core group that remains active. Let's discuss ideas to increase activity and drive membership

### **Committee Reports:**

**Certification:** *Chef Michael Smith CEC:* Quite a lot of discussion on what you need to be prepared for while going through certification.

**Education: Chef Matt Axtell:** Certification Practical Short Course: 3 Chefs completed a run through of dishes to meet the criteria for certification and were judged by fellow chefs. It was a great experience for all involved. A really good eye opener for the chefs aspiring for certification, as well as newer members.

**Membership: Margie Pettigrove: N/A**

**Apprenticeship: N/A**

**Social Outreach: N/A**

### **Fund Raising: Chef Michael Smith CEC**

Currently in talks with Lazy Beach Brewery for a beginning of the year fundraiser. Date has been set for an outdoor and safe event on January 31, 2021.

### **Public Relations & Social Media Chef Richie Jones**

Nothing new to report. Please feel free to message Chef Richie with any news you want shared on our page. Make sure to tag and friend Chefs of the Coastal Bend TCA on FB to stay informed and in touch with chapter events.

### **Culinary Arts & Competition: N/A**

### **Chapter Social : N/A**

### **Old Business:**

**A. Appreciative if the members for all who have contributed in 2020.**

### **New Business**

**A. Beer Pairing with Lazy Beach**

**B. Membership Drive emails**

**C. Non Active members email survey**

### **Round Table:**

Discussion of the results and events of the practical. Went around the room for feedback from competitors as well proctors and members in attendance.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion from the floor made by: Chef Dean Sprague**

**Motion seconded by: Chef Richie Jones**

**Discussion by Assembly**

**VERY IMPORTANT!!!** List the date, place, address and time for the next meeting in full.

*Please do not take for granted that it's common knowledge your chapter always meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 3 pm. Sometimes it does change so to make sure it is recorded accurately, be sure it is included at the close of your minutes.*

