

# Texas Chefs Association

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

### *(Chefs of the Coastal Bend)*



**Meeting Date:** 3/8/2021  
**Meeting Time:** 6:00pm  
**Meeting Place:** The Exchange

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

**Recognize Host:** Thanks to Lazy Beach for hosting our monthly meeting.

**Insure Roster/Quorum:** Dean Sprague, Michal Smith, Paula Szczepanek, Richie Jones, Marjorie Pettigrove, Robert Chan, Tony Nichols, Melvin Powell, Maria Sanchez, Devin Falcon, Justin Huerta, Michelle Luna, Israel Villaneueva, Kyra Sullinger

Guests and Potential Members (Students from Del Mar College) : Wilbert Wilson, Dennie McMurrey, Tina McPherson, Christina Flores, Gabriel Ramirez, Andres Gomez, Dalva Cunningham, Sheri Chaufly, Jessica Chappel, Micaylah Maddalone,

**Introduce Guest:**

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

**Meeting Called to order by Chef Dean Sprague, CEC at 6:04pm**  
**Second by Chef Michael Smith, CEC**

**Secretary's report Chef Richie Jones:** Previous meeting minutes and month's activities covered with no new information at this time. Chef Richie encouraged everyone to sign the roster and be sure to print a good contact email for future communications.

**Call for a vote on the Minutes of the Past Meeting to be Accepted:**

**Motion of Past Meeting Minutes Was: Carried / Lost**

**Call for the Present Meeting Agenda to be Reviewed:**

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

**Motion seconded by: Chef Richie Jones**

**Discussion by Assembly**

**Amendments / New Business**

**Call for a vote on the Present Meeting Agenda to be Accepted:**

**Motion of Present Meeting Minutes Was: Carried / Lost**

**Treasurer's Report:** Chef Paula S: Bills paid for monthly storage fees. Some expenses out for travel for certifications.

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

The chapter is financially sound even going thru the COVID pandemic. We have been able to do safe fundraising even tho on a scaled back style from normal.

Chapter Awards are coming up. Look up requirements and submit your nominations so we can vote on recipients.

**Committee Reports:**

**Certification:** Chef Michael Smith CEC: A lot of news!! Every one is encouraged to seek certification om some level. Chef Mike discussed the personal experiences of certification and the benefits for self worth and professional gain. Certification can open the door for many networking opportunities that will help any chef's career.

In FANTASTIC news, Chef Israel Villaneuva(CEC), Chef Matt Axtell(CEC), and Chef Cassidy Tally(CWPC) all passed the certifications for their level in the last practical. Congrats!!!

**Education: Chef Matt Axtell:**

**Presenter** Vicki Hilsback with Soley Wine company held a tasting of the wines they offer. We discussed uses in the food service industry as well as culinary applications.

**Membership: Margie Pettigrove:**

Compiling new email list of current Del Mar Students that were in attendance to try and garner membership for their development.

**Fund Raising: Chef Michael Smith CEC**

Fundraiser planned for March 14<sup>th</sup> at Lazy Beach Brewery. Currently in talks for a summer fundraiser and polling to see if it is something we can do.

**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.

**Student Ambassador: Monica Luna**

Currently 19 students enrolled in the STRA with 15 currently active due to COVID. Classes at Del Mar have been currently capped at 10 students per due to current restrictions. Talks are always ongoing to increase the capacity of classes safely for the faculty and students. Private donors are currently assisting students with certification costs.

## **New Business**

- A. Beer Pairing with Lazy Beach**
- B. Membership Drive emails**
- C. Summer Fund Raiser. Yes or No?**

## **Round Table:**

Several questions about certifications and the process. A lot of great questions about membership and what we do brought up by new Del Mar Students.

## **Adjournment**

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

**Motion seconded by: Chef Richie Jones**

**Discussion by Assembly**

## **Call for a vote on Adjourning the Meeting:**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting Was: **Carried** / Lost**

**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.*

