

**Dallas Chapter Texas Chefs Association
Chef's Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2016
UT Dallas, Richardson TX**



Meeting time: 3:00 p.m.

Call to Order: 3:18 p.m. by Pete Nolasco

Invocation: Cassandra Armstrong

Sergeant at Arms: Dieter Paul

Meeting Place: UT Dallas Richardson TX

Introduction: Pete Nolasco welcomed all new members and guests

Motion for the Past Meeting Minutes to be accepted: Steve DeShazo, Second Gus Katsiaris. Motion passed to approve January minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Chef Robert Bifulco reports last month there is \$32,608 balance. We had \$5980.78 in expenses leaves us with \$27,140.88. **Motion to approve Treasury Report Steve DeShazo Seconded Dieter Paul. Motion Passed Unanimous. Chef Robert wanted everyone to think about freeing up some of the \$14,000 restricted funds.** Steve DeShazo wanted to know if Treats should be the fundraiser for the annual budget. Robert responded that Treats is in the balance & the operating funds. Special events are separate. Steve thinks the final budget needs to have a separate budget for student activities not be a line item. Maybe this isn't a complete budget. Chef Robert wanted everyone to think about it and we can vote on it at next meeting. Ray Southwell stated we maybe should have a revenue budget, which we don't have. Chef Robert states we only have Treats as our source of revenue.

Committee Reports:

- A. **Treats of Christmas:** Quentin Layne states Treats has been going on for 25+ years, wants members to vote on whether we have a Treats 2016, so committee can get started. We gave this year more than the last 2 years combined, and most in 10 years. Anyone with suggestions talk to Quentin or membership committee.
- B. **Chef Pete stated Gene Christiano would love head off the Chili Cook-off.** Central Market & HEB can hold the event. We can vote on it next month. Gus Katsiaris wanted everyone to know how proud he is to have his ex-students up there leading!
- C. **Membership:** Chef Cassandra Armstrong stated great turn out today, if you are not n the list at sign in please let us know.

New Business:

- A. **Winter Board Meeting:** February 20-21st. Saturday Director's Rap Session will be at Chef Pete's Kitchen. Need a volunteer to maybe host dinner. Sunday we need a place to host meeting and lunch. Chef Chris Vogeli has volunteered III Forks for Saturday night dinner.
- B. **State Convention:** Chef Pete and Dieter Paul went on a test Cruise to work out details. Chef Pete showed video of Dieter Paul's trip.
- C. Chef Pete would like to send Chef Patrick Mitchell and Chef Michelle Brown to St Louis by sponsoring them through the chapter. Chef Robert stated we have the money, we allocated \$5200 for Director's travel, and Chef Pete has elected not to go to Hawaii. Chef Pete would like \$1500 to

go to their trip. **Motion to approve supporting our 2 members, Dieter Paul Seconded Ernst Gruch. Motion Passed Unanimous to give \$1500 to chefs for competition.**

- D. **Gift Basket** this meeting has Alcohol. And there will be a second “mystery” item for giveaway also
- E. El Centro Knowledge Bowl Team was at meeting. Last year Dallas Chapter gave them \$2000. They were receiving help from Warner Vogeli Foundation. This is now for apprenticeship program. Steve Deshazo stated they are moving forward with fund raising for their trip to Hawaii. They need \$10,000 for competition. They are thankful for the apprentice ship fund for past completions. Chef Pete asked what they are doing for fundraisers? Chef Robert suggests they identify Chefs that maybe can help them with dinners to raise money. Chef Pete asked that they become members, and join the TCA. They should think about fundraisers and come back next month with a plan.

Education: Chef Cassondra stated it is Heart Healthy month, she will be doing education at the back because of time.

Round Table

Motion to Adjourn: Gus Katsiaris, Seconded Robert Bifulco

Meeting Adjourned at: 4:35pm

Next meeting: March Meeting will be at Gilley's Dallas