

**Dallas Chapter Texas Chefs Association**  
**Chef's Meeting Minutes**  
**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**The Italian Club, Addison TX**



**Meeting time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:** 3:02 p.m. by Pete Nolasco

**Invocation:** Cassondra Armstrong

**Sergeant at Arms:** Dieter Paul – yes, we have a quorum

**Introduction:** Pete Nolasco welcomed all new members and guests

**Motion for the Past Meeting Minutes to be accepted: Chef Gene Christiano, Seconded Motion Chef Michael Scott,** Motion Passed to approve May minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chef Pete is appointing Chef Cassondra Armstrong as the new Dallas Chapter Treasurer. Chef Robert has not left chapter but stepped away from treasurer. Chef Cassondra will take over the "treasurer duties" and have a report next month.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Chef Michael Scott Convention Chairman, stated we have 13K in the cruise convention budget so far. Monica Leibowitz will help with the program for the convention. Ethel has 133 persons paid and signed up for the cruise. If anyone wants to still go contact Ethel. We have a meeting with Carnival tomorrow to confirm the agenda.
- B. **Treats of Christmas:** Chef Pete would like to appoint Dave Ewing as the Allied Chair position. Dave Ewing accepts. Chef Pete stated no official news about Northpark. We did take cookies over to Lona. Chef Pete has asked Chef Gene Christiano to head up another fundraiser, The Chili Cook off to bring back the tradition to the Farmer's Market.
- C. **Chili Cook Off:** Chef Gene has communicated with the Dallas Farmer's Market. Date is planned for October 30<sup>th</sup>. They have agreed to the day and the space. Space is worth \$2,000 alone. We will also plan on an ice cream crank off. Once we vote to do the fundraiser we can create a committee to plan. Need a motion to vote. Chef Pete spoke with Chef Mark Schneider, he stated we need 2 things: 1 is where is money going , **Motion to do the fundraiser made by Chef Andi Dee, Seconded by Gus Katsigris no discussion, Motion passed to do fundraiser at Farmer's Market**  
Chef Michael Scott stated in order to get the space for free they are asking we give a portion to the farmers. Chef Andre Bedouret thinks we should model it after Treats, 51% to Farmers and 50% to The Chapter. Ray Southwell stated that he is all for the farmers, but maybe we should consider that they are there to make a profit. Be sure to do our homework before we give to them. Chef Jennifer Bajsel stated we have to give to them in order to get the space, and we should support the local farmers. Chef Andre Bedouret again stated 51% goes to charity and 50% to chapter. Steve DeShazo would like to table the motion and check on the 51% going to charity (farmers). We can ask Jack Rayome about the 51% rule. Dieter Paul stated we still have a motion on the floor. **Motion to give to the to the Farmers, but table the percentage Dieter Paul Seconded Andre Bedouret (27 for 6 against)** Chef Gene will be taking signups for chili cook off committee.

**New Business:**

- A. Chef Pete stated he has been Director for 1 year, and would like to appoint Chef Gene Christiano as his Assistant Director. Chef Gene accepts.
- B. Chef Pete also stated We have taken Chef Cassondra from membership, and would like for Chef Mike Mrugala to step in and be a part of membership.

**Education:** Wanda White from the Humane Society

**Motion to Adjourn:** Cassondra Armstrong, Seconded Kristina Brown

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 4:45pm

**Next meeting:** July 5<sup>th</sup> Four Seasons Irving