

**Dallas Chapter Texas Chefs Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 3rd, 2016  
El Centro College, Dallas TX**



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

**Call to Order:** 3:10 p.m. by Gene Christiano

**Sergeant at Arms:**

**Meeting Place:** El Centro College, Dallas TX

**Introduction:** Gene Christiano welcomed everyone. He will be giving the meeting in the absence of Pete Nolasco and Cassandra Armstrong.

Birthdays were done by Mike Mrugala

**Invocation:** Gene Christiano

**Minutes:** *We will table minutes for next month*

**Treasurer's Report:** *We will table for next month*

**Round Table:** Everyone state your name and if you are looking for employment or have employment

**Certification:** Patrick Mitchell; We are trying to get a practical for certification together. Chef Mark Schneider down in Waco has offered his location. He is looking for doing a practice session. He is offering a package with housing and a run threw. This is for any level. I think it will be in March. I have competition applications. March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the BEK Show, we are doing a professional chef competition. Fall show is for students. It is a duck competition, you get 1 hr.

**Membership:** If you get your reminders, you can go online and pay quick. Mike Mrugala is working on the drop list. And working on new members. I want to go visit some places, get our name out there. If anyone has any ideas, please let us know.

**Charity:** Lisa Ferrell- We have one fundraiser every year. Treats of Christmas. This is our once a year fundraiser. We also have the raffles every month. We have small expenses at the meeting. We have dinning certificates this month. We are looking for donations for baskets. If you want to promote you or your business. We can combine with other items. This money stays with the chapter. Next month we will vote on what to do with the money we raised in December.

**Chili Cook Off-** Jennifer Basil- We have done some research on a location. And want to see if anyone has connections on a plan we are thinking. So, last year we started thinking about having the cook off in October. We want it to be a profitable event. If anyone wants to be on the committee, please let us know. We need to lock down a location. We originally thought the Farmers Market in Dallas. The amount is not feasible. Then we thought Traders Village. But we thought about what we are trying to raise, and we need to explore other locations. We thought about partnering with an Oktoberfest? If you have any contacts or ideas, please let us know.

**Education:** Austin from Seawater Food And beverage

Motion to Adjourn: Mike Mrugala, seconded by Kristina Brown

Meeting Adjourned 3:55pm