

Texas Chefs Association

Chapter Meeting Minutes: *Dallas Chapter*



American Culinary Federation
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Minutes Prepared by: Interim Secretary, Ron Reczek

Meeting Date: 10 January 2023

Meeting Time: 3:00pm to 4:30pm

Meeting Place: Dallas College Culinary, Pastry and Hospitality Center, 11830 Webb Chapel Rd., Unit 200, Dallas TX 75234

Meeting Called to Order by: Chef Cassondra Armstrong, President at 3:00pm

Sergeant at Arms: Dieter Paul- Yes Quorum

Chef Attendees: Jennifer Adams, Cassondra Armstrong, Janice Brooks, Tina Sparger-Bruice, Chad Burnett CEC, Bill Bush, Herman Hiemeyer, Michael Lamping CEC, Michael Mrugala CC CFBE, Peter Curley, Steve Deshavo, Henry Holland, Patrick Mitchel CEC AAC, Jesus Olivares, Dieter Paul, Katrina Warner, Abigail Coleman, Meredith Milke, Ron Reczek, Barnard Charter, Kubilay Ondor

Associate EUTH Attendees: Lorenzo Hotel- Al DeBerry, Fed Ex- Alexandra Eaton, Kabobs- Justin Pitts, Gay Prewitt, Lois Roush Inc.-Lois Roush, Henry's Ice Cream- Henry Gentry, Philip Vernon- Pirl Bakery,

Introduce Guest: Simplot Inc. presented new vegetable blends to support labor savings.

Motion for the Past Meeting Minutes to be Accepted: Barnard Charter 1st, Jennifer Adams 2nd, Motion passed to approve November 2022 minutes.

Treasurer's report: giving by Chef Cassondra Armstrong

- A. Recapped Fall Fundraiser after expenses a profit of \$1246.57, Additional \$3500.00 check was given just prior to the meeting from Unlimeat Sponsor

Beginning Bank Balance \$ 4329.53, Ending Balance \$6837.14

Mike Mrugala 1st, Herman Hiemeyer 2nd, Motion passed to approve November Treasurer's Report

- B. Jennifer Adams to serve as Interim Treasurer

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

- A. Chair, Mike Mrugala spoke on membership types, expectations, and the need to promote student membership.
- B. Possible obstacles to student membership/involvement are the meeting day/time. A survey will be created and sent to membership to solicit information to validate Tues at 3pm is best time for meeting participation.
- C. Chef Mike asking Collin, Dallas, and Tarrant colleges for opportunity to speak to culinary/pastry students.
- D. Students need to be made aware of the TCA scholarships as a student member.

Competition Committee:

- A. Culinary Ambassador Patrick Mitchell spoke on membership and clarified that certification does not require membership.
- B. Chef Patrick commended the chapter's efforts in reorganizing and moving forward after the challenges of COVID-19.
- C. Chef Patrick is available for certification mentoring & guidance.

Events Committee:

- A. Chair Herman Hiemeyer presented basic information for the Spring event, "Soiree in the Skye", at the Lorenzo Hotel, date TBD.
- B. The ticket price is \$125.00 per person.
- C. Chef Kubilay also spoke to membership regarding staffing event and that the hotel will generate a BEO to organize. Minimal chapter staff support will be required. Ron Reczek will work to get student support in event set-up on the day before event, and for "plate-up", as needed.

Meeting Location Committee:

- A. Chair, Chef Chad Burnett solicited for a location for February meeting.
- B. March meeting will be at E-Source Miller, 3680 W. Royal Ln. #155, Irving TX, 75063

Chapter Secretary:

- A. Interim Secretary, Ron Reczek working towards goal of the "Meeting Minutes" be sent to Chapter President by Friday after meeting for final review.
- B. Membership Chair will send the attendance roster to the secretary by the next day after the meeting.
- C. Once approved by president, the minutes will be sent to Sam Brewster in State TCA office for chapter distribution.

New Business:

- A. Chef Cassondra asked that all chapter committee members send a "professional headshot" to Sam Brewster to update the website with.
- B. **Chef Cassondra introduced "The Treats for Christmas" discussion.** A North Texas Food Bank representative will present the idea at the Dallas Chapter's February 2023 meeting. Interest for chapter participation and North Park Mall support will be checked in the next few months before a decision to participate is made.

Roundtable: All attendees introduced

- A. **Edge Consultants**, spoke on services to help professional LinkedIn coaching and professional speaking for business organizations.
- B. Chef Idalee Cathart encouraged the membership to purchase the "**Lucious Legacies Cookbook**". Available on Amazon and other book retailers.
- C. Katrina Warner, Tarrant College is hiring for a **full-time Lab Coordinator**. Go to the Tarrant Community College human resource website to apply.

Meeting Adjourn @ 4:30 pm