

**Dallas Chapter Texas Chefs Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 6th, 2018  
Bottle Blonde, Dallas TX**



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

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

**Sergeant at Arms:** Dieter Paul- quorum is reached

**Introduction:** Gene Christiano welcomed everyone. Thank you to host Bottle Blonde & Hotel Association

**Invocation:** Cassandra Armstrong

**Minutes:** Kristina Brown- No minutes take in January, due to absence of Jennifer Bajsel. We do need to vote on November minutes.

**Motion to approve November made by Chef Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC**

**Seconded by Dieter Paul Motion passed unanimous**

**Treasurer's Report:** Cassandra Armstrong- Need a motion to close out of 2017 at \$27,292.38

**Motion to approve 2017 ending balance of \$27,292.38 Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC**

**Seconded by Mike Mrugala**

*We have 2 checks outstanding for Comet Cupboards and NTFB. This leaving us an available balance of \$23,202.40. With Karl Haas fund we have \$29,211.92*

**Motion to approve January ending balance of \$29,211.92 Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC**

**Seconded by Herman Heimeyer**

**Old Business:**

**Competition:** Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC- We have several going to compete. Grayson College will compete and have a knowledge bowl team competing. Chef Alison Hodges is competing for Pastry Chef of the Year.

*We have talked about how to support competing teams and Chefs. We are working on a form to submit and should have available by next meeting. It will all depend on costs and chapter funds as to what is available for support.*

*Steve DeShazo- January 28<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Vogeil Apprenticeship Dinner at El Centro. This year was amazing. I would like to thank all who are on the Apprenticeship Advisory committee. Pat, Pete, Gene, Dieter, Herman, Bill, thank you. Also Chrissy Morell and Audrey Priest, and Drew Robins helped as well. We sold 80 seats. Apprentice Nathan Young was killed in a car accident back in September. We are playing the Nathan Young video at all the ProStart events. In Houston at the high school events the TRA Education Foundation will start marketing a campaign called the Nathan Young ProStart Pathway to Success to emulate the great things Nathan did. April 15<sup>th</sup> will be Bits and Bites at A Tasteful Place . Tickets are \$65 honoring Jesse Yearwood.*

**Board Changes-** Gene Christiano- We have had some board changes. Jennifer Bajsel has resigned. She has too much work load and things are not working for her at this time. I want to thank her and wish her well. I have appointed Kristina Brown as secretary of the Dallas Chapter TCA.

**Winter Board Meeting-**It is taking place next week. If you have anything to share about the WBM please let me know.

**Locations-** It takes a village. We are searching for meeting locations. If you are a chef or want to showcase your venue, we would love to promote you. Or if you are a vendor and want to help, let us know.

**Membership-** Pete Nolasco- It is open for any member to be on the board. We have about 3x's as many members as the second largest chapter. We are the largest chapter in Texas. Come join us! Talk to Chef Mike Mrugala and Chef Gene today and they can help get you registered. Many companies will pay for your

*memberships. You do not have to be an ACF member. You can just be a TCA member. You can attend 3 meetings before becoming a member. We have 10-11 meetings a year.*

***R.O.M.E.O's-** Dieter Paul- Karl Haas has had a stroke 2 weeks ago. He is home working with a speech therapist. We sent him flowers from the chapter. No phone calls please, only email.*

*Gus Katsigiorgis- we have a fund started at El Centro in honor of Ewald Scholz. We need to do something to increase the foundation. Perhaps the next event can raise money for the foundation.*

*Gene Christiano- The ROMEOS will be presenting a plan at the next meeting to raise money for other sick and in need ROMEOS.*

*Pete Nolasco- Chef Morris has broke his leg.*

*Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC- Morris was visiting his family in London and went skiing. He went down and shredded his leg. He had surgery and has a cut from the knee to ankle. He will be out of commission for some time. Keep him in your thoughts. The chapter will be sending him something.*

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

Meeting Adjournment: 4:10pm **Motion to adjourn Cassandra Armstrong**

**Seconded by: Mike Mrugala**