



## **Chefs of the Coastal Bend Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**January 13-2020**

**Location: The Exchange**

**224 N. Mesquite**

**Corpus Christi, Texas 78401**

**Attendance - Members:** Michael Smith CEC, CCA – Pro Chef

Dean Sprague CEC – Pro Chef

Cassidy Talley – Pro Chef

Tony Nichols – Pro Chef

Roman Alfaro- Allied

Wilbert Wilson – Student

Keli Hughes – Pro Chef

Richie Jones – Pro Chef

Izzy Villanueva – Pro Chef

Richard Arnold – Student

Michelle Luna – Student

Samantha De La Vega – Student

Juan Valdez – TCA Chef

Juan Rodriguez – Student

Robert Flores – Pro Chef

Paula Szczepanek – Pro Chef

Harold Ramos – Pro Chef

Clayton Veit – Pro Chef

Abel Orcanis – Pro Chef

Aspen Tillman – Student

Abeline A. Ortiz – Student

Matt Axtell - Chef

**Guests:** Angela Villareal, Logan, Lauren Leal,  
Robert Miller, Emily Dodd

**\*Meeting called to order at 6:14 PM by Dean Sprague CEC\***

**Culinarian Code:** Read by Jessica Stone

**Welcome:** Thank you all for coming to the January ACF-TCA meeting of 2020. The Chefs of the Coastal Bend would like to recognize our host today The Exchange.

**Secretary's Report** – Gained new members and more local interest throughout the community. Our chapter is growing stronger than it has in past years and only going in a positive direction.

**Call for the Past Meeting Minutes to be Accepted**

**Motion from the floor: Chef Dean Sprague CEC,  
Certification Chair**

**Motion seconded by: Chef Christopher Prado, Treasurer Chair**

**Discussion by Assembly**

**Amendments**

**N/A**

**Call for a vote on the Minutes of the Past Meeting to be  
Accepted**

**Motion of Past Meeting Minutes Was: Carried / Lost**

**Call for the Present Meeting Agenda to be Reviewed:**

**Motion from the floor made by: Chef Dean Sprague CEC,  
Certification Chair**

**Motion seconded by: Chef Michael Smith CEC, CCA,  
Fund Raising Chair**

**Discussion by Assembly  
Amendments / **New Business****

**Our first scheduled event for 2020 will be at Lazy beach brewing with a Valentine's Day theme tie in. Also presented to the chapter was a Farm to Table event by Grow Local. Emily Dodd has been with Grow Local for 8 years and is currently VP. The event will be held 4-19-2020 at the Botanical gardens for 150-165 ppl. Chapter voted in favor of participating in the event for Grow Local.**

**Call for a vote on the Present Meeting Agenda to be Accepted:  
Motion of Present Meeting Minutes Was: **Carried** / Lost**

**Treasurer's report- Chef Chris Prado: N/A**

**Director's report- Chef Dean Sprague CEC: Expressed the need for everyone to be involved in the chapter's meetings and events. He thanks everyone for their dedication throughout the year as we have been really active with events. Dean won Chef of the Year for TCA in 2019. Chef Dean also discussed a possible Pasture to Plate event in early April hosted by Robert Hale.**

**Correspondence – N/A**

**Committee Reports:**

**Certification – Chef Dean Sprague CEC:** Chef Dean is Pursuing his CCA certification and Chef Michael Smith is pursuing his CEPC certification. Chef Dean expressed to the chapter, how being certified can give you an advantage in today's fast paced culinary business world. Chef Dean also noted that there are scholarships available for certification on the TCA site. Chef Izzy recently passed the CEC written exam. Also Chef Prado passed his written CEC exam as well.

**Education – Harold Ramos:** N/A

**Membership – Izzy Villanueva:** Chef Izzy is currently pursuing his CEC and will try and work with students STRA chapter to be involved with Chefs of the Coastal Bend.

**Apprenticeship Chair - N/A**

**Social Outreach** – **Richie Jones:** Keeping the chapter active on social media platforms Instagram & Facebook.

**Fund Raising** – **Chef Michael Smith CEC, CCA:** We are looking into organizing 300-500 ppl events locally with the help of the Yacht Club and the Omni Hotel.

**Student Ambassador** – **Michelle Luna:** Students are asking for more direction when involved in events. Students would like to have a set of guidelines they can follow when applying for help from our chapter.

**Culinary Arts / Competition** – N/A

**Chapter Social** – N/A

**New Business-**

**Lazy Beach Brewing “Sexy Foods”**

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Grow Local Event**

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Adjournment**

**Motion from the floor made by: Chef Dean Sprague CEC  
Certification Chair**

**Motion seconded by: Chef Michael Smith CEC, CCA  
Fundraising Chair**

**Discussion by Assembly**

**Call for a vote on Adjourning the Meeting: 7:08PM  
Motion to Adjourn Meeting Was: **Carried** / Lost**

