

# Texas Chefs Association

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

### *Rio Grande Valley Chapter*



**Meeting Date:** *March 10, 2020*  
**Meeting Time:** *5:03 pm – 6:07 pm*  
**Meeting Place:** *The Centennial Club*  
*1410 Austin Ave.*  
*McAllen, Texas 78501*

**Meeting Called to Order by:** Director: Chef JoAnna Martinez  
South Texas College Instructor

**Recognize Host:** The Centennial Club  
**Insure Roster/Quorum:** Lebby Salinas, Owner  
Yesenia Martinez, STC  
Maria Luna, STC  
Angel Vasquez, DNHS/STC  
Maria Hernandez, Mission Restaurant

Supply

Juventino Espinoza, McAllen Country Club  
Luke Woolridge, Mission Restaurant Supply  
Vitali Ambriz, STC  
Galliguer Bautista, STC  
Patricia Serna, STC

**Introduce Guest:** Alberto Morales, The Census  
Carlos Martinez, AACT Now  
Dulce Longoria, DNHS  
Martin Solis, DNHS  
Emily Garcia, STC  
Andrea Melchor  
Triana Carbajal  
Emmanuel Ramirez, DNHS

Lenny Garcia, DNHS  
Carlos Grimaldo, DNHS  
Michelle Arevalo  
*Nadia Casaperalta, STC*  
*Doug O'Neal*  
*Stephen Trummel, Tax Solutions*

**Recognize the Excused:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

*Stephen Trummel was unable to attend due to beginning of the Tax season but left word that chapter is still in great standing.*

**Director's Report:**

*Chef JoAnna Martinez thanked all who were in attendance and expressed her enthusiasm of how great the chapter is growing and reaching out to the community. She introduced the new members, those visiting from out of town, and her expectations for the Rio Grande Valley chapter for the months ahead.*

**Committee Reports:**

**Education:**

*Chef Nadia Casaperalta- South Texas College Culinary Arts Instructor  
Chef Nadia was unable to attend due to current courses.*

**Membership:**

*Chef Doug O'Neal – unable to attend.  
Chef JoAnna Martinez updated the number of enrollment and ensured members that although the organization is gaining students and associates in the field, it is not about where they are from but that students are the future for those in the industry and that this organization is a family.*

**Old Business:**

- A. Chapter Outreach**
- B. Chapter Engagement**
- C. Chapter Awards**

## **New Business**

- A. Where are we?**
- B. Fund Raising**
- C. Community Outreach**
- D. Meeting Sites**

## **Round Table:**

*Lebby Salinas spoke on restaurant allergies and what has happened in recent years with the public. She is advocating for life threatening allergies/food knowledge in the Rio Grande Valley and how the chapter can assist those who do not know the effects in the industry. Alberto Morales from the US Census spoke on how the chef's and restaurant can possibly help bring awareness to be counted in the state of Texas and the efforts of why the census is here. Carlos Martinez of AACT Now, advocated to the members, students, and those working prior to opening hours of The Centennial Club, that he would love to partner up with the chefs and the association to get the word out of the local chapter. Chef JoAnna Martinez brought up the previous month's nominations for the yearly awards and votes were casted and finalized. Chef JoAnna Martinez mentioned the chapter would be on the side lines on monetary events and is to focus on membership and giving back to the Rio Grande Valley. She spoke words of encouragement to the students and those in the industry that we are in this together.*

## **Adjournment**

**Motion from the floor made by:** Director Chef JoAnna Martinez  
**Motion seconded by:** Maria Hernandez, Mission

*Restaurant Supply*

**Call for a vote on Adjourning the Meeting: 5:52 pm**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting Was: Carried**

## **Next Meeting:**

**April 07, 2020**

**5:00 pm**

**Donna North Culinary Department  
7250 Val Verde Rd. Donna, TX 78537**



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