

San Antonio Chapter  
Texas Chef Association

Meeting Date: February 15, 2023, 3:45 pm

Location: Azar Family Brands, 8501 Cover Road, San Antonio, Texas 78263

Minutes: Chef Carol Irwin, CEC

Attending: Chef Eduardo A. Castillo, San Antonio Country Club; Chef Carol Irwin, CEC, Buttermilk Café, New Braunfels; Phillip Salinas, Compass Group; Caroline Salinas, NISD; Keagan Main, San Antonio Country Club; David Howington, San Antonio Country Club; Chris Cukjato, BEK; Belkis Lane, Dickie Enterprises.

Quorum: No

Director Chef Eduardo Castillo opened the meeting at 3:45.

Treasurers Report: Chef Phillip Salinas reported that the account was in good standing

New Business:

Director Chef Eduardo Castillo attended the TCA Board meeting held in Austin. He reported the TCA Convention will be held in Tyler Texas. A date has not been designated. Membership status was the focus of discussion. Directors were to encourage its active members to contact past and current inactive member to come become part of this Chef group. Apprenticeship programs are being researched by Chef Eduardo to understand what is needed to bring young people into this workforce. Caroline Salinas that we needed to look at the career paths of young students in the culinary programs in the high schools

The meeting was closed at 4:14.

The Program began by introduction of Trey Azar, owner and developer of Azar Family Brands who manufacture and bottle Cinco Tequila, Seersucker Southern Style Gin, & TLC Vodka. We learned the family history of the beginnings of these brands, the issues of getting started, business through COVID, and followed by a tasting of each product. Chef Eduardo thanked him for allowing us a meeting place, a tour the facility, & learn about his wonderful business

Next meeting will be held DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ at  
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