

**Texas Chefs Association Dallas Chapter  
Chef's Business Meeting Minutes  
September 6<sup>th</sup> 2016  
Grand Hyatt DFW, Irving TX**



**Meeting Time:** 3:00

**Call to Order:** 3:15pm

**Quorum:** Yes

**Invocation:** Cassondra Armstrong

**Sergeant at Arms:** Dieter Paul

**Introduction:** Pete Nolasco welcomed all new members. Thank You to Executive Chef Jean-Claude Plihon

**Call for the Past Meeting Minutes to be accepted:** Pete Nolasco

**A. Motion to accept July Minutes by: Michael Scott**

**Seconded By: Dieter Paul**

**No Discussion, Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Treasurer Report: Cassondra Armstrong**

A. July began with balance of \$24,612.12. August began with \$18,240.33. We had convention expenses and are still waiting on a check from State of \$2364.49. Balance today is \$19,386.79 with Karl Haas Educational fund. The Convention Revenue was \$13,679.19 we spent \$13,458.07. Left us a balance of \$221.12 But we still have a balance to be reimbursed from the State. Steve DeShazo CEC,FMP,MAT, stated that in the past the treasury report had more details and check numbers, he would like to see the same type of report. Pete Nolasco stated we have a detailed report and everyone is welcome to see the detailed report up front at any time.

**Motion to approve Treasury Report by: Michael Scott CEC,AAC**

**Motion Seconded by: Allison Hodges CC,CPC**

**Discussion:** Pete Nolasco stated that anyone had questions his doors are always open.

Allison Hodges CC,CPC asked can we make the detailed reports available before the meeting to review prior to voting. Pete Nolasco stated they are open for viewing up front.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Committee Reports:**

A. Charity: Quentin Layne & Lisa Ferrell. December 17<sup>th</sup>, which is the Saturday before Christmas Eve, is the schedule day for Treats of Christmas. Steve DeShazo CEC,FMP,MAT asked if Northpark has mentioned about the gingerbread houses. Quentin replied not as of yet. Quentin would like to repeat the card readers and sign up genius as we used last year. And possibly do the gift certificates again. Lisa Ferrell stated the monies we make off of the raffles each month are being used to fund some expenses that we have for monthly meetings. If anyone would like to donate something please contact her or Quentin.

**New Business:**

A. State Agenda

1. Logos: Pete Nolasco wanted to speak about the State changing the logo. Karl Haas made the original logo, and then came the pencil logo, and now we have the ACF Chapter logo. Patrick Mitchell CEC,AAC stated with the new State website, they wanted to go with the longhorn logo. But the longhorn was from the Convention in Waco. This is a specialty logo. We need to lean back to the original logos. If we are going to change logos it needs to be in the bylaws.

2. Treasury Report from State Convention: Pete Nolasco stated that the State has been sending out "flash reports" These are not a reflection on what is paid; these are monies that

are owed. Monies to be paid. Dallas Chapter gave \$3k for Chef Relief fund. And that does not show in the financial report. If anyone was not at the General Session, and would like a copy of the financials, we can email them to you.

3. Bylaws: Pete Nolasco stated that it is important for everyone to look at the changes that the State wants to make to the bylaws. Online the 2011 Bylaws are posted, but at the General Session they passed out the 2013 to be revised.

4. State Website: Chef Pete reported that a new one is coming

- B. Social Media: Michelle Laurette stated that she is working on a new Instagram, Facebook, and maybe starting twitter. Steve DeShazo CEC,FMP,MAT stated we should look into Remnd.com
- C. Student Ambassador: Pete Nolasco wants everyone to think of a student ambassador for state. They must be a rising star, able to travel, and need a headshot.
- D. RGV is having a fundraiser for State. Chef Pete cannot attend, will be in Germany. If anyone would like to get involved please contact Pete Nolasco.
- E. David Pippin is not here available to speak about Celebrity Kitchen. Anyone interested call David.
- F. Do What Dieter Did Contest: Pete Nolasco decided to have 3 winners, because we had a private donor. Winners are Latisha Hayes, Stephanie Southhall, and Chasity Alexander.

#### **Old Business**

**A.** Pete Nolasco wanted to take this time to state he gave out awards and was dinged. He wore a military costume to hand out awards, and there was a retired coast guard who was offended. Pete sent out an email to regain the medals he passed out, in return he would send something else. Pete stated he did not mean any disrespect to anyone in the armed forces. Steve DeShazo CEC,FMP,MAT stated that he believed there needs to be intent in order for an infraction to occur, or for it to even be an infraction. Gregory True CC, stated he feels the same way. He has watched T.V. with people impersonating military before and this was not the same thing. Nick Ruiz stated that he thought it was all part of the event, and added to it. He was sorry for anyone who did not recognize this. Pete Nolasco stated he talked to Chef Idalee Cathcart about her organization 22 kills. He is going to look into doing something for the charity. And maybe the chapter should as a group.

**Education:** Nancy Farrar; How to take the perfect food picture with your iphone

**Round Table:**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Michael Scott CEC,AAC

**Second Motion:** Dieter Paul

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:40 pm

**Next Meeting:** TBD