

February 24, 2004; Meeting Minutes:

The 1st Meeting of The Houston Cake Club met at Larry's Art & Craft Supplies on South Richey in Pasadena, Texas.

Donna Kolkman called the meeting to order at 10:04

Due to this Meeting a first for the new club at this time no one attending this meeting had standing membership.

15 people in attendance: Dusty Moore, Pat Weiner, Donna Kolkman, Lori Gust, Cathy Adams, Elizabeth (Lisa) Vasquez, Monica Glidden, Tami Burke, Julie Rhoades, Amie Schneider, Terry Cruz, Jo Anna Walker, Susie Rasmussen, Sandy Cook and Helen Osteen.

No Minutes to be read from last meeting

No old Business

Donna opened the floor with a greeting and Thanks to Pat , Terry and Cathy for the snacks and drinks. Then began a brief history of the Frost A Tiers and the reason for the division, thus creating the new club.

Agenda for the meeting was passed out and reviewed.

* 1st Suggestions for Club Name

Sandy motioned the new clubs name be The Houston Cake Club, Monica Motioned, Cathy 2nd the motion, Vote was taken and Carried All agreed in favor .

* 2nd Suggestions for Meeting dates of The Houston Cake Club

Pat motioned Tuesdays Lori suggested the 4th Tuesday of each month
Sandy 2nd the motion that meeting would be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Vote was taken and carried all agreed in favor

* 3rd Suggestions for meeting location of The Houston Cake Club

Pat motioned Larry's classroom as the location of all club meeting as a set location
Monica 2nd the Motion. Vote was taken and carried all agreed in favor

* 4th Suggestions for The Houston Cake Club Fees

Cathy motioned \$20.00 annual fee and Lori suggested quarterly fee pro rata for new members joining prior to the annual fee with Annual fee starting in January with quarters broken as follows Jan-Mar, Apr- June, July -Sept, Oct-Dec. Pat 2nd the motion. Vote was taken and carried all agreed in favor

Membership paperwork passed out to complete and turn in with fees for membership.

Donna explained that this meetings voting was to be an exception to the Constitution and Bylaws regarding voting privileges, as this is the first meeting of The Houston Cake Club. 15 Members joined at this time.

Lisa asked how a club member could give more. Donna and Lori gave suggestions on volunteering to give gifts and prizes, also how to help when time came for Club events such as Days of Sharing.

Also a question was raised by Cathy about a website and what the cost and maintenance on one would be and if it is something we should look into. Lori replied by volunteering to research this matter.

* 5th Constitution and Bylaws of The Houston Cake Club passed out for reading and review by all members....

Donna explained these were composed after researching several other Constitution and Bylaws from other clubs. Members were asked to review, read and ask questions as needed. After an over view Pat requested Auditing be added to the list of committees.

Donna made a motion "to now accept the Constitution and Bylaws for The Houston Cake Club as presented with the addition of Auditing to be added to Section 2 Article 6 of Bylaws. Cathy 2nd the motion. Vote was taken and Carried All agreed in favor

* 6th Election of Officers President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
Cathy nominated Lori, Lori accepted the nomination. No other nominations made.
Sandy 2nd the nomination of Lori as President.
Cathy nominated Sandy for Vice President, Sandy accepted nomination
Donna nominated Pat for Vice President, Pat accepted nomination
Ballot vote taken and counted with Sandy carried the majority of votes
Cathy nominated Donna as Treasurer, Donna accepted, no other nominations made
Monica 2nd the nomination of Donna as Treasurer
Cathy nominated Monica as Secretary, Monica accepted, no other nomination made
Sandy 2nd the nomination of Monica as Secretary
Lori motioned to accept Lori as President, Sandy as Vice President, Donna as Treasurer and
Monica as Secretary of The Houston Cake Club. Cathy 2nd the motion. Vote was taken and
Carried All agreed in favor

Demo and refreshment page passed out for members to sign up to help with refreshments and schedule demos for future club meetings.

Floor opened for discussion on Dates for Day of Sharing for The Houston Cake Club.

Tami asked for an explanation of Day of Sharing. Donna and Lori helped with the explanations and examples of who attends and how we book them. Lori also helped with ideas and who could be asked to come and demo. Sandy suggested booking Roland Windbecker for an Airbrushing Class. Lori volunteered to help schedule. Let Lori know of any other cake artists who the club could consider to invite to do demos/classes.

Elizabeth (Lisa) volunteered her abilities of Bilingual speech to help in any way during any of the events and demos of the club. Cathy suggested the Elk Lodge as a location for the Day of sharing. Lori will check availability of the lodge. Day of Sharing dates, locations and demonstrators will be discussed in detail and open for further discussion in future meetings.

Newsletter Editor Nominations: Sandy was nominated by Pat for Newsletter Editor. Helen offered her assistance in helping with the newsletter. All agreed Sandy and Helen would be Co-editors of the newsletter

Lori covered some upcoming events and explained the help needed in an upcoming convention. This discussion will be covered in more detail in further meetings as well.

11:20 Donna Closed the Meeting and a raffle was done and Lori Gust won the raffle.

Demo: Donna Kolkman showed us how to use buttercream, air brush or the Wilton/Better Crocker spray colors and piping gel with a stencil. She also showed us how to cut a stencil of our choice.

Thank you, Pat, Cathy & Terry for bringing refreshments.

March 23, 2004; Meeting Minutes:

Raffles: It was voted that a committee would get together and buy the raffle items with a purchase up to \$10.00. Pat Weiner, Helen Osteen, & Sandy Cook will be the raffle committee.

Treasurers Report: After first meeting and incoming memberships we had \$2,366.45 in our bank account the day of the meeting.

Day of Sharing: The Day of Sharing will be held on Sunday, August 29th, at the Elks Club (down the street from Larry's) Roland and Marsha Windbecker will be guest demonstrators along with Linda Galvez. We are working on others. If you have anyone you would like to have as a demonstrator contact Lori at Loretta@westcam.com.

Website: The website is up - www.thehoustonscakeclub.com - members only section login is: hcc and password is w1ndy.

Cake Photo Albums: Bring in your cake photo albums to share with the club. Several different people will bring in their albums to share with the group so we can ewww and ahhh over your work and share ideas.

April meeting: Will be held on April 26, 2004 at Larry's Arts & Crafts from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. We will be staying after the meeting in April to make fake cakes for American Culinary Federation to help promote ICES. All are welcome to help Monica Glidden is helping to form groups to work together on a cake please contact her at mdglidden@earthlink.net. Bring a sack lunch.

April 27, 2004; Meeting Minutes:

Treasurer report was read by Donna Kolkman – it was accepted.

Debbie Brown Classes: The club took a vote and passed to allow members as of April 27, 2004 to be eligible for a \$10.00 discount on each of Debbie's classes. The members voted on what we liked the most out of the workshops Debbie sent and the Teapot with Elves, the Tree, and the Dragon were chosen for our workshops. These pictures are posted on the web site... www.thehoustonscakeclub.com

Roland & Marsha Windbecker Classes: The club took a vote and passed to allow members as of April 27, 2004 to be eligible for a \$25.00 discount off of Roland's classes and \$5.00 off of each of Marsha's classes. Fees have been dropped to \$75.00 per class. If you paid more Donna will get with you and refund your money.

Helen announced that Shelia Brooks with the Cake Craft Shoppe is honoring our membership cards with a 15% discount.

Lori and Sandy attended the Louisiana ICES Day of Sharing and they shared neat ideas they learned there. Pictures of cakes that were demoed will probably be on web site...Lori??

Fran from the Louisiana group will be doing a hands on demonstration at our Day of Sharing on August 29, 2004.

There were I think 7 that stayed and made fake cakes for the AFC's convention in Florida and then they will be taken to Washington for the ICES convention. Pictures can be seen on our website.

Challenge: There's been a change in the Newsletter-first person on the email list and the first person on the mail out list to let me know what it is wins a prize!!!! You must come to the May meeting to receive your prize!!!!

Welcome new members: Evette Berel, Elaine Baldera, Sheri Blood, Cathy Brinkley, Kathryn Carmichael, Gina Cortez, Linda De Leon, Jamie Galvan, Belinda Garza, Cecilia Gill, Margaret Guerra, Barbara Hawkins, Martha Hickman, Marlene Hollier, Debra Lawson, Flor Martinez, Judy Meyer, Ruby Ott, Patty Patrick, Susie Rasmussen, Clara Ray, Jessica Royer, Carolyn Shafer, Julie Stiles, Sandra Vazquez, & Rina Taylor!!!!!!

We are now 40 members strong!!!!!!

Raffle:

Treasurers Report:

Demo: Lori did her demo on the Sugar Veil and it is some neat stuff!!!! Can't wait for a reason to play with mine. She also did a demo on a pleated bow.

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May 25, 2004; Meeting Minutes:

Welcome new members:

Treasurers report: Donna was not at meeting so no treasurers report was read.

Meeting: It was voted to have a stamp made to match our logo.

Monica volunteered to make the badges for our Day of Sharing with our logo and everyone's names on them.

It was voted that the Day of Sharing will not be discounted to members that only the classes will carry a discount when we are able to offer it.

Somewhere around July 10, 11, or 12 will be when Carolyn Wanke, Jeanette, and Bronwen will be coming through Houston to pick up our display cakes for the ACF'S 75th anniversary convention. Please let Lori know if you have cakes to be picked up.

Newsletter Challenge: Helen Osteen and Donna Byers won my challenge of what was different in the newsletter. It is the logo. We now have a yellow rose, our initials on the chef hat and wine in our glass.

Raffle: Was won by Helen Osteen – a set of mini wedding cake pans and boards. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each at the meeting....come to the meeting and try your hand at winning a great gift.

Demo: Monica did a demo on using candy molded in the same cake pan as the cake on your cake to give it kind of a 3-d effect. Great job, Monica, and thank you.

Day of Sharing: The Day of Sharing will be held on Sunday, August 29th, at the Elks Club (down the street from Larry's) - \$30.00 for early bird registration and \$40.00 at the door. Early bird registration must be post marked by August 1st. There will be a display table for any sugar art you would like to display. There will also be a "Sharing" table for any recipes, patterns, etc. Roland and Marsha Windbecker will be guest demonstrators along with Linda Galvez, Fran –hands on cookie demo!! and Elzbieta Frys. We are working on others. If you have anyone you would like to have as a demonstrator contact Lori at Loretta@westcam.com.

Website: The website is up – www.thehoustonscakeclub.com - members only section login is: hcc and password is windy.

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June 22, 2004; Meeting Minutes:

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Copies of the minutes from last month's meeting were distributed. Pat made a motion that we accept the minutes as read. Terry Cruz seconded the motion.

The deadline for the fake cakes for the American Culinary Federation is the last day of Debbie Brown's classes (July 1st). Donna Kolkman will transport them to Todo Parties Cakes & More where Carolyn Wanke will pick them up.

Lori announced we have 20 people for each day of Debbie Brown's classes. We discussed drinks, snacks, breakfast foods and lunch for the classes. We agreed to spend up to \$30 for a gift for Debbie. Helen will prepare name tags for the non-members that signed up for the classes. Donna discussed the size of the cake Debbie will use for the teapot.

August 29, 2004 Day of Sharing was discussed. We will have a sharing table, where others can pick up items they would like to have and we can place items we no longer need. We will also have a showing table so we can display a cake or display.

Donna read the Treasurer's report, and it was approved as read.

Lori made a motion we reject Maylyn Serrano's application for membership, based on Article 1, Section 2 of the By-Laws, and that Donna write a letter and return her registration. Motion was seconded by Pat, and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lisa Vasquez was scheduled to demonstrate cakes & candy. However, Pat Wiener explained that Lisa had some very serious health issues. Pat brought a selection of fondant molds and demonstrated their use. Everyone tried their hand at molding pieces of fondant.

July 27, 2004; Meeting Minutes:

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Monica Glidden was not present, and no one had the minutes of the June meeting.

Fifteen nonmembers attended one or more of Debbie Brown's classes. Lori said she had quite a few compliments. One person said our members worked as a team.

Lori attended the American Culinary Federation gathering in Florida. ICES had promised 75 demo cakes for their 75th anniversary. A total of 128 were submitted from Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and Oklahoma, and a few were mailed in from the Midwest. ICES received a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded at ICES 2005 in New Orleans, and a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded at ICES 2006 in Grapevine.

The Windbecker classes were discussed. A list of action items was circulated. Roland and Marsha Windbecker will arrive the night before our Day of Sharing.

Various duties for the Day of Sharing were discussed and a list was made of the person responsible for those items. Lori will update and put on the website.

Some short courses will be offered by our own members. The classes will be held at Larry's. These classes were scheduled:

September 19th, 1 to 5 PM; Sandy Cook will teach muffin babies.

November 7th, 1 to 5 PM; Lori Gust will teach marzipan

January 23rd, 1 to 5 PM; Sandy Cook will teach her mermaid cake.

Displays of the muffin babies and marzipan will be available at our next meeting and at the Day of Sharing.

Donna Kolkman read the treasurers' report. Helen made a motion to accept the report. Second by Sandy. Motion carried.

At our September meeting, we will have a "garage sale" where members bring cake decorating items they no longer use. Be sure to mark a price on each item.

Lori made a motion that we spend up to \$50 to advertise our Day of Sharing. Second by Donna. Motion carried.

Sandy made a motion that we not charge for drinks at the Day of Sharing. Second by Helen. Motion carried.

Martha Hickman, Sandy Cook and Tammy Cruz will check prices for T-shirts with Houston Cake Club on them for the Day of Sharing. Each member will purchase their own T-shirt. Donna made a motion that we order fifty (50) T-shirts at a maximum of \$10 each with a maximum of \$35 setup fee. Second by Sandy. Motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded that the meeting was adjourned.

August 2004; Meeting Minutes:

10:05 Sandy, VP called the meeting to order
July Meeting Minutes were read by Monica
Treasurer Report was read by Monica

Motion: to accept the July Minutes
Moved: Sandy Seconded: Kathy Carried

Motion: to accept the Treasurer Report
Moved: Helen Seconded: Martha Carried

Discussed the TV Segment with J. Walton Channel 11 on Wed 25th to promote Day of Sharing
Helen is having her son Tape and copy to CD's for anyone who is interested
Reviewed the Windbecker classes Tues and Wed evening Classes were reversed on the enrollment form, made arrangements for Winbecklers to be picked and dropped off every day between classes and after classes.

Motion: to have the Winbecklers call a cab from the airport and on the return to the airport with the Club reimbursing the funds.
Moved: Sandy Seconded: Kathy Carried

Discussed the Day of Sharing Set up and Raffle items. 2 tables will be set up for Touch and Take and Showing. Venders will be posted on the website and sent Thank You cards.
Volunteers agreed to pick up and bring drinks. Breakfast ,Desserts and Side Dishes to be provided by members and guests. Sandy to send out reminder.
Donna (Make-a-Cake) offered to supply breakfast for the Windbecker classes
Pat offered to supply the Tips for the cookie bouquets. Club agreed to using the piping bags donated to the club and Terry offered to help fill the bags for the DOS

Lori had several people requesting refunds from the DOS and/or the Windbecker classes.
Club members in attendance discussed how the club should respond. Motion: Class money is non refundable.
Moved: Pat Seconded: Helen Carried

Motion: DOS fees are not to be refunded but can be transferred to another person or a club credit be issued for use on another class, with in a year.
Moved: Pat Seconded: Helen Carried

Close of Meeting 11:35

Ruby won the Raffle

Judy Meyer gave a demo on Bees and Flowers. Thank you Judy

Club members filled DOS Envelopes.

September 2004 - Meeting Minutes:

At Larry's Arts and Crafts Supplies
South Richey, Pasadena TX

- 10:00 The meeting was called to order
- Introduction of all present with a few new faces.
- The August Meeting Minutes were not read as the secretary was not present. September & August minutes will be read at the October meeting.
- Treasurer Report was read by Donna. We know we made money on our DOS but not sure how much as all expense for the DOS and classes we're not turned in yet. Donna will have a break down at the October meeting of our DOS and recent classes.
Motion: to accept the Treasurer Report Moved: Pat Seconded: Ruby Carried
- Pat Weiner suggested doing a "Welcome/Thanks you" note that will be sent to new members for joining the club. The note will include information to get into the "members only" section of the web site.
- There was discussion regarding what worked for our DOS and what we should change. In general - we did it right. Ideas to change are:
 - comment card/paper - small gift (maybe bottle of color) for turning it comments
 - bags w/handles - replace envelopes with 8x11' bags possibly with club logo
Judy & Terry will check on cost of bags
 - One person to do all "promos" - ads in magazines, newspapers, radio, etc.
- All agreed some of the money received from our DOS should go to charity. We will be looking for suggestion of charities. We will vote in October as to the amount and charity(ies). Some suggestion were:
 - local childrens hospital - Terry will look into items that could be donated
 - American Cancer Society
 - American Red Cross
 - local women's shelter
 - Charity amount donated could be a per centage of the DOS instead of a fixed amount
- Lori explained ICES and 2006 to guests & new members
- Donna suggested money go to help with gas for those going to meeting in Grapevine for the ICES 2006 meetings as this event is very important in promoting cake decorating.
- Future classes - previously we agreed to offer less expensive mini classes quarterly cost would be \$15 for members and \$25 for non members. Full 1 -3 day classes by well known artists would be offered possibly twice a year. Lori has contact the following to get info on availabililty and cost. This is what she found:
 - Linda Reese - figure piping, buttercream flowers, icing "painting"
 - cost 1 day - approx \$45
 - cost 2 day - approx \$85

- min 12 students and max 25 students
- available in April 2005
- Cheri Elder - cake sculpting
 - cost 2 day - approx \$250
 - cost 3 day - approx \$325
 - min 10 students and max 25 students
 - available in Sept 2005

Donna made the motion to have Linda here in April so more could attend as there is talk other well know folks will be giving classes in Texas in the Spring time. Pat seconded: Motion passed.

Lori will schedule April with Linda and Sept with Cheri.

There was a suggestion that folks taking multiple days of classes be given a small discount if taking all days.

Another suggestion was there would be no member discount on less expensive classes by well known instructors.

- Sugarcraft sent a \$25 gift certificate for the DOS that was received after the DOS. We will be raffling off the gift certificate at the October meeting. Folks may send in money for the raffle if they are unable to attend the meeting. Send checks to [Houston Cake Club](#).
- Ruby donated a gift for the raffle. Although usually furnished by the club, Ruby declined to be reimbursed for the gift. Thanks Ruby.
- Jonathan Walton will be at Larry's Dec 1st for another TV segment on the HCC. The topic is Gingerbread. We need all members to help make goodies. A suggestion was made to have a village with a one story structure to be 4-6" high. Multi-story structures would be of the same scale - 4-6"/story. Other gingerbread items are also needed. Here are some recipes for [structure gingerbread](#), or [softer](#) cookie type recipes.
- Members are encouraged to check the upcoming meeting agenda in the "members only" section of the website for items we'll be discussing at the next meeting. If you'd like to add an item, please let Lori know - info@houstoncakeclub.com or 832-687-3020.
- Raffle tickets sold and Meeting adjourned
- Pat did a demo on painting on and decorating with rice paper. Thanks Pat - lots of good ideas.
- There were "garage sale" items available for sale after the demo.

October 2004 - Meeting Minutes:

At Larry's Arts and Crafts Supplies
South Richey, Pasadena TX

- 10:15 Meeting was called to order.
- Introduction of all present with a few new faces.
- Lori Gust distributed minutes of the October meeting. Motion to accept October minutes Moved: Donna Seconded: Helen Carried
- Lori distributed minutes of the September meeting. Motion to accept September minutes Moved: Terry Seconded: Kathy Carried
- Treasurers Report was read by Donna. Almost all the expenses for the DOS are accounted for. Donna has Sandy's bill for the barbecue, but knows Sandy furnished other things that need to be paid. Agbay hasn't been paid. Donna thinks the DOS will net approximately \$2,500. Motion to accept Treasurers Report Moved: Kathy Seconded: Martha Carried
- Motion to donate 10% of the profit from our DOS to the American Cancer Society Moved: Donna Seconded: Kathy Carried
- Judy, Terry and Vela brought several catalogs to discuss bags with handles to be used for registration at the DOS to replace the 8 x 11" envelopes previously used. There was some discussion, and Lori asked them to present their recommendation along with prices, etc. at the November meeting.
- Name tags need to be updated. There were a few new members at the meeting without tags.
- Linda Reese has been confirmed for April 11-13, 2005. Lori will contact her to see if she can start with a Sunday class, and extend her stay to 4 days. The first class will be a 1-day figure piping. The second class will be 1½ days of buttercream flowers with ½ day of icing painting. The last class will be modeling. Lori will bring pictures of her work to the November meeting and we will decide if we want the modeling to be fairies and little people or critters. Linda supplies the icing. Linda's price for a 1-day class is approximately \$45, and a 2-day class is approximately \$85. Motion was made to increase the price to include lunch, with prices to be Linda's fee plus \$10 to cover lunch. Moved: Donna Seconded: Terry Carried.
- Motion to discount \$15 if a person registers for all three Linda Reese classes. Moved: Donna Seconded: Kathy Carried.
- Motion to not allow any additional discount for HCC members for Linda Reese classes, because fees are very reasonable. Moved: Donna Seconded: Kathy Carried.
- Cheri Elder will be here for our DOS, September 18, 2005, and will teach classes Monday and Tuesday, September 19-20, 2005. Her fee for a 2-day class is \$250. Motion to set registration fee at \$260 including lunch with Houston Cake Club membership discount of \$25. Moved: Donna Seconded: Judy Carried.
- Lori explained a problem that was brought up by a vendor. Some members join HCC only to get the 15% discount from the 4 vendors. Our present membership cards expire January 31, 2005. Cards next year will have a colored background. Only active members will receive a membership card. Inactive members will receive newsletters and have website access. To be an active member, a member must attend at least 2 events during the previous 12 months. To receive member discounts on classes, you must be a member for 6 months. Motion was made to consider this for a vote to be included in the bylaws, and will be voted on at the November meeting. Moved: Helen Seconded: Martha Carried.
- The 4th Tuesday of December will be the 28th. Suggestion was made that instead of a covered dish dinner at a member's home, we select a restaurant with a buffet. Lori

asked those present to bring their suggestions to the November meeting so we can select a place. Motion was made to move the December meeting to December 14th from 11:00 to 1:00 PM. Moved: Helen Seconded: Tami Carried.

- Last month there was discussion about ICES 2006, and the planning meetings are now held monthly. ICES 2006 was explained to everyone present. Motion was made that HCC take on the project of the ICES 2006 Demonstration Committee. Moved: Donna Seconded: Terry Carried.
- Motion that HCC meet gasoline cost of one vehicle going to the ICES 2006 planning meeting, upon production of gasoline receipts. Moved: Donna Seconded: Terry Carried.
- Jonathan Walton will be at Larry's on December 1st for another TV segment on gingerbread. We need all the members to help make goodies. We would like to make a gingerbread village with one story structures about 4-6" high. Multi-story structures should be the same scale. Other gingerbread items are also needed. For structures, Lori suggested the Gingerbread Bowl recipe on our website.
- Raffle tickets were sold for the \$25 gift certificate donated by Sugarcraft for our DOS arrived after the DOS. Ruby Ott won the raffle.
- Meeting was adjourned.
- Donna did a demo on ribbon roses and leaves. Way to go, Donna!

November 2004 - Meeting Minutes:

At Larry's Arts and Crafts Supplies
South Richey, Pasadena TX

- 10:10 Meeting was called to order.
- Introduction of all present.
- Because the secretary was absent, Lori Gust read minutes of October meeting. Motion by Kathy Brinkley to accept October minutes. Seconded: Pat Wiener. Motion carried.
- There was no Treasurer's report.
- Judy Myers reported on the bags for our Day of Sharing. The bags are 16" x 6" x 12", and clear. We could get 250 for \$72.25 + shipping. Judy had a sample. Everyone felt they should be smaller, perhaps 12". Judy will report back next month.
- Linda Reese has confirmed she will be here April 10-13. Sunday, April 10th, Buttercream Figure Piping; April 11-12th, Buttercream Flowers & Icing Painting; April 13th, Hand Modeling. Registration forms are on the website, and will accompany the November newsletter. Space is limited.
- Cheri Elder will be here for our Day of Sharing, September 18th, and will hold classes September 19-20th. The supply list will be on the website as soon as it is received. Registration for the 2-day class is \$260, including lunch.
- There are already inquiries about Linda Reese classes, asking for location and hotels in the area. Lori explained that Make-a-Cake has been generous to Houston Cake Club, and wanted to know if the classes would be alternated like they were last year. Motion by Pat that we hold Linda Reese classes in April 2005 at Larry's Arts & Crafts. Seconded: Kathy. Motion carried. We will address this again at our January 2005 meeting, and decide on the location for the Cher Elder classes.
- Each member was to bring a suggestion for our Christmas luncheon. After some discussion, the selection was Chabuca's Steaks and Rotisserie, 316 W. Nasa Road 1 (across from McWhirter Elementary), Webster, TX 77598, Phone: 281-554-8000. The buffet is \$7.95/person. Motion by Lori that we hold our party at Chabuca's; Seconded Pat. Motion carried.
- Helen offered to send out Christmas party announcements, with an RSVP (email or phone call) no later than December 7th. Our Christmas luncheon will be December 14th between 11 AM and 1 PM.
- Motion by Kathy that we have an ornament exchange (\$10 limit), and each person that chooses to participate will bring a wrapped ornament to exchange; further any unwrapped gifts for children or adults will be donated to Star of Hope mission, and Martha Hickman will transport the items. Seconded: Pat. Motion carried.
- Old business: Motion was made in October to have two classifications of membership, starting February 1, 2005. Active members are members who have attended at least two events (monthly meetings or classes) during the past twelve months. All others will be inactive members and will receive newsletters and have website access, but will not receive a membership card until they have attended two events. The motion was to consider this for a vote to be included in the by laws and would be voted on at the November meeting. Debbie suggested we start a Yahoo Group, and consider participation in that group for qualification as an event. Martha Hickman suggested we table the motion and vote on it at the January meeting.
- Motion was made by Lori to include a notice to vote on active/inactive membership with Christmas invitation and that we allow members to vote by email/mail, in person in January. Seconded: Kathy. Motion carried.

- Our January meeting will mark the 12th meeting we have conducted at Larry's Arts & Crafts. Motion was made by Lori that each member that attends the January meeting bring finger foods, desserts, etc., to show our appreciation for the staff at Larry's. Seconded: Kathy. Motion carried.
- We discussed the upcoming Jonathan Walton TV segment on gingerbread at Larry's on December 1st. We need everyone to help make goodies. We would like to make a gingerbread village with one story structures about 4-6" high. Multi-story structures should be the same scale. Other gingerbread items are also needed. For structures, Lori suggested the Gingerbread Bowl recipe on our website.
- Raffle tickets were sold, and Kathy won the raffle.
- Meeting was adjourned.
- Lori demonstrated how to make a gingerbread bowl.