

January 2006 - Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2006

Minutes taken by Pat Wiener as Judy Meyers was unable to attend

- Meeting opened at 10:10 by president Lori Gust
- 13 members present - 1 guest
- Treasurers report given by Helen Osteen
 - Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Denise Talbot
 - Motion seconded by Shar Baker approved and passed by all members.
- Minutes from November 2005 meeting read by Lori Gust as Judy Meyers could not be at Jan. meeting.
 - Motion to accept Nov. minutes made by Kathy Brinkley
 - Motion seconded by Pat Wiener - approved and passed by all members.
- Christmas party held in December 2005 was discussed. Everyone had a good time and would like to do something along these same lines in Dec. 2006.
- Members discussed having Jill Maytham of South Africa teach classes at Larry's.
 - Classes will be held July 13-15, 2006
 - Classes will start at 9:30am and end at 4:30pm each day
 - Tuition will be \$105.00 each day with lunch and drinks included
 - Special discounts were discussed
 - For members of 6 mo. or more:
 - to take 1 day they will receive a \$10.00 discount cost then being (\$95.00)
 - to take 2 days they receive a \$20.00 discount cost then being (\$170.00) for the 2 days
 - to attend 3 days they receive \$50.00 discount cost then being (\$265.00) for 3 days
 - Non members to receive a discount of \$20.00 if they take all 3 days. No other discounts offered.
 - Then subject(s) to be taught were discussed. Members interested in:
 - Learning to work with cutters more effectively". With the thought being to do a cake that Jill has designed using Jill's cutters.
 - Gumpaste flowers and foliage were discussed. Order of interest Foliage assortment with a couple of flowers for one day and last day flowers only or (foliage that goes with the flower being taught). Flower order of interest.
 - Cymbidium Orchid
 - Frangipani
 - Life Size Calla Lily
 - Gardenia
 - Bougainvillea
 - Fuchsia
 - Roses
 - St. Joseph's Lily
 - Cosmos
 - Motion for all of the above information made by Pat Wiener. Motion seconded by Sandy Cook. Approved and passed by all members

- ICES Area 4 Day of Sharing. Information from Sandy Cook - Area 4 alternate ICES Representative. Day of sharing to be held on Sunday February 12 in Lake Jackson. Flyer available with address in the HCC web site. Time from 9:00am until 4:30pm. Fee \$35.00 if paid by Jan 31...Late fee of \$10.00. Lunch fee \$10.00. each demo to be 45 minutes with vendors available.
 - Sandy then discussed classes by Laure'l Silverberg to be held at Larry's Arts & Crafts On Feb 13 & 14.
 - Feb. 13 Gel Flowers Cost of \$45.00
 - Feb 14 Painting on sugar items Cost of \$60.00
 - Lunch included both days.
 - All supplies included except 2 sets of one stroke brushes available at Michael's or Hobby Lobby.
 - Laure'l has drastically lowered the cost of these classes due to her not getting information to Sandy ahead of time.
 - Classes to be held by Debbie Brown - Classes will be Sept. 11 - 14 9:30am-5:00pm.
 - Cost per day \$75.00.
 - Members of 6 mo. or more (by class date) :
 - register before July 1st receive a \$10.00 a day discount
 - register for all 4 days before July 1st - Cost is \$200
 - register after July 1st - \$75/day
 - Non members \$275.00 for all 4 days
 - Deposit of 1/2 of the tuition must be made by July 1, 2006 to receive any discounts.
 - Balance must be paid off by August 11, 2006
 - If paid off late, full amount of \$300.00 is required
 - Deposits are non refundable.
 - Discussed by membership and approved
 - HCC Web site discussed
 - Lori brought up we had 2 web addresses: The Houston Cake Club and Houston Cake Club
 - The Houston Cake Club had expired.
 - Do we want both web addresses or just Houston Cake Club.
 - It will cost \$20.00 per year to register each name for a period of 5 years. Cost of \$30.00 if paid yearly
 - Motion to keep both web addresses and pay them for 5 years made by Sandy Cook. Seconded by Denise Talbot
 - Approved and passed by all members
 - Nomination for officers
 - Denise Talbot was nominated for President...Denise accepted nomination
 - Pat Wiener nominated for Vice President.....Pat accepted nomination
 - Sandy Cook nominated for Vice President.....Sandy accepted nomination
 - Judy Meyers nominated for Secretary....Judy accepted nomination
 - Kathy Brinkley nominated for secretary....Kathy accepted nomination
 - Helen Osteen nominated for Treasurer....Helen accepted nomination
 - New officers to be voted on and installed at the February meeting
 - Members only are allowed to vote. Votes may be mailed in or Emailed to Lori. All votes will be kept private.
- Sandy won the raffle
 - Meeting adjourned
 - Denise demonstrated gum paste booties

- An appreciation luncheon was held for Larry's employees

February 2006 - Meeting Minutes

At Larry's Arts and Crafts Supplies
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Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Minutes taken by Judy Meyers.

- Meeting opened at 10:15 by president Lori Gust
- Everyone introduced themselves
- A verbal treasurer's report was given by Helen. Thirty six people renewed their membership; twenty one people are active members and one new member joined.
 - Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Betty
 - Motion seconded by Pat, approved and passed by all members.
- The minutes from January were passed around for approval. A motion was made by Betty to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Pat. The minutes were approved.
- The cake club website gets two to three thousand hits a month.
- This is Lori's last meeting to be president. Every two years the offices come up for election. You can serve two terms in a position but then have to move to another position.
- It was announced Sandy has withdrawn her name for the position of VP.
- Lori announced the slate for officers which are as follows:
 - Denise Talbot for President
 - Pat Weiner for Vice President
 - Kathy Brinkley and Judy Myers for Secretary
 - Helen Osteen for Treasurer
- Ballots for voting were passed around and collected.
- March 5th is a play day from 1:00 until 5:00. Denise is going to do the play day with teaching how to make a pasta cake. There must be five people in order to have a class.
- Lori announced the new officers for this coming year
 - Denise for President
 - Pat for Vice President
 - Helen for Treasurer
 - Judy for Secretary
- Lori turned the meeting over to Denise.
- June 4th is a play day and John Martine will be making men's cakes
- August 2nd is a play day and Denise will ask Dena if she will demonstrate a cake.
- November 5th is a play day and Denise will look into the possibility of doing something with grooms cakes.
- Our day of sharing will be Sunday, September 10th. Denise is going to look into finding a new building to have the day of sharing since the Elk's club that has now been sold is asking \$850 for the use of the building. Several people have said they would look into some other buildings that they know of.
- It was decided for the day of sharing that we will stay with the same format of people bringing food, which will keep the cost down.
- Denise and Lori are going to take care of getting the raffle items donated.
- This year we need to do some better advertising to try to increase our numbers.
- The demonstrators that are already in place for the day of sharing are:
 - Debbie Brown

- Pat Daigle
 - Jaine Hershey
- Meeting was adjourned.
- The raffle prize was won by Medelia Travino Ramos - new member.
- Pat did a hands-on demonstration of gumpaste dresses.

March 2006 Meeting Minutes

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- 10:00 the meeting was called to order by Pat Weiner in Denise's absence. This was the first meeting with the new board. Denise had to go out of town.
- Pat passed around the snack and demonstration sheet for people to sign up.
- Everyone introduced themselves and the visitors were asked how they found out about the cake club. Two people saw the website.
- The minutes from February were passed out and Pat made a motion that the minutes be accepted and Shar Baker seconded it. The motion passed.
- Pat asked about the last Play day and if there was anything that people would like to see changed. Everyone enjoyed the class which was a pasta cake. Pat said that the only problem she saw was that no one pre-registered for the class but they decided to have it anyway because they knew there would be certain people attending. She said it is not fair to the teacher to prepare and then not know until the class begins if anyone would show up. It was decided that the cut off date would be a week before the play day to register and if there are not enough people, the class would be cancelled.
- The treasurer's report was passed around. Helen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Shar seconded it.
- Jill Mathem is going to have a class July 13th through the 15th and Debbie Brown is having a class September 11th through September 14th.
- June 14th John Martine is scheduled to have a play day making fathers day cakes but he may have to change the date. If John can't have the play day, Jaine Hershey will do a cake. She said she makes a Father's Day cake with a father mowing the lawn.
- Dena is scheduled for a play day November 15th on groom's cakes.
- Pat said that our play days are always a Sunday afternoon from one until five. Members pay a fee of \$10.00 and \$15.00 for non members. Pat said that members have to attend two functions in order to receive a discount card.
- Janie asked if we could do a play day on different tools that perhaps we may not know how to use.
- Sunday, September 10th will be our day of sharing. It will be at the Moose Lodge on Pansy Street in Pasadena. The day of sharing is our basic fund raiser. There is one speaker who will be Debbie Brown from England this year. There are two demonstrations going on at one time, with one group on one side and another on the other side and then the group changes sides. There are vendors who attend. The club will provide the meat and drinks. This year, we will have other varieties of meat besides the chicken and the brisket, members will provide the side dishes and non members will provide the breakfast and dessert items.
- Shar made a motion that it would be \$35.00 for pre-registration or \$45.00 after August 10th, which would included a special item for early registrations. Betty seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- The demonstration for the April meeting will be done by Pat Daigle.
- The raffle was won by Maricela Vilchis.
- Lori talked about the day of sharing in Arkansas. She said that it was all day and the cost was \$75.00 for early registration and \$100.00 for late registration. They had Nick Lodge and Colette Peters. She said it might be a concept that we would be interested in which would be to bring someone in that was well known and who would draw a lot of people. Perhaps spring would be the time to have it.

- Lori mentioned that the ICES convention in Grapevine has a Sunday evening day of sharing where people can just sit down and demonstrate on different techniques that they have come up with and share them with other people.
- Janie Hershey did the demonstration.
- Meeting was adjourned.

April 2006 Meeting Minutes

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10:00 the meeting was called to order by Denise. Everyone introduced themselves.

The minutes were passed around and there is a correction for the date of the play day in November which should be the 12th and not the 15th. It will be a play day on Grooms cakes. Denise made the motion and Terry seconded it. The minutes passed with the correction made.

There was no treasurer's report but Helen said that we had fifty members plus two new members.

John Martine is having a play day on June 4th which will be a fathers day cake and an edible shirt. There will be a list soon for the list of supplies that are needed.

The fee for the play day is \$15.00 for non members and \$10.00 for members. It is a hands on workshop and you go home with something that you have made. It is held on a Sunday and the hours are from 1:00 until 5:00.

Dena will be having a play day on August 27th with shadow grass and the next day there will be a class on making a sugar duck. The all day class will cost \$80.00 and will be on Monday, August 28th. She will make the mold of the duck ahead of time since it needs to dry. A motion was made by Lynn to accept the class and it was seconded by Betty. A motion was also made that there should be a \$5.00 discount for members if you register for the class a month in advance. Betty seconded the motion and both motions passed.

July is the ICES convention in Grapevine, Texas. There will be vendors from all over the world. Everyone should bring a cake for the cake room, they are not judged but you can get a chance to display your work.

The Day of Sharing for the Houston Cake Club will be Sunday, September 10th at the Moose Lodge on Pansy Street. There is plenty of parking and the demonstrators will be Debbie Brown, Janie Hershey, Jesse Lopez, Dena Bryngelson and Pat Daigle.

The address is 3919 Pansy Street in Pasadena.

Jill Maythem's class will be July 13th through the 15th using her Gem cutters on foliage and gumpaste flowers. The cost of the class is \$105.00 for non members and \$75.00

For members or \$295.00 for all three classes for non members and \$265.00 for all three classes for members. You can put a deposit down for the class.

Janie had mentioned that she had not received some products that she ordered or her certificate for taking Lorrel's class. Denise said she would look into it.

Dena received first place for her wedding cake that she had at the Austin Cake Show.

She brought the cake to the cake club for us to see. She also won second place with her sugar duck.

Dena asked about the date for the October meeting with a concern that it would be on Halloween but it is the week before.

Lori asked if anyone could translate Spanish or Portugese at the Ices Convention.

Denise mentioned the Arkansas day of sharing where they had Collette Peters and Nicholas Lodge and wondered if we were interested in having the same kind of day of sharing but in the spring in addition to our September day of sharing. We would have someone that was well known. The cost would be \$75.00 for early registration instead of the \$100.00 cost. We will have to pay the demonstrators but we will still be able to make money on it. It was decided that next month we would accept names and make a decision on the list of people we would ask for next year.

Pat Daigle did the demonstration on Petit Fours.

Meeting was adjourned.

May 2006 Meeting Minutes

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- Meeting called to order at 10:10am by president Denise Talbot
- As secretary Judy Myers was not able to be at the meeting. There was no review of the April minutes.
- May's minutes were taken by Pat Wiener.
- Helen Osteen gave the treasurer's report including a handout that showed the clubs financial situation as of that meeting
- Helen explained that part of the money in the account was to pay for up coming classes with Jill Maythem and Debbie Brown.
- Helen Osteen made a motion that the May's treasurers report be accepted.
- Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. Approved by all members.
- Jill Maythem's class was discussed. Helen Osteen explained that on July 13, 2006 a cake was to be done covering usage of cutters. As of that day there were 9 signed up for that class.
- On July 14, 2006 Gumpaste Foliage and Flowers will be done, with 8 pre registered for that class. The foliage to be taught was left up to Jill.
- July 15, 2006 will be Gumpaste Flowers with 6 pre registered.
- The flowers to be made were voted on at a previous meeting. For the July 13th, class Jill has designed a special cake using her new cutters, Lace Jacobian Style. These cutters will be furnished for each student to use in class.
- Our Day of sharing was discussed. This day of sharing will be held on September 10, 2006 at the Moose Lodge on Pansy in Pasadena.
- There will be 4 45 minute demonstrations.
- Debbie Brown will be our main demonstrator for the day.
- Debbie Brown's Classes were discussed.
- The first class will be held on Sept. 11th with the "Toadstool" sugar piece being done that day. 10 pre registered at that time
- The second class is a 2 day class, Sept. 12th & 13th. This class will cover a Cinderella coach pictured on Debbie's first book. 14 pre registered at that time
- The third class will be held on Sept 14th. A Bride and Groom will be done for that class. 10 pre registered at that time.
- Play day on June 9th was discussed. John Martine will be teaching an Edible Man's Shirt.
- Play day on August 27th will be taught by Dena Bryngelson A cake will be done covering how to make "Shadow Grass".
- For members of 6 months or more the fee is \$10.00. Non members or those that have been in the club under 6 months the fee is \$15.00.
- On Monday, August 27 Dena will teach a class on making a "Sugar Duck" to go on the "Shadow Grass Cake". The fee for the 1 day class is \$75.00 for active members and \$85.00 for non members or those that have been in the club less than 6 months. To qualify for the discount the class must be paid off by July 27, 2006.
- Pat Wiener brought up the number of students needed for a Play day to be held. It is not fair to the teacher to prepare for a class then find they have 1 or 2 show up.
- Also discussed was the cut off date for pre registrations.
- Char Baker made a motion that pre registration stop 7 days before a class is to be held and there are to be 6 or more pre registered for any class to be held.
- At the time pre registrations stop it will be decided if class is to be held or not.
- Maria Vela seconded the motion.

- April 2007 Day of Sharing was discussed. We are going to try to have an additional Day of Sharing this coming year with only 2 demonstrators. Marion Frost and Alan Dunn were chosen as those to talk to first. Everyone is suppose to be thinking about someone else to check with if either of these decorators are not available.
- We need decorators that are well know to help increase the number of attendees.
- Denise Talbot brought up the possibility of a 2 day class with Jennifer Dotz in February. If this class is held the fee will be \$250.00 for 2 days with Jennifer furnishing part of the equipment. Class will run approximately 9am to 7 pm.
- Denise will check on this class and report to the members at the June meeting.
- There will be a Day of Sharing in San Antonio on June 25th. For information check out the Frosting Creators web site.
- One member announced that some of the Kroger stores are now making edible images of pictures or non copyrighted items.
- Denise asked if any one would like to by raffle tickets.
- Raffle was won by Denise Talbot.
- Meeting dismissed at 11:00am.
- Betty Perrin did a demonstration on the use of Patchwork cutters.

June 2006 Meeting Minutes

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- No Minutes read for May.
- Secretary, Judy Myers absent. Pat Wiener to take notes for June meeting.
- Visitors welcomed.
- Treasurer, Helen Osteen passed out treasurers report. Helen read and reviewed the report.
- Pat Wiener made motion to accept the treasurers report. Shar Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed
- ICES was explained to visitors and discussed.
- ICES purchasing VA equipment for the 2006 convention. The equipment is to be sold at half price. Pat Wiener and THCC to each pay half the cost of a large set. A large set includes 2 TV's with stands, 2 speakers with stands, 1 camera with stand, cordless microphone and lapel microphone. 1 Extra camera and stand is to be purchased at regular price and that cost also to be divided between Pat Wiener and THCC.
- Pat will use the equipment to teach classes at Larry's. Club will use the equipment for Days of sharing and other events sponsored by the club.
- Total cost to be approximately \$600.00.
- Kathy Brinkley made a motion that THCC and Pat Wiener purchase a large set of VA equipment from the 2006 ICES convention and an extra camera with both parties to split the cost. Pat will use the equipment for her classes and THCC to use the equipment for functions that are sponsored by the club. Sandy Cook seconded the motion. Members polled and motion passed
- Gifts for the day of sharing in Sept. 2006 was discussed.
- Betty Perrin made a motion that the club spend \$300.00 for Day of sharing gifts.
- Large gifts chosen to be purchased:
 - 1. Electric Pasta Machine
 - 2. Stress free cake stand
 - 3. Edible printer

smaller extra items to be purchased by those attending ICES who find good deals. Motion seconded by Sandy Cook. Members polled, motion passed.

- Lori Gust made a motion that \$350.00 be spent for gifts. \$250.00 for major gifts and \$100.00 for extras
- Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. Members polled, motion passed.
- Class with Jennifer Dontz was discussed. Feb 18 & 19 discussed as possible class dates. The fee to be \$250.00 for 2 days. Denise Talbot to get specific amount on tuition, dates and supplies needed. This is to be discussed in August as everyone is busy preparing for ICES 2006.
- Spring Day of sharing discussed. We will be trying to get Alan Dunn and Marion Frost for sometime in April of 2007. If possible there will be classes by these 2 decorators, one before and one after the day of sharing.
- In May there is a Strawberry festival held at the Pasadena civic center. In past years from time to time there would be a cake contest. Pat Wiener is to check into this and see if it is possible for THCC to sponsor a cake contest at the Strawberry festival to be held in 2007. This will be discussed at the August meeting as everyone is busy preparing for ICES 2006

- It was brought up by a club member that we are trying to do too much. The day of sharing is a fund raiser and should be done. Either the Cake Contest or the Jennifer Dontz class needs to be postponed until a later date.
- Members to decide if they want to have a cake contest in May or if they want to have class with Jennifer Dontz in February. After detail information on the cake contest and Jennifer Dontz class is presented members will vote on which one to do and which to do at a later date. With ICES coming up this will be put on hold until the August meeting.
- Play day doing Shadow grass with Dena Bryngelson discussed. \$10.00 fee for members and \$15.00 fee for non members. There will be a 1 day class on August 28th with Dena doing a sugar duck. This was also discussed. Fee is \$80.00 for non members and \$75.00 for members
- Play day for Oct 22 was discussed. Pat Wiener and Helen Osteen will teach a decorated Truffle Tree.
- Raffle Tickets sold.
- Meeting dismissed
- Sandy cook demonstrated Gumpaste Rose and Daisy with baby faces.

July 25, 2006 Meeting Minutes

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- Pat Weiner opened the meeting at 10:00. Pat read the minutes from June. Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes and Shar seconded it. The minutes passed.
- Helen said there was no treasurer's report for this month.
- September 10th is the Day of Sharing for the Houston Cake Club. It will be held at the Moose Lodge on Pansy Street in Pasadena. Directions will be posted on the cake club web site.
- August 27th is a play day. Dena will be teaching shadow grass and then she will conduct a class on the 28th and will teach making a sugar duck. She will furnish the ducks.
- October 22nd is another play day. It will be taught by Pat and Helen and will be a truffle tree.
- Supply lists for both of the play days and the class will be posted on the website.
- Denise said that they have contacted Alan Dunn with regard to the April Day of Sharing and also asked him if Marion Frost would be a possibility for the other demonstrator. She is waiting for a response from him.
- Denise told Alan Dunn that we were also contacting Marion Frost to be the other demonstrator with him for our day of sharing, but if she was not available, did he know anyone that he might recommend. Pat deals with Marion with regard to her Patchwork Cutters.
- A possibility for another class would be Jennifer Dontz. The charge would be \$250.00 for both days. She supplies everything and she teaches gumpaste flowers and fondant techniques with draping and pearls. There will be a vote from the club in August.
- Lori said that the Days of Sharing are the main fundraisers for the club, that the classes aren't designed to make money for the club.
- The cake club along with Pat Weiner purchased some camera equipment along with TV's etc. that were used at ICES. The equipment will be used for the Day of Sharing and classes so that people will be able to see without crowding around a demonstrator. Denise said it was necessary to have help to move the equipment.
- Shar showed the cake club a bag that she made which can be used at a class to put in trash to keep your area clean. She will make some and sell them for \$15.00 each.
- Lori asked about the Day of Sharing and said it was necessary this month to make some decisions on who was going to do various jobs. It was decided that guests would bring breakfast things and dessert items and that the club would furnish side dishes and hot items. The Day of Sharing starts at 9:00 on Sunday and Denise will check into what time we can get into the building to set up.
- A motion was made by Dena that amend the cutoff date for early registration to be the first of September. Sandy seconded the motion and the motion was accepted.
- The cost for the Day of Sharing is \$35.00 for early registration and \$45.00 after the first of September. There will be a raffle ticket for early registration that can be used for a special gift. Dena said she would donate a 12" silver plateau to be used for the special gift.

- A gift for the demonstrators was discussed and it was decided that Shar would make denim bags for the demonstrators and then The Houston Cake Club would be embroidered on the bag.
- Meeting was adjourned.
- Pat did the demonstration on wafer paper.

August 22, 2006 - Meeting Minutes

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Denise opened the meeting at 10:00. She welcomed the guests and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

The minutes were passed around to be read. Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes and Helen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was passed around. Helen said our bank account was low after paying for classes and we needed people to pay for the day of sharing in order to replenish our funds.

Sandy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Kathy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

August 27th there is a play day. Dena is going to conduct a class on shadow grass. The fee for members is \$10.00 and \$15.00 for non members. Monday Dena is going to have a class in making a sugar duck.

October 22nd, there will be a play day on making a truffle tree, which is made out of cake balls covered in chocolate.

Denise tried to contact Alan Dunn for the day of sharing that we are going to have in the spring. She is still waiting for him to answer her email. Denise has someone in England who is also trying to contact him to see if he is interested in demonstrating. Pat is trying to get Marion Frost to demonstrate also.

Denise discussed the possibility of having another class or participating in the Strawberry Festival in May, which would be a contest. We would be in their advertising, which would help the club. We would have to give a proposal to the Strawberry Festival committee to see if we could participate.

The class would be taught by Jennifer Donst and would cost \$250.00 for days or \$260.00 with lunch.

The question was asked about the cost of the Strawberry Festival and Helen said it would depend if the Strawberry Festival would provide the medallions or prizes for the winners of the contest.

The contest would be for children and adults.

A vote was taken and five people voted for the class and nine people voted for the contest.

A proposal needs to be given to the Strawberry Festival Committee. The members who will work on that are: Shar Baker, Helen Osteen, Pat Weiner, Deborah Singletary and Sandy Cook.

Sunday, September 10th is the Day of Sharing or HCC. It will be at the Moose Lodge on Pansy Street, which is inside the loop towards Houston.

The demonstrators are:
Debbie Brown - Sculpture
Dena - baseball and sugar glove
Pat Daigle - cookies
Janie Hersey - cake lace
Jessie Lopez - owns Edible Designs

The donation letters were sent out. We have received some things to put into the bags to give away.

We are going to use the audio equipment that was purchased at ICES.

Sandy is going to make the meat for the day of sharing and Denise is going to make turkeys.

Starbucks has donated the coffee. Denise just needs to take it back to be ground.

Judy is going to set up the food and make the coffee.

Helen is going to take care of the registration table.

The day of sharing will be from 9:00 until 4:00. The demos will be for fifty minutes and then there will be ten minutes to change to another demo.

Lori made a motion that we should spend \$100.00 for advertising. Kathy seconded the motion and it passed.

Mary Lou Klinkhammer is going to do the handouts. Lori will get her a sample of what was done last year.

Helen is going to pick up Debbie Brown and her assistant from the airport and take them to the hotel. Denise is going to take them out to dinner each night after the classes. For the classes, Denise is going to provide breakfast, Lori will provide lunch for the first day; Sandy is going to provide lunch on Wednesday and Betty Breakfast; Thursday Kathy breakfast and Lunch possibly leftovers. If there are any things left over from the day of sharing they will be used to fill in where needed.

Denise is going to find a gift for Debbie Brown in the \$25.00 to \$30.00 range and also a gift will have to be purchased for her assistant.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lori did the demonstration on sugar veil.

September 25, 2006 - Meeting Minutes

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Denise opened the meeting at 10:00. Everyone was welcomed and Denise asked everyone to introduce themselves since there were some new people at the meeting.

The minutes from August were passed around so people could read them. Char made a motion that the minutes be accepted and Kathy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Helen was asked for the treasurer's report but there wasn't any since she didn't have all the receipts in from the day of sharing. She did pass around a survey that was taken about the day of sharing.

The next day of sharing would be either September 9th or 16th depending on the lead demonstrator and their schedule, which is what determines the date. Debbie Brown will be back in two years. This year eighty four people attended the day of sharing. Most of the comments regarding the day of sharing was because of the building that was used. Everyone is asked to look around for another building for next year. It is hard to find a building due to the cost of most of the rooms.

In August, Dena had a play day for a shadow grass cake and then the next day had a class for a sugar duck.

The next play day on the truffle tree has been postponed to October 29th. Pat and Helen are going to demonstrate making a truffle tree out of the cake that you have left over from leveling a cake.

The play day in November has been moved because it is too close to the one on the 29th. It was to be on grooms cakes which will moved to January which will be something on Valentines Day.

Debbie Brown said that she would try to get Alan Dunn's email address since there is a problem trying to contact him for the spring day of sharing. Marion Frost can't make it because of the poor health of her mother. Some of the names that were mentioned for a possibility are Pat Trunkfield, Kerry Vincent and Toba Garrett.

It was agreed that the spring day of sharing would be put off until the following year but we could still continue to work on getting it organized.

The Strawberry Festival was discussed. A committee of Char, Helen, Pat, Sandy and Kathy has been formed to discuss what is needed. There will have to be different entries and the types of medallions or ribbons and then it will have to be presented to the committee for the Festival so they can let us know if it is possible for us to be involved. There is a possibility that they may pay a percentage of the cost or maybe all of the cost. We make a fee because of the entry and then cakes are auctioned off and that money is kept by the festival.

The club will be able to advertise by flyers.

We will have to find the judges and it was suggested that perhaps the judges could have a class around the time of the festival. Kerry Vincent was suggested as a possibility as a judge. The Strawberry Festival will be May 18th, 19th and 20th.

The play days are held on Sunday at Larry's from 1:00 until 5:00. Denise would like to set up two play days at the beginning of the year and she asked people to think about what they would like to have.

Lori passed around pictures from Diane Shavkin. She charges \$35.00 for a three hour class and \$45.00 for a four hour class. It was suggested that perhaps we could do both in one day. The pictures were of a woodgrain tree with birds.

Denise said there would be a play day on gadgets and how to use them.

Lori asked that next year there be more advertising for our day of sharing.

The Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 12th at 11:00 a.m. The club pays for the lunch and it should be around \$11.00 per person. There will be a gift exchange. It will be decided in October as to place that it will be held.

The meeting was adjourned.

Pat did the demonstration on sugar flow.

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The demonstration by Sandy Cook for the Christmas Santa and Christmas Elf was first.

Rosalinda won the raffle prize.

The business meeting was called to order at 11:25.

Denise said to watch the newsletter for upcoming events.

Sunday, October 29th, there will be a play day. Pat and Helen will conduct the play day on truffle trees. You must register ahead of time and the supply list is on the website and in the newsletter.

The Christmas party will be December 12th at 11:00 at Chabuka's in Webster where the party was last year. The cost will be \$13.32 per person which will be paid by the Cake Club. Shar made a motion to accept Chabuka's as the place for the party. and Terry seconded it. The gift exchange will be between \$10.00 and \$15.00 per person.

It was decided that childrens gifts would be brought and donated to Texas Childrens Hospital. Sylvia will take care of taking the gifts to the Hospital. They are to be brought in a gift bag and marked with the age and if it is for a boy or girl.

People signed the sign in book and introduced themselves. The book is a way to keep track of the number of meetings people have attended for their discount card from the club.

The minutes were passed around. Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes and Pat seconded the motion. The minutes were passed.

Helen passed around the treasurer's report. She said there are 77 members, 52 of which are active members. Pat made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Kathy seconded it.

Denise asked about the Strawberry Festival committee meeting. Shar Baker said they met on October 3rd and that they were going to meet after this meeting again. She said they used the same guidelines as the Oklahoma Sugar Contest. The

guidelines that the committee came up with are attached to these minutes. The cake contest in conjunction with the Strawberry Festival has not been approved at this time. The Cake contest committee is sending in a proposal to the Strawberry Festival and should have an answer by the November meeting.

The Strawberry Festival will be held on May 17th through the 19th. They estimated that the total cost will be about \$200.00.

The play days were discussed.

January 28th be a cookie bouquet by Pat Daigle.

March 4th will be chocolate cake stands by Shar Baker.

Someone asked about pulled sugar, but Lori said it is very expensive and it would be a good class to set up instead of a play day.

Lori asked about the ten percent of the Day of Sharing that we give to charity. A motion was made by Maria to donate ten percent of our profit to The Susan B. Korman Breast Cancer Foundation. Lori made a motion to change the ten percent to a even amount of \$300.00. Shar seconded the motion and it passed.

Denise mentioned the format for the new meeting that the demonstration would be first and then the business meeting next. There was some discussion about changing it back but it was decided to keep it like it is for now and give it a chance.

Kathy made a motion to form a committee for the Day of Sharing. Shar seconded the motion and it passed. The committee members will be Kathy, Denise, Helen and Rosalinda. They decided that they were going to meet right after this meeting was over.

Meeting was adjourned.

Attachment: The guidelines for the Strawberry Festival Cake Contest

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The demo was done by Shar Baker. She demonstrated truffles and peppermint bark.

The meeting was called to order by Denise at 10:45 after the demo. Denise asked that everyone introduce themselves.

The minutes of the October meeting were passed around. Lori asked that the committee members' names for the Day of Sharing be taken out of the October minutes. Lori doesn't want the committee members names in the minutes because she feels like everyone is on the committee.

Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes with Lori's correction. Shar seconded it and the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was passed around. Helen reported that we have 80 members of this day.

Pat made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Kathy seconded it.

Shar passed around the report from the Strawberry Festival committee meeting, which is attached with the minutes. Shar is meeting in January with the committee members of the Strawberry Festival. Next year they will pay for the prizes.

Lori asked for a show of hands from everyone at the meeting who would put a cake in the contest. She expressed concerns that there would not be enough response to the contest since we couldn't use a dummy cake or the fact that the cake would be auctioned off and we wouldn't get our cake back.

Lori asked why the Strawberry Festival name had to be on the prizes since they were not paying for them. Pat said they are supplying the room and the people coming in, which is advertising for the cake club.

Shar said that the prizes and the ribbon should cost no more than \$250.00.

Kathy made a motion to spend \$250.00 for the prizes. Shar seconded it and the motion passed.

Lori discussed demonstrators for the next Day of Sharing. The committee for the Day of Sharing will meet right after this meeting.

The Christmas party will be December 12th at Chabuca's. The cake club pays for the lunch. Helen asked that people RSVP for the party.

It was decided that we would donate gift cards in the amount of \$10.00 each from HEB for Texas Childrens Hospital instead of toys.

January 28th will be the next play day. Pat Daigle will make a cookie bouquet.

Meeting was adjourned.