

January 15, 2008 – Meeting Minutes

Held at Larry's Arts and Craft
Pasadena, Texas

Thanks to Pat Daigle, we now know how to make a wonderful cake stand for our cakes. She demonstrated how to make a very inexpensive cake stand with a cake dummy and some of your cake toys you have on hand. Way to go, Pat.... Thanks for the tip.

Denise announced that we are doing an "Appreciation Dinner" for all the wonderful people at Larry's Arts and Crafts. Thanks for everyone that brought the food, but since there is not too much, please let the employees go first.

Denise thanked Pat Daigle for a wonderful cake stand demo.

The meeting was called to order by Denise Talbot at 11:10 am, with 25 members present. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and glad to start a New Year of cake decorating. She asked everyone to introduce themselves since we had a lot of new people. She also reminded everyone we had raffle tickets.

The minutes for November were passed around, read and approved. Pat Weiner made a motion that the minutes be accepted and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion.

Helen passed out the treasures report. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept and Sandy Cook seconded the motion. Helen indicted that all monies have been collected for the Maisie Parrish classes, all the classes are full.

Congratulations to Dena Bryngelson for winning the Club Logo contest. The logo will now be on your Newsletter and Discount club card, etc. Thanks to all that participated.

Denise talked about all the fun we had at Chabuca's for our annual Christmas Party... It was nice and a lot fun at gift time. Some of us even stole (by mistake) Chabuca's presents. You had to be there for all the fun... Don't miss out next year.

Denise opened the floor for nominations for officers. Each position was discussed and accepted by the following club members:

President	Lori Gust
	Pat Wiener
Vice President	Kathy Brinkley
Secretary	Jan Hutto
Treasurer	Helen Osteen

Denise indicated that everyone would be able to vote thru E-Mail or in private vote at the next club meeting February 26, 2008.

Everyone was happy to see Ms Ott, but she wanted to know why the meeting was so early. The meeting had to be changed due to the Maisie Parrish classes.

Lori talked about the Club Domain name and the importance of renewing the domain. If we do not renew, someone else could take The Houston Cake Club name. To renew for 1 year

would be \$ 35.00, 2 years \$ 60.00, 3 years 75.00 and 5 years \$ 100.00. Sandy Cook made a motion to pay the \$ 100.00 for 5 years, John Hartley seconded motion.

The Maisie Parrish classes will be held next week and Denise needs suggestions for lunch and breakfast. The following club members volunteered:

Monday	Breakfast	Kathy Brinkley
	Lunch	Lori Gust
Tuesday	Breakfast	Betty Perrin
	Lunch	Pat Wiener
Wednesday	Breakfast	Tina Belden
	Lunch	Denise Talbot

Helen Heden volunteered to go help Cynthia Hathaway, 8th grade class at "The John Cooper School" in the Woodlands. Cynthia asked for help to expose the children to cake decorating.

Lori reminded everyone about the "Day of Diva's on January 20, 2008. There still is room for this event. Don't miss out!

Helen talked about the ICES Area IV Day of Sharing on February 10, 2008. It will be held at 1401 Holland Ave, Galena Park. The theme is "Valentine" and Jo Ellen Simon will be the lead demonstrator with Jennifer Bartos, Gary Homan, Cap Prachyl, and Sharon Zambito.

Denise reminded everyone that the **Southeast Texas Cake Club** will have a Day of Sharing, in Winnie, Texas at the Winnie-Stowell Community Center on April 6, 2008. Jennifer Dontz will be the lead demonstrator. On April 7-8, 2008 she will be teaching classes the following 2 days for \$ 250.00.

ICES Meeting and Day of Sharing in Midland, April 6, 2008. Demonstrations by Carol Fouts, Earlene Moore, Helen Osteen and Cap Prachyl.

ICES Meeting and Day of Sharing in Arlington, April 20, 2008. Wedding Theme and demonstrations by the "Two Sisters", Dena Bryngelson, Edward Frys, Tammy Stobel and Denise Talbot.

Capital Confectioners in Austin having their annual Austin Cake Show, February 23-24, 2008. A showcase of Celebrity Demonstrators include Nicholas Lodge, Earlene Moore, Bronwen Weber, Autumn Carpenter, and Steven Stellingwerf.

Nicholas Lodge will be teaching classes at the Cake Carrousel on February 16-17, 2008

Pat Weiner talked about the Day of Sharing sign that was made for the Club is still "Missing in Action." She asked if anyone knew where it might be.

The raffle was won by Casey Marchan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Kathy Brinkley

February 26, 2008 – Meeting Minutes

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

The demonstration was done by Pat Weiner. Pat showed all kinds of buttercream borders for cakes.

The meeting was called to order at 10:55 by Denise Talbot. Denise asked everyone to introduce themselves. She congratulated Heather Campbell, Dena Bryngelson and Rocio Gonzalez for winning at the Capital Confectioners cake show in Austin, Texas.

Pat Weiner made a motion that the minutes from January be accepted and John Hartley seconded the motion. The minutes were passed.

Helen mentioned that on the Maisie Parrish classes, the club did not break even because of the discounts for members but that is made possible due to the day of sharing money.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted and Betty Perrin seconded the motion. The treasurer's report passed.

Denise mentioned that Maisie Parrish had felt that she still had some money due her from her classes. She thought Maisie was under the assumption that the Diva Day was a Houston Cake Club sponsored event when it was not. Denise had a concern that anything not related to the club activities should be kept totally separate so there would not be any misunderstanding in the future and that the club could keep a handle on expenses. Denise felt that the way it was placed on the website made it look like it was a Houston Cake Club event. After much discussion, some of the members agreed that it did look to them like it was a Houston Cake Club event and others understood it was not a club sponsored event.

Denise's suggestion was that the website be controlled by more than one person but no decision was made.

Members were asked to vote. The nominees were:

Pat Weiner - President
Lori Gust - President
Secretary - Jan Hutto
Vice President - Kathy Brinkley
Treasurer - Helen Osteen

Denise Talbot and John Hartley counted the votes and the new cake club board is:

Lori Gust - President
Jan Hutto - Secretary
Vice President - Kathy Brinkley
Treasurer - Helen Osteen

Lori said that Debbie Brown will be coming. She wanted to make it two classes since the one is almost full. Also there will be a class with Yvette Humbert.

Betty Perrin won the raffle. Meeting was adjourned

Judy Myers

Houston Cake Club Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Lori Gust, Kathy Brinkley, Helen Osteen, and Jan Hutto present

The purpose of this meeting was to decide on a course of action following the Houston Cake Club meeting on February 26, 2008.

- I. The incidents which took place at the general meeting on February 26, 2008 were:
 1. A board member was accused of ballot tampering (e-mail ballots).
 2. The secret ballot & confidentiality was violated.
 3. Member harassment.

- II. The board recommends the following possible solutions (of which the final decision will be made by a vote of the active Houston Cake Club members):
 1. Membership to Houston Cake Club approved based on a formal written letter of apology to all members who voted electronically, to Helen Osteen (accused of ballot tampering), and an open letter to Houston Cake Club members for the breach of confidentiality
 2. Deny Houston Cake Club membership to Denise Talbot for 1 year
 3. Deny Houston Cake Club membership to Denise Talbot permanently (based on By-Law Article 1 Section 2).

- III. The board feels that some type of safeguard needs to be enacted in order to prevent a repeat of the events of February 26, 2008. Therefore, we recommend the following:
 1. The board recommends that John Hartley be appointed to the position of Parliamentarian. This purpose of this position will be to oversee Houston Cake Club meetings.
 2. The board also recommends that a Conflict Resolution Committee be formed. The purpose of this committee will be to resolve any future problems/conflicts active members may have.
 3. This committee will be headed by the Parliamentarian and will have (2) additional members nominated and elected by the Houston Cake Club active members.
 - a. The Conflict Resolution Committee (CRC) will meet only if the need arises.
 - b. The CRC will accept written statements from involved parties. These statements will be posted in the members only section of the Houston Cake Club newsletter.
 - c. The CRC will present its recommendations to the board. The board will review and vote on the CRC's recommendations.
 - d. In the event of a tie, the Parliamentarian will cast the deciding vote.

- IV. The Secretary will distribute a copy of the Houston Cake Club Constitution and By-Laws to all active members present at the general meeting on March 25, 2008. A copy will also be available by mail (upon request) and on the members only section the Houston Cake Club newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm on March 4, 2008.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

March 25, 2008

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Kathy Brinkley demonstrated an easy flower and butterfly technique in gumpaste.

Janice Jucker (3 Brothers Bakery) presented Commodities Crisis in the Food Industry.

She encouraged HCC members to contact their congressmen with concerns regarding the imbalance in the commodities industries. She suggested that a handwritten letter expressing your concerns would be the best method to get their attention.

The meeting was called to order by Lori Gust at 11:05 a.m. with 18 members present. Lori asked that we introduce ourselves and mention our favorite sugar art.

The minutes for the February 26, 2008 meeting were read. Kathy Brinkley made a motion that the minutes be accepted and Sandy Cook seconded the motion. The minutes passed.

The treasurer's report was read by Helen Osteen. C.J. Clay asked if we solicit money from the inactive members listed on the report. Lori Gust explained that what makes a member inactive is the fact that they have not attended two club functions. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Sandy Cook seconded the motion. The treasurer's report passed.

A hardcopy of the club's By-Laws and Constitution were given to all members present. Lori Gust discussed these and also mentioned that they are always available on the member's only section of The Houston Cake Club website.

Lori Gust informed members that the HCC board had a meeting to discuss the situation which occurred at the February 26, 2008 meeting. The incident which was addressed at that meeting was the breach of the secret ballot by Denise Talbot, the accusation of a board member of ballot tampering, and harassment of a member on the way they voted. The Board decided we need to send the message that a repeat of this type of behavior is not acceptable. Denise Talbot's money for membership renewal has been held pending the club's decision. The board's options for handling the situation (based on By-Law Article 1, Section 2) were as follows:

1. Denise Talbot's membership is approved with the understanding that a formal apology letter be written by Denise to all members who voted electronically, to Helen Osteen for accusations of ballot tampering, and to the club for her breach of the secret ballot.
2. Denise Talbot's be refused membership for 1 year.

3. Denise Talbot's be refused membership permanently.

Maria Inafuku asked what safeguards will be put in place to make sure we do not have a repeat of this situation by another member. Casey Marchan asked for an explanation of what membership denial means. Helen Osteen explained that Denise Talbot would not be banned from activities. It would mean that she could not participate in our meetings. C.J. Clay pointed out that we would be guilty of discrimination by not allowing her to return to the club and its activities.

Sandy Cook made a motion that we take a vote and Helen Osteen seconded. A paper ballot was passed out to active members who were present at the meeting. Janice Jucker moved that an amendment be made that would allow the electronic ballots to be sent to more than one address. It was rejected on the basis that a change will have to be made to the by-laws to accommodate that motion.

All paper and electronic ballots were tallied; the membership decision was option no. 1 – membership for Denise is suspended until written letters of apology to the members who voted by e-mail, Helen Osteen and to the club are received. A letter will be sent to Denise Talbot notifying her of the club's decision.

Lori Gust returned to Maria Inafuku's questions regarding future conflicts at our meetings. She explained that the Board will appoint a Parliamentarian to oversee our meetings. John Hartley was asked to take the position and he has agreed to a 2 year term. Lori also explained that a Conflict Resolution Committee be formed. It will be headed by the Parliamentarian, John Hartley. There will also be 2 club members on the committee. All member conflicts will be submitted in writing to the committee. Anything submitted to the committee will be posted in the member's only section of the website. The complaint would then be reviewed by the committee and their recommendations would be submitted to the Board. In the event of a tie vote among the Board regarding the recommendations, the Parliamentarian will cast the deciding vote.

Pat Weiner made a motion to accept the proposal to form the Conflict Resolution Committee. Sandy Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lori Gust asked for volunteers for the Conflict Resolution Committee. Sandy Cook and Debra Singletary volunteered. The committee was formed.

Yvette Humbert will teach a one day pillow class. May 4, 2008 was chosen as the date for this class and Helen Osteen confirmed the date with Yvette. The class requires a minimum number of 10 students. After discussion, Pat Weiner moved that the cost for the class be \$60 for members and \$85 for non-members. Debra Singletary seconded. The motion passed.

Lori Gust said that we need to pick our charity for the 2008 Day of Sharing (DOS). She explained that 10% of our DOS earnings are contributed to our charity. Sandy Cook suggested Parkinson's research. Kathy Brinkley suggested contributing to the Diabetes Foundation. Other suggestions included women's shelters and the America Red Cross. Casey Marchan suggested a scholarship to a school for culinary arts. Casey Marchan will contact directors of

schools for scholarship information and will report back to us in 1 month. She also suggested that the schools could be used as a venue for our DOS.

Jan Hutto moved that we table the decision for our DOS charity for 1 month. Sandy Cook seconded. The motion passed.

Debbie Brown will be here in September. Her classes will require a minimum of 10 students with a limit of 20 students per class. Her tentative schedule is September 5th – 6th will be for class. September 7th will be for our DOS and September 8th – 11th will be for class. We extended her stay due to the large amount of interested attendees. After discussion the classes will be September 5th and September 9th the purse class. September 6th and September 10th will be the animal class. September 8th and September 11th will be the sculpted dog class. Lori Gust moved that a 50% deposit be required to hold your place in the class, and that all fees be paid in full 6 weeks before class. Janice Jucker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kathy Brinkley moved that we set the fees for members for Debbie Brown's class as \$85 for a single class and \$200 for 3 days. Pat Weiner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Helen Osteen moved that we set the fees for non-members for Debbie Brown's class as \$150 for a single class and \$375 for 3 days. John Hartley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Because of the length of the meeting, Sandy Cook made the motion that we put more discussion on the DOS on next month's agenda. Heather Campbell seconded. The motion passed.

Bobby Jucker won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm on March 25, 2008.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary

The Houston Cake Club

April 22, 2008

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Lori Gust demonstrated a carved vase and flower cake.

Hermelanda Garcia provided our refreshments. Thanks for the delicious treats.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:20 am.

She welcomed everyone and asked each of us to introduce ourselves and state what technique we would like to learn more about. She also asked for our input about questions for our next meeting.

Last month's minutes were passed out and read. Casey Marchan made the motion to accept the minutes, Helen Osteen seconded. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the treasurer's report. She explained that our negative balance is on the report because we subsidize class fees for our members. She also explained that to be recognized as an active member, you must attend 2 events in 12 months (that makes you eligible for discounts). Lori mentioned that we had 4 new members join today. Helen said that our new year begins on February 1st. Helen Osteen said that the outstanding \$4000.00 listed in the treasurer's report is on hold for classes, leaving roughly \$6000.00 in the club's account.

Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the treasurer's report and Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Kathy Brinkley reminded everyone that she was going to pass around the sign-up sheet for demos and refreshments.

Lori Gust recapped last month's decision regarding Denise Talbot.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lori said that we need to decide on our charity for our Day of Sharing (DOS).

Casey Marchan reported on the progress of a scholarship to a culinary school. She had one response, that being from San Jacinto College. Casey explained our purpose to Stephen Rudd (San Jacinto's representative). He suggested that the students attend our DOS and write an essay (which HCC can judge) on their interest in culinary arts and how they would benefit from our monetary donation. He also suggested that the school have an internal competition, and the best entry would receive our scholarship. We would not be able to judge entries in the internal competition. Casey also suggested

we give a discount to students with a valid student ID at our DOS. Casey will continue to be our contact with Stephen Rudd at San Jacinto College.

Helen Osteen suggested that we donate class tuition and supplies instead of a cash gift. She also suggested that we could donate the scholarship as well as the class tuition. Casey Marchan mentioned that she suggested to Stephen Rudd that we could have a student table at our DOS for their displays and also explained the concept of the people's choice award.

Helen Heden suggested that we have (2) \$250.00 scholarships.

Kathy Brinkley moved to donate 50% of the charity money from the DOS to San Jacinto College and 50% to charity. Helen Osteen seconded. The motion passed.

Mary Lou Klinkhammer suggested that our charity be to The Texas Agricultural Extension Service (for the purpose of feeding kids after school is out for the summer). After discussion and a vote by the club members, the charity portion of our DOS monies will be sent to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Mary Lou will provide more details at the next meeting.

Helen Osteen gave a recap of the Debbie Brown class registration. She said that we are at 63% capacity as of today (before the class schedule has been put out to the public). She mentioned that the classes will be held at Larry's. Pictures of the class cakes were circulated for the new members.

Helen Osteen also mentioned that 14 out of 20 spots have been taken for Yvette Humbert's class on May 4th. She said that there were only 6 more spots available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lori Gust said that we need to start working on the location for this year's DOS. She asked if we wanted to use last year's venue or find a new one. Lori asked that we all look for a location. She said that it needs to hold about 200 people. She asked that we bring our suggestions to the next meeting.

Lori Gust suggested that members bring photo albums of their cakes to share with other members. We will pass around the albums as part of the demo time or directly after. Kathy Brinkley will keep a roster of the albums that members bring. Heather Campbell and Joanne Choppin will bring their cake albums next month.

Lori suggested that we need to vote to allow the board to allocate money to purchase items for our DOS raffle. She said that we spent \$500.00 last year, but, we recovered \$1500.00.

Casey Marchan suggested that we send out letters to solicit donations for the large items. Lori Gust will write the letters for the donations.

Mary Lou Klinkhammer moved that \$750.00 be allocated for our raffle items. Pat Wiener seconded. The motion passed.

Lori explained the idea behind the DOS (Day of Sharing) to our new members. She also mentioned that we changed the name from DOS to Cake Decorating Extravaganza last year in order to attract more people. She asked if we wanted to do the same thing again this year.

Helen Osteen mentioned that Carol Fouts is willing to come teach a class on baby booties, etc. Her price is \$75.00 per student. After discussion, Helen Osteen moved that Carol Fouts teach at Larry's and the member price for the class be set at \$60.00 and the non-member price be set at \$85.00. Heather Campbell seconded. The motion passed.

After more discussion, Pat Wiener moved that Carol Fouts' class be held at Larry's on June 22, 2008. Kathy Brinkley seconded. The motion passed.

The information for the class will be put out on the web and in the newsletter. Helen Osteen will contact Carol Fouts with the class details.

Lori Gust mentioned that we need to set the rate for our DOS. After discussion, Pat Wiener moved that the rate for our DOS be set at \$35.00 for early registration (thru August 25, 2008), \$45.00 at the door, and \$20.00 to all with a valid student ID. Kathy Brinkley seconded. The motion passed.

Pat Wiener moved to adjourn the meeting, Kathy Brinkley seconded. The motion passed.

Our next meeting will be May 27, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Jan Hutto won the raffle.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary

The Houston Cake Club

May 27, 2008

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Sandy Cook demonstrated how to make cookie pops from cake scraps. You can see a copy of her instruction sheet in this month's HCC newsletter.

Kathy Brinkley called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Kathy informed us that Lori Gust and Casey Marchan were attending a board meeting at San Jacinto College. One purpose for their attendance was to obtain information necessary for HCC to donate part of our DOS proceeds to their culinary program. She also explained that Lori and Casey were going to look into using the college as our venue for our DOS.

Kathy Brinkley thanked Debra Singletary, Elizabeth Vasquez and Hermelanda Garcia for our refreshments. (We are really getting to be spoiled).

Kathy asked what technique we wanted to learn the most. The responses were different types of bows, chocolate transfers, Lambeth, gumpaste tropical flowers, petit fours, ball cake, swags, covering different cake shapes in fondant, wafer paper images (edible images), gumpaste flowers, wedding cakes (covered in fondant, extensions, groom's cake ideas, frozen butter cream transfers, airbrushing.

Last month's minutes were presented. Pat Wiener moved that the minutes be accepted and Helen Osteen seconded. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. Pat Wiener moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted and Jan Hutto seconded. The motion/report passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Wiener had questions regarding the % we will donate to our charities. Helen Osteen explained that in the past we had 10% of the registration fee be earmarked for our charity (ies). We discussed that the donation will be split equally between San Jacinto College's Culinary program and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (for the lunch program). Pat Wiener moved that 10% of our DOS gross registration fees be used for our donations that will be divided between our determined charities. John Hartley seconded. The motion passed.

Helen Osteen brought us up to speed on the status of the Debbie Brown classes. She said that we are 75% sold out. She said that there are a few spaces left in several of the classes. The class information has now been put out to the public, so she expected those spaces to fill quickly. Helen explained the fees and circulated the pictures for the classes for our new members.

Kathy Brinkley asked Helen Osteen to report on the Carol Fouts shoe class. She said there are 7 people registered/paid, and Carol requires a minimum of 10 students. She mentioned that the fee for new or non club members is \$85 and \$60 for members. The class will be at Larry's on June 22, 2008 from 9am-5pm. Pat Wiener and Kathy Brinkley will provide lunch for the class.

Kathy Brinkley asked for a report on the lunch program. Mary Lou Klinkhammer could not attend the meeting, so she e-mailed the information to Helen Osteen. She forgot to bring the report, so, Kathy said that we would table that discussion until the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Brinkley asked if anyone had found any new venues for our DOS. She again explained that Lori Gust and Casey Marchan were checking out the possibility of using San Jacinto College for our DOS location.

Pat Wiener explained the concept of the DOS and the raffle to our new members. Helen Osteen explained that \$750 is used to provide the raffle prizes. Pat also mentioned that our DOS will be on September 7, 2008. There was great discussion on the use of the college. John Hartley mentioned that the relationship with San Jacinto College would be very beneficial to both the college and to HCC.

Helen Osteen suggested that we think about renting audio/visual equipment for our DOS. She said that we might consider a big screen and projector for our demos. She said that Debbie Brown will only do 1 demo so the idea of having 2 demos going on simultaneously would probably be out of the question. Helen Osteen will gather information/prices and present her report next month.

Kathy Brinkley asked if we wanted to get a new club shirt for our 2008 DOS, as we have very few left from our DOS last year. She passed the book around from the company that we used last year. She explained that when we all wear the same shirts, it makes it easier for quests to know who to ask for information. Kathy said she will check on t-shirt prices and report back next month.

Heather Campbell requested copies of letters for DOS donations as she has a company representative from her employer who is willing to provide donations. Heather said all the rep needs is to present the letters to her superiors. Kathy and Helen said that Lori should have them at the next meeting.

Pat Wiener moved to adjourn the meeting. Jan Hutto seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kathy Brinkley adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Kathryn Benson won the raffle.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary

The Houston Cake Club

June 24, 2008

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Pat Wiener demonstrated color flow techniques. You can see a copy of her instructions in this month's HCC newsletter. Thanks for the great demo.

Vincent Duncan (www.pulpitbuilders.com) brought samples of his custom wood cake plateaus. He mentioned that he also makes cake columns and can customize his designs to any specifications. He said he will be at our DOS in September.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:15 am with 16 members and 2 guests present.

Marissa Beltran provided refreshments – TOO GOOD.

John Hartley mentioned a food website that he found to provide some interesting information. The site is www.egullet.com.

C.J. Clay mentioned that he was having problems with edible images. It was suggested to zap the image in the microwave for 10 seconds and that should dry the image enough to be able to remove it from the paper backing. Freezing the image was another suggestion for removing the image.

The question for the month was to share a technique that you thought was particularly interesting (or something that you have seen that was not necessarily great /cake disaster). Lori said that subject for next month's question will be concerning butter cream icing.

May's minutes were presented. Pat Wiener moved to accept the minutes and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. Lori Gust mentioned that Helen changed the format so that it should be a little easier to read/understand. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Pat Wiener seconded. The motion/report passed.

Lori Gust reminded everyone about the demo /refreshment and photo album lists. She asked that everyone take a look at these lists and sign up.

OLD BUSINESS

Helen Osteen gave an update on the Debbie Brown classes. She said that the Monday and Tuesday classes are full. She said that there are 23 slots open on the dates of 9/5, 9/6 & 9/10, 9/11. She also said that there is a waiting list for Monday and Tuesday classes. Helen explained the class fees to new

members and said that you can use PayPal on our website. She also said that the supply lists are now available on our website.

Lori Gust gave us an update on the Carol Fouts shoe class held at Larry's on 6/22/08. She said it was a really great class and Carol was very well organized. She said that Carol has been encouraged to develop more classes so that she can come back.

Lori Gust gave an update on having our DOS at San Jacinto College North. She explained that Casey Marchan contacted several culinary schools for the purpose of HCC providing a scholarship to their schools. San Jacinto was the only location to respond. Lori said that we would be able to use the room at San Jacinto College for no cost, with the possibility of a \$100.00 janitorial cost. She said that there is a stage for the vendors and seating for 200 in the student center. She also mentioned that it is easy to get into the campus with a lot of parking. Lori and Casey were told that the school has great contacts with the HCN (Houston Community Newspapers). The school wants to contact HCN and ask them to promote our DOS in their papers. She also mentioned that they have contacts with 150-200 organizations that would be interested in details of our DOS.

Janice Jucker mentioned that if we can get 25 people together, we can film an announcement for Good Day Houston. She said she has the contact for that venue.

Helen Osteen noted that San Jacinto College was impressed that we voted to reduce student fees. She suggested that we consider ½ prices for student membership to HCC. Casey Marchan said that our meetings is during their classes, so she was not sure how many of the students would be able to attend meetings. Helen Osteen moved to offer a student rate with a valid student ID of \$10.00 for HCC membership. Janice Jucker seconded. The motion passed.

Lori Gust said that the college is trying to set up cake decorating in their culinary program. They want to incorporate Course 1 and 2 into their classes. HCC being present at the college gives their culinary department credibility for creating these classes. She suggested that we consider having a meeting at the college so that we can demonstrate our meeting process.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Gust asked when we want to have a playday. She also asked for any ideas for play days.

Pat Wiener discussed that there has been some confusion on the terms of play day and classes. She said that some people were confusing a class as a playday and that they could not understand why they were not being charged as a playday. It was decided that a ½ day will be a playday and a full day will be a class, and they will involve different fees. Lori again asked for ideas for playdays.

Lori Gust acknowledged Sandy Cook for providing a thank you gift for Carol Fouts.

Lori mentioned that next month's meeting falls right after ICES. She asked if we wanted to change the meeting date as a lot of members might not be back from the convention. It was decided that we would hold the next meeting on July 22, 2008.

Lori said that we will need to talk about things that need to be done for our DOS. She said that we will need committees for set up, food, drinks, etc. She said that the college could provide food, but, the students are not there on Sunday. She also mentioned that if we cater the event, we will not make as much money as if our members provide food. It was decided that we would provide the food. Lori asked that we think about what we want to do to participate.

Lori Gust mentioned the cake display table. She mentioned that in the past if a person brought a display piece, they would receive 1 free raffle ticket. Pat Wiener moved that we give a \$50.00 prize for the People's Choice Award on the cake display table. Eunice Estrada seconded. The motion passed.

Lori mentioned that early registration for the DOS is \$35.00 and your name is put into a drawing for a special gift. Kathy Brinkley moved that the cost of the prize for early registration be \$50.00. John Hartley seconded. Kathy Brinkley amended the motion to read that the prize for early registration not exceed \$50.00. John Hartley seconded. The motion passed. Lori said that we will define the prize before the DOS>

C.J. Clay mentioned the DOS 2 years ago had a better goodie bag than the one from last year. Helen Osteen explained that we ask companies for donations for those bags, and we have to take what we get. She said that we need bag stuffers for approximately 125 – 150 people. She suggested that we can make recipe cards to drop in those bags. Helen also said that we should all start asking vendors, etc. for donations for those bags.

Eunice Estrada mentioned that she has a lot of pans that she no longer uses. She said that they can be used at our DOS. It was suggested that we use those pans as prizes for a second chance raffle.

John Hartley asked about getting some audio/visual equipment for the DOS. Lori Gust said that the college has a screen and projector and all we need to get is a camera. The college asked that we send someone from the club to learn how to use their equipment. C.J. Clay volunteered to learn the equipment.

Lori Gust said the complete list of demonstrators for our DOS will be listed in July's newsletter.

Kathy Brinkley checked on t-shirt prices. She wanted to know if we want to get new shirts. She said that they will have to be ordered at least 3 weeks before the DOS. Helen Osteen mentioned that we have about 10 shirts (size medium) left over from last year. Kathy said that if we order a shirt with the club logo on it, the shirt will be \$4.00 more. The information will be put on the website so that we can order via paypal. The deadline for ordering a shirt will be the end of July.

Janice Jucker won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

July 22, 2008

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Pat Wiener demonstrated mint sugar. You can see a copy of her instructions in this month's HCC newsletter. Thanks for the great demo

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 10:55 am with 16 members and 1 guest present.

Thanks to Eunice Estrada and Alice Lopez for the amazing refreshments.

Lori Gust asked that we introduce ourselves and tell everyone what kind of butter cream icing each of us uses in our decorating. The question for next month's meeting is: What forms of chocolate do you use in cake decorating?

Eunice Estrada brought her cake photo album to share.

June's minutes were presented. Casey Marchan moved to accept the minutes and Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

There e was no Treasurer's report as Helen Osteen had not returned from the ICES convention.

Lori Gust reminded everyone about the demo /refreshment and photo album lists. She asked that everyone take a look at these lists and sign up.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust mentioned that there are still a few spots left for Debbie Brown's classes.

Lori announced that the raffle would be a PME catalog and 50% of the raffle cash. We then took a break for raffle ticket purchases.

Lori Gust mentioned that next month's demo would be things that we might see at our Day of Sharing.

Jan Hutto asked about the status of the letter which was sent to Denise Talbot. Lori Gust explained the options listed in the letter and then mentioned that Denise refused to sign for the letter. It was returned to the club. Jan then questioned the status of Denise's membership dues that we were holding pending the outcome of the letter. Lori requested that we table that question until Helen Osteen (Treasurer) returns next month.

Debra Singletary asked about t-shirts for the DOS. Kathy Brinkley explained that we need to order new shirts before the end of July in order to give the t-shirt company enough time to make the shirts.

Kathryn Benson inquired if we have to wear club shirts to the DOS. Kathy Brinkley said that it was not required but, it helps members stand out to our guests. Kathy also said that it would probably be \$25 for a shirt with Houston Cake Club written on it, and \$34 if you included your name on the shirt as well. C.J. Clay mentioned that he wore his shirt at ICES and received a great number of positive comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Gust mentioned advertising for our DOS. She said that notice about our DOS has been sent out to American Cake Decorating and Mailbox News. She said that San Jac College is going to distribute information in their area. Shar Baker said that she would distribute information at Lee College in Baytown. Tina Belden said that she would hand out information at Hobby Lobby and Debra Singletary would distribute information in her area. Lori said it would be great if some of the club ladies would distribute information in Spanish. Lori explained to Shar that our DOS would be at San Jacinto College at I-10 and Uvalde. She will put the location and a list of the demonstrators on the website this week. She also asked for donations (from individuals as well as businesses) for the DOS. Lori said that we will list their names in a booklet for our DOS.

Lori Gust asked for play day ideas. Debra Singletary said she would like to do chocolate baskets. Tina Belden said that she would like to do chocolate roses.

Lori also mentioned that Michelle Foster e-mailed her about possibly teaching a class around November. You can see her work on her website (Sugarfix or The Sugarfix). She also mentioned contacting Lindy Smith for fall or spring classes. Lori also said that Mike Terry (B/C piping) could be a possibility for classes.

C.J. Clay mentioned that Pat Daigle could demonstrate at our DOS if we find that we need more demos. Lori said that we would have Debbie Brown, Ester Allen, Barb Hawkins, and Marilyn (Twez) Shewmake.

Lori Gust recapped the ICES elections. Helen Osteen was elected to the board. Glenda Galvez was elected President, and Marilyn (Twez) Shewmake was elected Treasurer.

Lori said that she would post on the HCC website the list for volunteer jobs for the DOS. She said that there is no charge for the room, but, we will have to pay a fee of about \$60 for janitorial services.

Debra Singletary asked about food for the DOS. Lori asked that each of us bring a dish. She also mentioned that in the past, the club has provided the meat. She wanted to know if that would be acceptable again this year (Sandy Cook's husband usually prepares the meat). C.J. Clay said the food is always good, so, he feels that we should ask him to do it again this year. He also suggested that we pay him for that service.

Lori Gust also reminded everyone about bringing a piece for our display table. She mentioned that there would be no judging, but, we would take pictures of all the work and post it on our website. She said we will have a People's Choice Award. The recipient will win \$50.

Lori Gust gave the last call for the purchase of raffle tickets. Suzy Araya won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m. She also mentioned that Tina Belden has a silver cake plateau for sale.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

August 26, 2008

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Lori Gust demonstrated items that would be in the raffle at our Day of Sharing (DOS).

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:15 am with 19 members and 3 guests present.

Maria Inafuka provided refreshments – we are really getting spoiled.

The question of the month was to share your uses for chocolate. Casey Marchan suggested that next month's question be uses for marzipan.

July's minutes were presented. Pat Wiener moved to accept the minutes and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Lori Gust presented the Treasurer's report for Helen Osteen. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the report and Edit Farris seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Lori asked Kathy Brinkley to pass around the monthly demonstration/refreshment sign-up sheet. She mentioned that we still need an October demo.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust mentioned that she received a refusal letter from Pepsi in regards to drink donations for our DOS. Casey Marchan mentioned that she is still waiting for a response from Coke and Dr. Pepper. She said that Dr. Pepper is waiting for manager's approval and that the representative for Coke is out of the office. Lori set a deadline of next week to hear from the drink providers.

Heather Campbell said that a Swiss Chalet rep has contacted her and has said that they wish to be a vendor. Heather said that the rep is supposed to bring raffle items to her for our DOS.

Lori mentioned that Photo Frost has sent a large pack of icing sheets. She mentioned the CK and Satin Ice have sent donations as well.

Lori Gust opened a discussion in regards to our charities. The club's decision was to split 10% of the regular DOS entrance fee between a scholarship for a culinary student at San Jacinto College and the Summer Lunch Program. She mentioned that the information we received on the Summer Lunch Program has turned out to be a bust. She then asked if we want to continue with both charities or possibly change our charity to 2 scholarships for San Jacinto College. After much discussion, Janice Jucker moved that we change our DOS charity to 2 scholarships for San Jacinto College. Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lori mentioned that we can get into the room for our DOS on Saturday September 6th to begin setting up tables, etc. After discussion, it was decided that we would meet at the college at 3:00 pm on Saturday the 6th for a workday.

C.J. Clay mentioned that he and Casey Marchan would go to the college on Saturday, August 30th to check out the A/V equipment for the DOS.

Lori Gust mentioned that directions to the college are on the Houston Cake Club website.

Lori mentioned that we have a few HCC t-shirts left. They are \$25.00 each. She asked that you please wear your club shirt if you have one.

Lori said that a sign-up sheet will be passed around to help with the DOS. She asked that everyone take a look at the sheet and sign-up. She mentioned that the duty list is also posted on our website if you do not get a chance to see it at the meeting.

Lori mentioned that the People's Choice award wins \$50.00.

Lori asked that members bring breakfast food and side dishes for lunch. The general public has been asked to bring breakfast food or a desert. Lori asked Janice Jucker (3 Brothers Bakery) if they could donate the bread for the DOS. She said they would provide the bread if someone would pick it up.

Lori Gust said that there needs to be compensation for the demonstrators at the DOS. In the past, if the demonstrator travelled more than 100 miles, the club would pay them \$100.00 enclosed in a Thank You card along with a small token gift. Sandra Hughes mentioned that we could pay for their hotel room. Pat Wiener moved that we pay each demonstrator \$100.00 along with a Thank You card and small gift. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed. Heather Campbell said that she would make cupcake earrings and necklaces for the gift. She was also asked to get the cards and gift bags.

C.J. Clay asked about paying Sandy's husband for cooking the meat for the DOS. Lori Gust said that he gets paid a fee per pound of meat.

Lori announced that the DOS doors would open at 8:30. Kathy Brinkley mentioned that she will arrive at the college at 7:00 am to begin setting up the raffle items and to allow the vendors enough time to set up. Lori mentioned that the vendors would be placed on the stage behind the demonstrators. This is being done in an attempt to stop shopping during the demos. Janice Jucker mentioned that the steps might be a problem for anyone who was handicapped.

Lori Gust said that people are needed to supply lunch for the Debbie Brown classes. She said that the club pays \$100.00 per class for lunch, but, someone needs to buy the food and bring it to class. Lori will pass around a list for the class lunches. She asked that you please sign up if you will be attending the classes.

NEW BUSINESS

Yvette Humbert told Lori that she had a request to do a class on the stand up cowboy boots. You would receive the kit and instructions for the class. Yvette talked to Carolyn Wanke and the price would be \$350.00 for a 2 day class. We decided not to do this class.

Lori mentioned that Michelle Foster approached her about teaching a class on string work. Lori explained what string work entails. She also mentioned that Michelle wants to come in November. After discussion, the members decided that November is not a good month. Lori said that she would notify Michelle of our decision.

Casey Marchan suggested that we allow Stephen Rudd from San Jacinto College to address the group at the DOS. She also asked if we were going to be allowed to present the scholarships in person. She added that she thought it would be a good idea to have a field trip to the college so that we can present the scholarship and photograph the recipients. Kathy Brinkley moved that we have our September meeting at San Jacinto College for the purpose of presenting our scholarships. Casey Marchan seconded the motion. Motion passed. It was decided that an e-mail would be sent to finalize the location of our meeting.

Lori Gust made last call for raffle tickets. She also mentioned that she has DOS donation letters left if anyone needs one.

Roxanne Sharp won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 12:17 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary

The Houston Cake Club

September 23, 2008

There was no September meeting due to Hurricane Ike.

Jan Hutto, Secretary

The Houston Cake Club

October 28, 2008

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Kathy Brinkley demonstrated all types of bows. Instructions will be in next month's newsletter.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:15 am with 15 members and 1 guest present.

Roxanne Sharp provided refreshments – Thank You!

The question of the month was to share some type of decorating tip. Helen Osteen will list our tips in next month's newsletter.

August minutes were presented. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the minutes and Shar Baker seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed. There were no minutes for September due to Hurricane Ike.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. She said the figures showed that we had to spend more than we took in due to class fees and the DOS; however, our club's account is in good shape. She said that after expenses, our DOS made about \$2650.00 profit. Shar Baker asked about the profit from our DOS in 2007. Lori Gust said that we had approximately \$2000.00 profit last year. She also noted that we had fewer people in attendance this year, but, made more money. Shar Baker moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Lori Gust asked that Kathy Brinkley send around the demo and photo album list.

OLD BUSINESS

Shar Baker mentioned that she thought San Jacinto College had turned out to be the best place for our DOS. Helen Osteen said that the demonstrators liked the college because they did not have to repeat their demos.

Kathy Brinkley asked about the lack of culinary students in attendance. Casey Marchan said that Stephen Rudd had the incorrect dates for our DOS. They want to continue to work with us and have a large student presence at our next DOS. They are also happy that we are going to hold a club meeting at the school. Lori Gust said that we should consider holding our meeting at San Jacinto College in January or March.

Lori Gust said that she noticed that the college did not hang posters promoting our event as promised. She said that we need to be responsible for that next year. Lori also said that we need a new banner for outside the building. Helen Osteen said that a sign company can make the banner. Shar Baker will check into prices for a new banner.

Lori Gust thanked C.J. Clay and Casey Marchan for handling the A/V equipment. She also noted that we needed more food. Jan Hutto suggested that we have a sign-up sheet for the food next year.

Sandra expressed concern about the lack of decorated cakes at the DOS. She thought there should have been more present.

Lori Gust said that we can e-mail her or Helen Osteen with suggestions/ideas for next year's DOS.

Casey Marchan suggested that we could possibly have a separate room to view cakes. She then said that we could charge a fee for the cake viewing room (like the Austin Cake Club). Lori Gust explained that there are a larger number of people required to run a cake show vs. a DOS. She said that it is really running two different events at one time. You also have to coordinate entry fees, categories, judges, etc. Shar Baker said that having a cake show the same day as your DOS makes it difficult to see demos. Lori said that it is a good idea, but, it is a lot of work. She said that we need to think about the cake show concept. Other suggestions included advertising in local newsletters, putting our event on local television stations as a PSA (public service announcement), and increasing the prize for a display piece. Lori said that starting the plans for the DOS earlier in the year may help increase interest. She said that we would discuss this further next month.

Lori Gust said asked how we wanted to present our donation to the college. She asked if we wanted to present a check or an item to the Culinary Arts Department. Shar Baker moved that 10% of the registration fees collected be donated to the Culinary Arts Department. Debra Singletary seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lori Gust mentioned that we had several members affected by Hurricane Ike. Lori and Helen Osteen attended the Louisiana ICES DOS. She said that the members present were very sympathetic and presented them with a \$500.00 check to be distributed to our members who were gravely affected by IKE. Lori mentioned that we had done the same thing when Katrina went through Louisiana. She said that we need to find a fair way to determine how the money should be distributed. Suzy Araya said that she thought it should go to someone who had not received an insurance settlement or FEMA assistance. Lori said that we would extend the question in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Gust asked if we wanted to change the day for the November meeting as it is right before Thanksgiving. After discussion, the meeting will be held on November 25th. Helen Osteen said that the newsletter would be mailed out on November 17th.

Lori Gust said that we need to finalize the details of our club's Christmas party. She said that we had the party at Chabucca's last year, and the club paid for the member's meals. She asked if we wanted to do the same thing again. Kathy Brinkley suggested Mario's Pizza on Nasa Rd. #1. Lori then asked about the date for the party. She suggested December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and the 30th. Lori took a vote, and the club Christmas party will be held on December 9, 2008 at Chabucca's. She said that information/directions would be in the newsletter.

Lori Gust mentioned that the troops in Iraq do not get much for Christmas. She thought it would be a good idea for each of us to bring 3 types of cookies to be packed and shipped to the troops in Iraq. She said if you can't bake, then please give money to help pay for the boxes and shipping fees. Keri Dodd mentioned that there are special boxes available just for this purpose.

Lori said that Mrs. Fry's wants to teach a class here. She thought that the fee would be about \$50.00 per person, and she thought that she wanted to come in the spring. She asked that we think about it and we can talk about it at the next meeting. Debra Singletary she thought that the Magnolia/Texas Flowers would be a good class.

Helen Heden shared information on Albert Uster imports and Fondariffic samples.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 12:24 pm.

Casey Marchan won the raffle.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

November 25, 2008

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Heather Campbell demonstrated the construction of a gingerbread house. Helen Osteen will post recipes/instructions in the newsletter.

Shar Baker and Jan Hutto provided refreshments.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 10:46 am with 16 members present.

The question of the month was what is your favorite holiday food to prepare? The question for our meeting in January will be how did you spend the holidays with your family?

The minutes for October were presented. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the minutes and Shar Baker seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's Report. Sandra Hughes moved to accept the report and Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Lori Gust asked that everyone be sure to sign the attendance book.

Kathy Brinkley mentioned that she was passing around the refreshment/demonstration/photo album sign-up sheet for 2009. She asked that everyone take a look at the list and sign-up if possible. Lori added that you can demonstrate anything that you are interested in – it doesn't have to be related to cakes.

Lori Gust reminded us that the meeting in February is our appreciation dinner for Larry's employees. She said that we would send around a food sign-up sheet in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust said that our Christmas party will be on December 9, 2008 at Chabucca's from 11am – 1pm. Chabucca's is located off Nasa Rd. #1. The club will pay for your meal and non-alcoholic drink. Directions to the restaurant will be in our newsletter. She also mentioned that in the past we have brought a gift to the party to be donated to charity. Sandra Hughes suggested bringing non-perishable food items to be given to the food pantry. She also mentioned taking these items to the Ronald McDonald House. She explained that the house provides shelter for families whose children have cancer and are taking treatment in the Medical Center. Ronald McDonald House tries to provide staples to the families staying there, so that they can prepare their own meals in the kitchen. Sandra also mentioned that they collect soda can pull tops for their charity as well. Kathy Brinkley moved that we all bring non-perishable food items to our Christmas party to be donated to Ronald McDonald House.

Sandra Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed. Sandra Hughes will present our donation to Ronald McDonald House.

Lori Gust also mentioned that we usually bring a wrapped \$10.00 gift for a swap/"Rob Your Neighbor" game (if you wish to participate). Lori explained the game. Shar Baker motioned that the limit for the game be \$15.00 and Kathy Brinkley seconded. The motion passed.

Helen Osteen mentioned that if you want to put anything in our December newsletter, the deadline will be December 1st.

Lori Gust mentioned that we had member who were severely affected by Hurricane Ike. The Louisiana Chapter of ICES donated \$500.00 to be distributed among those members affected. She said that we had 4 members who could use the funds. Discussion on the difficulty of determining each member's need of the money ensued. Pat Wiener moved that the money be divided equally between the members affected by Ike. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. After more discussion, Pat Wiener moved to amend her motion by including that The Houston Cake Club match the funds provided by the ICES Chapter. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed. Helen Osteen will handle the distribution of the funds.

Shar Baker said that she checked on banner prices for our DOS. She said that a 3' x 6' vinyl banner with grommets and multiple colors (up to 5) listed on the internet was about \$80 - \$150.00 + shipping. She also checked with Design Ventures in Baytown and said that a 3' x 8' weatherproof banner would run about \$81.00 (they only require 3 days notice). They will add art/designs/logo, but that will change the price. Shar said that text is cheaper than graphics. Lori Gust said that we would table this discussion until the meeting in January.

NEW BUSINESS

Helen Osteen said that there are 3 possible instructors who are willing to hold classes here next year.

(1). Elizabeth Frys will teach gum paste flowers. Helen passed around pictures of her work. She said that Elizabeth will be here January 25-27, 2009. Class prices for members will be \$50.00/day and \$125.00 for all 3 days. Non-member prices will be \$75.00/day and \$200.00 for all 3 days.

(2). Lorraine McKay (Scotland) teaches modeling which is different from Debbie Brown and Masie Parish's style. Lori Gust said that she is available April 5-7, 2009. She has taught classes in Austin, and comes highly recommended by Debbie Brown. Lori also mentioned that you can download tutorials by Lorraine on the internet for a fee. Class prices for members would be \$75.00/day and \$200.00 for all 3 days. Non-member prices would be \$150.00/day and \$375.00 for all 3 days.

(3). Eleanor Rielander (South Africa) teaches very intense classes. She can only stay a certain length of time here because of her VISA. She is available around September 13, 2009. Lori said that she would be good to have here for our DOS as well as classes afterward. Class prices for members would be \$75.00/day and \$200.00 for all 3 days. Non-member prices would be \$150.00/day and \$375.00 for all 3 days.

Helen Osteen moved that we set the date for our DOS for September 13, 2009. Shar Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed. Helen Osteen will confirm the date with San Jacinto College when she delivers our donation for the culinary program.

Because our January meeting falls on the day of Elizabeth Fry's classes, Shar Baker moved that our January meeting be changed to January 20, 2009. Kathy Brinkley/Sandra Hughes seconded. The motion passed.

Lori Gust mentioned the class prices for these instructors. She said that the prices take into account their transportation/meals, etc. She said that class size is limited to 20 students.

Helen Osteen said that deposits for all classes are ½ of class fee for 3 days, and payment in full for 1 day classes.

Lori said that we could vote on Lorraine McKay and Eleanor Rielander in January. She mentioned that the classes will be listed in the newsletter. She said that there will be a lot of people looking for our class lists, so, we will want to be sure to sign-up before the announcements go public.

Lori Gust gave last call for raffle ticket purchases.

Lori Gust said that she and Helen Osteen went to NEC (England's equivalent of our ICES). The raffle gift is a plunger set (sleigh) and fondant brought back from the show.

Debra Singletary donated boxes for shipping our cookies overseas. Her company will do ship the items for us. Any additional money donated for our cookie charity, will be donated for shipping or other items needed overseas.

Lori Gust said that after the meeting, we will make an assembly line to package all the cookies brought today.

Jan Hutto won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 11:54 am.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutton, Secretary