

The Houston Cake Club

January 20, 2009

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Pat Wiener demonstrated Tulle Net Designs. Helen Osteen will post handouts for the demo in next month's newsletter.

Nani Lucardi provided refreshments.

Shar Baker has photographs from last month's Christmas party.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 10:47 am with 25 members and 1 guest present.

The question for next month's meeting will be – What type of support systems do you use for tiered cakes?

The minutes for January were presented. Pat Wiener moved to accept the minutes and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The minutes/motion passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. She explained that class money is not included in bank total. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the report and Jan Hutto seconded the motion. The report/motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust said the Christmas party went well last month. She then asked for any comments/suggestions from the floor. Comments indicated that everyone enjoyed the party. Lori thanked Sandra Hughes for taking our donations to Ronald McDonald House. Sandra said that they were very appreciative for our donation. Sandra said that she was able to see some of the "residents" making gingerbread houses.

Helen Osteen indicated that we still have a few spots available in Elzibeta Frys' classes. There are no pictures available for class content for Sunday's class, however, there are pictures posted on the website for Monday's and Tuesday's classes. Helen said that Ms. Frys had not set a class minimum/limit and we had only 9 enrolled for Sunday, and 8 each for Monday and Tuesday. Helen asked if we were still interested in holding the classes. It was decided that we wanted to hold the classes if Elzibeta was willing to come. Lori Gust explained that Sunday's class would be a chance to learn decorating ideas that would not necessarily involve flowers. As of today, Helen had not received the supply list for Sunday's class. She explained that she is working with ECG to obtain the supply list, and will notify class attendees as soon as it is available.

Lori Gust explained that breakfast and lunch is provided by the club during our classes, however, members attending the classes need to volunteer to bring the food. She explained that you are reimbursed by the club for expenses incurred.

Lori Gust said that Mike McCary has requested he receive ½ of his class fee now and the remaining class fees 2 weeks before the start of class. She informed him that his request would require a club vote. The club decided to offer him ¼ of class fees up front (on the condition that he provide a more definitive idea of class content) and he must sign a contract with us for the class. She said that we have 1 spot available in the Wednesday/Thursday class, and 1 spot available in the Saturday/Sunday class. Lori explained that his specialty is cake sculpting to scale. He covers his work with chocolate/candy clay. She indicated that he will go through the stages of modeling. The rates for the classes (all supplies are included) are \$300.00 for club members, and \$500.00 for non-members.

Lori Gust mentioned a club banner for our Cake Extravaganza. Lori asked that Shar Baker obtain more information on pricing for real-estate size signs. Lori asked for member input on designs, etc. She requested that anyone interested in helping out with the banner, please get with Shar.

Helen Osteen and Lori Gust indicated that January 31 is the club's year end. New membership begins on February 1, 2009. The fee to renew your membership is \$20.00. If a member chooses to wait to renew, they would pay a prorated amount, however, they would start over again with their membership (meaning that they would not receive member rates for classes for 6 months). Helen explained that if you intend to renew, it would be a good time to do so. Lori Gust questioned our decision to offer student rates at our DOS. Lori asked if we thought that we needed to more specific on what student discounts entailed. Do we want to focus only on culinary students or allow anyone with a student id receive a discount? Pat Wiener moved to limit the student discount to culinary students. After lengthy discussion, Shar Baker moved to table the discussion until next month, Connie Strict seconded the motion. The motion passed. Pat Wiener rescinded her earlier motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Gust said that February is our Thank You Luncheon for Larry's employees. She explained that everyone should bring a dish to share with the employees. Lori asked that you e-mail Helen Osteen with the food you intend to bring. She said that you need to bring enough for 8-10 employees and for club members (roughly 20 people). Lori said that employees eat their lunch first, and then we can enjoy lunch after.

Lori Gust said HCC has many belongings located in different places (coolers, party supplies, A/V equipment, etc.). She said that she thought we needed to consolidate everything into one spot. She proposed that HCC rent a climate controlled storage spot.

Helen Osteen checked on prices for climate controlled storage. She said that Stor-A-Way @ 4155 Fairway Plaza Dr. offered a 5' x 5' x 10' for \$62.00/month, however, if we pay for 12 months, we would receive 1 month free. This would make the adjusted rate at Stor-A-Way \$46.91/month. Helen also checked Red Bluff Storage @ 3601 Red Bluff Rd. They offered a climate controlled 5'x 5'x 10' space for

\$51.00/month, however, if we pay for 12 months, we would receive 2 months free. This would make the adjusted rate at Red Bluff Storage \$27.43/month. She said that she recommends Red Bluff Storage saying that they have a good security record. Jan Hutto mentioned that we can put a monitored alarm on the space if we need to. Pat Wiener moved to rent space at Red Bluff Storage located @ 3601 Red Bluff Rd. C.J. Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed. (It was decided that each club officer would have a key to the storage space to allow easy access).

Helen Osteen explained that HCC bought A/V equipment at the end of 2006. She said that it has never been set up because it is too heavy to handle. Helen also mentioned that Pat Wiener owns ½ of the equipment along with HCC. Discussion followed in regards to splitting the equipment between Pat and the club. Helen Osteen moved that we leave the 2 televisions, stands, 1 camera and 1 tripod at Larry's for Pat, and take the audio equipment, 1 camera and 1 tripod for the club (to be stored in our storage space). Sandy Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lori Gust said that Lourdes Reyes (gelatin medium) would like to come for 3 – one day classes. She teaches in her own school in Mexico City. Suggestions for class are (1) day on a big rose, (1) day on a single gel tulip, and (1) day on watercolor. She would have a 10 student minimum and would probably be able to give Larry's a good price for the tools. Class prices would probably be member's \$45.00/class, \$125.00 for 3 days, and non-member's \$65.00/class, \$175.00 for 3 days (all class prices plus tools). Lori said that her available dates are May or October. We will check on May 3 – 5, 2009. She is doing a class in Austin at the end of February, and would probably announce our class then. Kathy Brinkley moved to have Lourdes Reyes teach a 3 day class May 3 – 5, 2009 with prices being \$45.00 per class or \$125.00 for all 3 days for members, and \$65.00 per class or \$175.00 for all 3 days for non-members. Shar Baker seconded. The motion passed.

Casey Marchan asked that we post a list of HCC competition winners on our website. Lori Gust said that we can e-mail her with winner's names and she will post them. C.J. Clay suggested that we post our officers pictures on our website as well.

Shar Baker mentioned that she has a friend who has lesions on her brain from artificial sweeteners. She cautioned us on our use of these products.

Helen Osteen said that ECG will bring colors for purchase for classes being held next week. She said again that she is working on a complete supply list and definitions of some of the equipment.

Lori Gust said that she and Helen Osteen will host a playday on March 8, 2009 at Larry's from 1 – 5 pm. They will be teaching a tree stump. Prices for this playday will be \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members.

Lori Gust announced last call for raffle tickets. Casey Marchan won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 12:28 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary

The Houston Cake Club

February 24, 2009

Larry's Arts & Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Jan Hutto demonstrated chocolate transfers.

Lunch was provided by members in appreciation to Larry's employees.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:06 am with 23 members and 1 guest present.

The question for next month's meeting will be what kind of helpful hints do you have?

The minutes for January were presented. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the minutes and Connie Stryk seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. She noted that classes have been separated out of the budget as that money does not belong to the club. Helen also pointed out that Paypal fees were high this month due to the amount of class enrollment fees coming in. She said that she has prepaid for the year for our storage room. It was also noted that in 2008 we had 105 total members with 87 active members. As of today, we now have 60 members with renewals and new members. Sandra Hughes moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The report passed.

Kathy Brinkley announced that she will pass around the demo, snack, and photo album sign-up sheet. She asked that everyone please sign the sheet.

Lori Gust thanked everyone who brought food for Larry's employees.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust mentioned Elzbieta Fry's class. She said that we would welcome her back.

Helen Osteen said that Eleanore Rielander will have to cancel classes with the club. Her health will not allow her to travel this year. Helen said that Elzbieta Fry can step in and teach class and attend our DOS.

Helen Osteen said that the storage space has been rented (5x5x10) and some of the club's items have been placed there. She said that the club needs to purchase some shelves for the area.

Helen said that when we booked Lourdes Reyes, it was assumed that they would be all day classes. However, they will be only 3 hours long for each class. There will be a morning class (9-12) and an afternoon class (2-5). Classes will be May 3 – 5. If you sign up for the classes, you must bring your own lunch. The classes have been restructured as follows:

Sunday-May 3, 2009

9am – 12 pm: Large gelatin rose

2pm – 5pm: Small gelatin flowers (camellia, Gerber, and daisy)

Monday-May 4, 2009

9am-12pm: Small gelatin flowers (rose, amaryllis, dahlia)

2pm – 5pm: Large gelatin daisy

Tuesday-May 5, 2009

9am-12pm and 2pm-5pm: Both classes will be the same: Watercolor in gelatin.

Kathy Brinkley moved that the fees for Lourdes Reyes classes will be \$35.00 + tools for members and \$45.00 + tools for non-members per class and \$150.00 for all classes for members and \$200.00 for all classes for non-members. John Hartley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lori Gust said that Mike McCary is still coming to teach. She said that Helen Osteen has sent a \$4000.00 payment for the class. Mike has signed a contract that states if he makes changes or cancels, he will repay the money and also pay a penalty. If the club makes changes or cancels, we would pay the penalties. Pat Wiener said that she has heard from him in regards to class prep time. Lori said that we need help with breakfast and lunch for the classes. Helen will notify class attendees by e-mail for help.

Lori Gust said that Lorraine McKay's classes are still on. Class information will be in the newsletter and on our website. There are still some spaces available.

Lori Gust reminded everyone about the upcoming playday on March 8, 2009. It will be a tree stump and the supply list is in the newsletter.


Helen Osteen said that the prices Shar Baker obtained for a DOS banner are too high and we will continue to work on the banner.

Lori Gust mentioned student rates for the club. Helen Osteen said that ICES is working on a tiered rate system for membership. She also said that we were making it affordable for students at San Jacinto College. Sandra Hughes moved that HCC dues be left at their present structure. Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

It was asked if students would receive a certificate for attending Elzbieta Fry's classes. Lori Gust said that she would inquire about certificates as well as the cutters used for the classes and get back to us.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Brinkley said that she thought it was too hectic to donate food for our DOS. She thought that we should look into the possibility of catering it. She said that she would call around for some prices. Kathy



said that she thought it was difficult to get everyone to participate and adding the responsibility of food makes participation almost impossible. She said that she thought we could still bring breakfast foods and dessert. Connie Stryk said that she has a reasonable caterer she has dealt with and will get information from them.

Lori Gust announced last call for raffle tickets. Ruby Ott won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 12:17pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary



The Houston Cake Club

March 24, 2009

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Maricela Vilchins demonstrated flowers in gelatin. This is very similar to the class that will be taught by Lourdes Reyes in May.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:02 am with 22 members and 1 guest present.

The question for next month's meeting will be – What decorator would you like to take classes with here in Houston?

Debra Singletary asked if we need a replacement for Eleanor Rielander. She suggested that we contact Gary Holman. Elzbieta Frys was also suggested as a possible replacement for Eleanor Rielander.

The minutes for February were presented. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the minutes and Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. She noted that she failed to deduct Mike McCary's final payment from the account balance. She said that the total should be \$8,763.17. Helen also noted that we now have 77 total members with 55 being active members. Pat Wiener moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Sandra Hughes seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Kathy Brinkley announced that she will pass around the demo, snack, and photo album sign-up sheet. Lori Gust asked that everyone take a look at the sheet and please sign-up. Next month's demo will be edible jewelry presented by Shar Baker.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust asked for feedback on Mike McCary's class. There was a generally positive response for the class. Kathy Brinkley noted that it was nice to have all the supplies provided for the class, she felt that it put everyone on the same level.

Lori Gust noted that Lourdes Reyes class subjects have been rearranged as per last month's minutes. She also said that you can register for the classes on-line. Helen Osteen said that we have a commitment from Lourdes for these classes. As of today, we have 26 class spots sold. She said that Lourdes has said that she will come regardless of class size.

Lori Gust said we have 17 spots open for Lorraine McKay's classes. Lori said that she will be here for 3 days (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday). She noted that the Breakfast/Lunch food and cleanup schedule will be sent by e-mail to class participants.

Helen Osteen mentioned that we had people from all over the country attending Mike McCary's classes. She said that the word is getting out that we are sponsoring great classes.

Lori Gust said that Kathy Brinkley called about prices for catering lunch for our DOS. Kathy said that Ben's Chuck Wagon provides home-style meals. She noted that the pricing is broken down into 2 categories – that being 50-100 guests, and 100-150 guests. All meals included drinks and set-ups. The Italian meal is priced at \$6.50/person, Fajitas and fixings is priced at \$7.00/person, Chicken Fried Chicken/Chicken Fried Steak with 3 sides is priced at \$6.75/person, Roast Beef or Chicken Breast with 3 sides is priced at \$6.75/person, and BBQ with 2 meats + sides is \$7.50/person and BBQ with 3 meats + sides is \$8.00/person. Kathy said that she thought that we could provide breakfast and desserts. She said that they are located in Wallis, and there would be a \$50.00 delivery fee. Kathy noted that they will set everything up, serve, and clean up for the above prices. She also called Jason's Deli. Kathy said that a School box lunch would be \$5.00/person and their Box Lunch would be \$6.79/person. Pappas BBQ could provide for 50+ guests a 3 meat plate with 2 sides for \$7.50/person, however, they did not deliver and setup. Helen Osteen moved that we have Ben's Chuck Wagon provide catering for our DOS in September. Sandy Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kathy Brinkley said that we need to provide a final head count to Ben's one week ahead of time. Discussion began about the meals that would be served. Tina Belden and Debra Singletary asked about the Italian meal. Kathy Brinkley moved to have the Fajita plate from Ben's Chuck Wagon for the DOS. Heather Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lori Gust said that would DOS will be September 13, 2009 at San Jacinto College North. She noted that the date has been confirmed with the college. Lori said that they will work with us to try to get the information out for the event before their semester ends in May. The new semester begins at the end of September, so hopefully this effort will increase their student's participation at our event.

NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Cook said that bags for our DOS are about \$1.00 each. They mentioned purchasing HCC stickers or a stamp to use with the bags. Kathy Brinkley will check on prices for printing on the bags.

Lori Gust noted that for Mike McCary's and Elizbeta Fry's classes we had a scheduling conflict with classes held by Larry's. She said that we want to try to avoid these conflicts. Pat Wiener said that there are no conflicts with Lorraine McKay's classes.

Lori Gust mentioned the Thank You luncheon we had for Larry's employees in February. She suggested that we think about holding these luncheons quarterly or semi-annually. We will put this item on the agenda for our next meeting.

Lori Gust announced last call for raffle tickets. Kathy Brinkley won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary

Houston Cake Club Meeting

April Minutes

April 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Lori at 10.55am.

Lori thanked Shar Baker and Heather Campbell for their combined demonstration on edible jewelry and gems. She also expressed thanks to the ladies who provided refreshments.

Due to illness both the clubs treasurer, Helen Osteen and the secretary, Jan Hutto were unable to attend the meeting. The minutes for the March 23rd meeting and the treasurer's report were waved until May's meeting.

April's Question for Discussion was "Who do you want to teach a class or what would you like to learn from a class" went around the room. (23 members/visitors were in attendance)

The names of future instructors were: Bronwyn Weber, Peggy Porshen, James Roselle, Sharon Smith and Allen Dunn. Five members expressed interest in the poured fondant class from Peggy Porshen. Also airbrush classes, chocolate usage, and gum paste flowers seemed to be favored.

Lori expressed that she was glad that so many ideas for classes with specific instructors were mentioned. This was a very active discussion with good participation.

Two new visitors from the League City area attended the meeting and intend on returning.

Lori asked that everyone think of ideas for next months "Question and discussion". Following several suggestions, the question that was agreed upon is "Favorite cake flavors and fillings".

Demo, snacks and picture album sheets were being passed around to members. There are four months not covered as of this date for demos. June, August, October and November.

May demo will be by Lori and Helen "Deco 101" hints, ideas and suggestions on cake decorating.

Old Business: Lorraine's class was informative but some felt that her method of teaching the modeling leaned on a too fast and steady pace. Members would like to have more breaks in between steps.

Lourdes Reyes coming in on Thursday (5/30/09) to set up for classes. There are a few spots open in each class, any member wishing to attend needs to use PayPal or at least notify Lori or Helen regarding their check in the mail to attend the class. Due to the half day classes, no lunch will be provided for these classes. Members should plan to take care of their own meals.

Lori brought a memo on health and safety issues for members to read.

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Kathy Brinkley received a quote from the printers on the Cake Extravaganza shopping bags as follows:

500 medium size white paper bags (10x5x13) with a single related design and single color ink of the clubs name and web address is \$378.00 for 500. (*this includes tax*) These will take approx 6 weeks to get printed. If we choose a blue foil method that can be done on their machine the cost is \$348.00 for 500 (*which includes tax*) and can be printed in 2-3 weeks time. (approx 70-75 cents per bag)

The possible use of stamps were discussed and the coconscious was to use the printing company and check to see if future printings would be significantly cheaper as the master would be made and paid for with the initial order. The discussion will continue in May's meeting.

Kathy brought up the discussion of Ben's Sandwich shop regarding the Cake Extravaganza meal. Members discussed if they would like extra vegetables or salad in place of two types of beans and rice. Extra half pans will cost \$15.00 each. Lori and Kathy will call him and discuss this option further. A report will be made in the May meeting regarding their findings.

A deposit to the Sandwich shop was discussed briefly to secure the date and order.

Lori has an instructor _____ in mind who does a phenomenal job on "bear shaped decorated cookies" for our day of sharing. She will report back to club next month.

Play Days . Need volunteers for four hour demos. Each demonstrator that holds a four hour play day class will receive the \$10.00 paid by the members attending, therefore giving an additional incentive to step forward and share the member's talents and experience. Lori reminded the volunteers to choose demos that have low cost supply lists to help keep the expenses down for members. She would like to see a planned "Play Day" each quarter.

Heather Campbell will do a play day on July 12th, 2009 on cake scrapes decorated and dipped in chocolate. Much interest was expressed. A motion was made by Shar Baker that Heather Campbell will hold a play day on cake scrap decorating on July 12th. Pat Weiner seconded the motion. A vote was cast by the members and passed unanimously.

Lori was requested to hold a future play day on fondant hydrendia and dog wood flowers.

The monthly raffle was held and the prize of \$15.00 cash went to Roxanne Sharp.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

The Houston Cake Club

May 26, 2009

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Lori Gust and Helen Osteen demonstrated Cake Decorating 101. Discussion after the demo indicated that the club would benefit from another demonstration of this type.

Kathy Brinkley and Maria Inafuku provided the refreshments.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:30 am with 23 members present.

The question for next month's meeting will be determined at a later date.

The minutes for March were presented. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the minutes and Sandra Hughes seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

The minutes for April were presented. John Hartley said the date for Lourdes Reyes classes was incorrect. He noted that the date should have read 4/30/09 instead of 5/30/09. The correction is noted and will be made. Pat Wiener moved to accept the April minutes (with correction) and Helen Osteen seconded. The minutes/motion passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's Report for the past 2 months. She indicated that all outstanding commitments have been resolved and our balance stands at \$7,470.67. Sandra Hughes questioned the storeroom expense listed on the report. Helen said that it was for the shelves that were purchased for the storeroom. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Sandra Hughes seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Lori Gust asked that everyone sign the demo/refreshment and photo album sheets.

Next month's demo will be by Dena Bryngelson.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust asked for feedback from Lourdes Reyes classes. All responses were enthusiastically positive. She said that we got 3 new members from those classes. It was mentioned that supplies were difficult to obtain.

Lori Gust gave an update on our Cake Decorating Extravaganza (CDE, formerly Day of Sharing -DOS). She said that we have 3 confirmed demonstrators. They will be Carol Beshears (all size chocolate boxes), Kelly Lance (who will also give classes after the CDE for about \$65.00 per class), and we are contacting Marilyn Hartsfield for a possible demo.

Lori Gust mentioned our play day coming up on July 12, 2009 with Heather Campbell. Pictures and the supply list will be put on-line soon. Lori asked for other play day volunteers. Helen Osteen said that these play days give members the opportunity to participate in "cake" that are unable to attend our monthly meetings. Dena Bryngelson said that Pat Daigle is great at teaching icing techniques. She said that she thought Pat would be a good person to approach for a play day.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Gust said that we need input/information from members for our newsletter and website. She suggested that if you contribute to the newsletter or website, you will get a free raffle ticket at our next meeting. If you win and are not present at the meeting, the gift will be sent to you. This month's raffle prize is a PME modeling set. She announced the last call for the raffle.

Ruby Ott asked for a show of hands from members who will be attending ICES convention. Lori indicated that the convention is in St. Charles, IL on 7/27/09-8/03/09. She also mentioned that the Oklahoma Sugar Art Show is 10/03/09-10/04/09. She said that we can put "ads" for roommates for the functions in the Members Only section of our newsletter.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Sandra Hughes won the raffle.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

June 23, 2009

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Dena Bryngelson demonstrated camouflage butter cream and gave great tips on mixing colors.

Susie Araya and C.J. Clay provided refreshments.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:05 am with 20 members present.

The minutes for May were presented. Pat Wiener moved to accept the minutes and John Hartley seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented a verbal Treasurer's report. She noted that the only transaction from the club's account was a \$250.00 deposit check to the CDE's caterer.

Lori Gust mentioned that the demo/refreshment and photo album sign-up sheets were being passed around. She asked that everyone take a look at the sheets and please sign-up. Next month's demo (July) will be baby shoes by Tina Belden.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust mentioned that the caterer will be setting up lunch at the CDE. She said that members will need to provide breakfast and dessert. She asked that we all think about what we want to bring so that we can sign up.

Lori Gust said that we have 5 demonstrators confirmed for our CDE on September 13, 2009. They are Marilyn Hartsfield (cookies), Carol Beshears (chocolate boxes), Gayle McMillian (tiered potato salad cake), DeNeise Barlow (number cakes) and Kelly Lance. Kelly Lance will also be teaching 3 classes on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday following the CDE.

Lori Gust mentioned that the Fancy Frosters (San Antonio) are holding their DOS on June 28, 2009. Our own Heather Campbell will be demonstrating a Gumball Machine cake.

Lori Gust said that we need to decide on bags for our CDE. She mentioned that they are a great convenience at the event so that guests can carry prizes/goodies easily. Kathy Brinkley had a price of \$349.00 for 500 bags (10"x 5"x13" with 13" gussets – 1 color ink and a logo) that would take approximately 6 weeks to obtain. She said that we could also choose 500 bags with foil design for \$319.00 with an additional \$85.00 die set up charge. Helen Osteen said that Bags & Bows said that we could get 750 white bags with 1 color ink for printing /design (including our web address) for \$.45/bag. Dena Bryngelson moved that we order the 750 bags with one sided green printing for \$.45/bag from Bags & Bows. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Helen Osteen mentioned that we have a play day scheduled with Heather Campbell on July 12, 2009. She will be teaching cake pops. Helen said that we have only 3 members signed up for the play day. She said that we need to get everyone signed up who is interested by July 1, 2009. Lori Gust said that we will not do the play day if we do not have more members attending.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Gust mentioned that our next scheduled meeting is July 28, 2009. She pointed out that this day is during the ICES convention week. She suggested that we move our next meeting date to avoid conflict with the ICES convention. Pat Wiener moved that we change our next meeting to July 21, 2009 and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lori Gust said that we need vendors for our CDE. She mentioned that Heather Campbell and ECG will be set up at the event.

Lori Gust said that we need a person who can be responsible for advertising for the CDE. She asked that Marciela Vilchins and Susie Araya work on a Spanish version of an announcement flyer. She said that we need someone who can contact American Cake Decorating, Mailbox News, The Houston Chronicle, Greensheet, etc. to get our event information out into the cake world. Lori said that since there were no volunteers, she would post an e-mail to members asking for a volunteer.

Lori Gust said that our website is hosted by her husband's company. She said that it will no longer be possible for our website to be hosted there. She said that we need to find another host/server. Lori and Helen both suggested Network Solutions. Helen Osteen said the cost is about \$150.00/year at Network Solutions. She said that while it is not the least expensive host site out there, it seems to be one of the more reliable companies. Helen also mentioned that Texas ICES has their site hosted there. She said that the cost goes down to \$130.00/year if you pay for the entire year up front. Lori Gust said that the host change will be gradual and there should not be any disruptions in our service. She said that our site will need to be moved by mid-September. Kathy Brinkley moved to change our website host to Network Solutions and Helen Osteen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dena Bryngelson said that a new cake club is forming in Corpus Christi. She said that they are trying to schedule their first DOS around October 25, 2009. She asked that we support this effort from the new club.

Lori Gust mentioned that the Louisiana DOS will be held in Alexandria on July 13, 2009.

Lori Gust announced last call for raffle tickets. Ruby Ott won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 11:44 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

July 21, 2009

Larry's Arts and Crafts
Pasadena, Texas

Kathy Brinkley demonstrated Gerber Daisy's and tips on making and coloring pearls...

Hermelanda Garcia and Edit Faris brought the yummy desserts...Thanks.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:00 am with 22 members present, including one new member, Onome Aubovbo.

Lori discussed the tip or the question for the month. This always helps to get the club members to participate. Marissa Beltran suggested we pass around a sheet of paper or e-mail your question or tip for the next month meeting.

Everyone introduced themselves and spoke a little bit on what they do..

The minutes for June were presented. Pat Weiner made a motion to accept the minutes and Shar Baker seconded the motion. The motion and minutes were passed.

Helen Osteen presented the treasurer's report. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the report and Pat Weiner seconded. The motion and report were passed.

Paper was passed around for the suggestion for next month's meeting...

Next month Helen Heden will demo gelatin bows and butterflies. Roxana Sharp will bring refreshments.

Lori thanked Hermelanda and Edit for the refreshments and also thanked Kathy Brinkley for doing the demo at the last minute.

Old Business

Debra Singletary volunteered to handle the adverting for the Cake Decorating Extravaganza.

Lori talked about several items for the Cake Decorating Extravaganza. Everyone needed to help pass out flyers. The bags have been ordered with the logo on them, and Sandy Cook has taken checking on the banner. The food has been ordered with Ben Chuck Wagon. All members will need to bring something for breakfast and a dessert. The club will provide coffee, tea, drinks and water.

Lori talked about the sharing table for everyone to bring a special recipe or any hand-outs that you would like to share with everyone.

Display pieces will be on a separate table. A \$50.00 gift card or cash will be awarded to the People Choice display piece.

This year 10% of the registration fee will go to a culinary student at San Jacinto College North.

New Business

Ximena will be here September 11th and 12th, and will be teaching a baby boy on his tummy and her adorable baby girl with a bear. Kelly Lance will be teaching September 14th, 15th, and 16th. She

will be teaching a modeled dragon with bas relief and cake painting, gumpaste rose & critters and fabric effects and draping.

Sandy has been working on donations. She sent a letter to Ximena in Florida, who wanted to be a vendor and then do a demo... After talking to her, she will be here the Friday and Saturday before the Cake Decorating Extravaganza. Pat Weiner made a motion for Ximena to come and teach, Bonnell Templet seconded the motion.

Class fees for Xinema for nonmembers, \$80/day and \$150/both classes. Members would be \$65/day and \$120/both classes. Kelly Lance classes for a nonmember would be \$100/day and all 3 for \$ 275, the member rate would be \$75/day or 3 days/\$175. Pat Weiner amended the motion to accept Kelly Lance rates. Sandra Hughes seconded the amended motion.

Lori mentioned things that we might need for the Cake Decorating Extravaganza and to ask people for donations. The club has bought a 6 qt. Kitchen Aid, cake plateau, and an Agbay. We will also be taking money to buy things at the Convention.

Lori talked about getting volunteers to clear their schedule to help set up the day before the Cake Decorating Extravaganza, and straighten-up things Sunday afternoon. Shar volunteered for Saturday.

Lori talked about Alan Dunn's book for the raffle... "The Wedding Cake Decorator Bible, by Alan Dunn, which Maricela won.

Lori adjourned the meeting.

Kathy Brinkley

The Houston Cake Club

August 25, 2009

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Helen Heden demonstrated gelatin bows and butterflies.

Roxanna Sharp provided the refreshments.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:05 am with 26 members and 1 guest present.

The question for the month was how you get your chocolate icing really dark. Pat Wiener said that if you use a cocoa powder with a high fat content, your icing will be darker. She also said that she would share her recipe for chocolate icing in next month's newsletter.

The minutes for July were presented. Shar Baker moved to accept the minutes with a name correction (Melissa should be Marissa) and Sandy Cook seconded the motion. The minutes/motion passed with the above referenced correction.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted that we have prepaid expenses for Kelly Lance, paid a deposit to the caterer, and purchased bags for the CDE (Cake Decorating Extravaganza). Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Sandy Cook seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Lori Gust announced that the demo/photo album sign-up sheet for 2010 will be going around. She asked that everyone make an effort to sign up for next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust asked Sandy Cook about the progress of the banner for the CDE. Sandy said that she was waiting for the go ahead to order the banner. Lori gave the ok, and Sandy said that she would place the order this afternoon.

Lori Gust said that Debra Singletary has been doing a great job on publicity for our CDE. She mentioned that Debra had sent e-mails & faxes, and had hand delivered fliers to several venues/entities. Kathy Brinkley mentioned that she had left information with S&J, Make a Cake and Amazing Cake. Lori asked if we wanted to pay for an ad in the Houston Chronicle (with a cost of about \$100). It was decided that we would not pay to place an ad with the Chronicle. Susie Jahn volunteered to get our information to Channel 13.

Helen Osteen mentioned again that we had paid a deposit to the caterer for the CDE. She said that a head count will be given to the caterer about 1 week before the event. She urged everyone to sign up early for the CDE.

Lori Gust mentioned that we have a lot of samples coming from Satin Ice, Logicpik, and many other vendors. Helen Osteen said that the contents of the gift bags do not have to be restricted to cake decorating. She said that we will stuff about 125 bags. Helen Osteen purchased spiral notebooks from Wal-Mart for the bags. Sherry Lindsey suggested that we include fliers for the Austin Cake Show in our bags.

Lori said that we need volunteers at San Jac on Saturday to help set up tables and stuff bags. She said that she will be at the college around 2pm to begin work. She said that the CDE will be at San Jacinto College North off of I-10 and Uvalde. She mentioned that the greater number of volunteers we have on Saturday, the less time we will have to spend there.

Lori Gust asked that club members attending the CDE bring a breakfast item to share. She mentioned that the flier requests that guests bring a dessert to share. Lori also requested that all pans have your name on the bottom of the pan and the food be sliced if needed.

Lori Gust asked for volunteers to provide breakfast and lunch for the classes before and after the CDE. She also requested that members volunteer to help on the day of the CDE.

Lori mentioned that if there is no function the night before our CDE, the college will set up the tables ahead of time. She indicated that there is no function scheduled for Saturday night so far, so that would eliminate the need for us to handle the tables.

Lori said that we have approximately 6 vendors for the CDE. She said that she was trying to contact ECG about attending our event.

She also mentioned that we will need volunteers to help with clean up after our event. Lori said that if we clean up ourselves, the college will not charge us \$300 for janitorial services.

Lori reminded everyone to bring a display piece to share. She mentioned that the display that wins the People's Choice award will receive a \$50 gift card or \$50 cash.

Lori Gust mentioned that we need thank you gifts for 2 teachers and 6 demonstrators. Kathy Brinkley suggested giving a gift card. Lori mentioned that all demonstrators were travelling over 100 miles and it has been customary for us to pay those people \$100 for travel expenses plus a small gift. Heather Campbell will donate cake jewelry for the gift. Helen Osteen moved to give \$100 with a card and a small token gift to the demonstrators attending our CDE. Sandy Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed. Kathy Brinkley mentioned that she already has the cards.

Lori Gust said that we need to determine what the gifts to the teachers should be. After discussion, it was decided that Shar Baker would make each instructor a table edge trash bag.

Helen Osteen said that we have several wonderful items for our raffle. Each item will have a small box placed in front of them to hold the tickets for the drawing. Kathy Brinkley will be in charge of setting up the raffle tables.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Gust mentioned having a play day in November. Shar Baker will be doing a carved chimney cake. Helen said that she will put a picture of the cake in the newsletter. The fee for the play day will be \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Kathy Brinkley moved to hold the play day on November 15, 2009 and Sandy Cook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Helen Osteen announced that she is taking money/reservations for all classes, play day, etc.

Lori Gust announced last call for raffle tickets.

Jan Hutto won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 12:03 pm

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary

The Houston Cake Club

September 22, 2009

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Lori Gust demonstrated edible gems.

Kathy Brinkley provided the refreshments.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:20 am with 23 members and 1 guest present.

The question for the month was to share your favorite thing about the Cake Decorating Extravaganza (CDE) with the group.

Lori Gust said that the list for demos/refreshments and photo album for 2010 was being passed around. She asked that everyone make an effort to sign up. A get well card was also sent around for Debbie Lawson.

The minutes for August were presented. Helen Osteen moved to accept the minutes and Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen gave an oral Treasurer's Report. She said that there were still a great number of receipts that needed to be turned in from the CDE before she could give an accurate written report. Helen said that we had more people join the club at the CDE than ever before. She said that we had 43 club members attend the event. She reported that we sold approximately \$1600 and \$1700 in raffle tickets. Helen said that our CDE was a financial success.

Lori Gust said that next month's demo will be tips & tricks for gum paste roses by Sherri Lindsey.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust asked for good/bad comments regarding the CDE.

Pat Wiener said that the caterers were great. She said that we had plenty of breakfast/dessert dishes provided by attendees and she felt that was because we catered the lunch.

Helen Osteen mentioned that you get rated by attendees for goody bags, food, and raffle prizes. She said that she thought we did well on that aspect.

Parm Brown said she didn't like the still camera. She thought there needed to be better lighting.

Helen Heden said that she thought there needed to be less wrapping on the raffle prizes; she thought it made it difficult to see the contents of the prize. Helen also thought that there needed to be more announcements made regarding the raffle prize winners. She suggested that a content list be added to the prize.

Kathy Brinkley said that she thought the signs were good. She said that we might consider using more small signs directing people to the event (i.e. park here, etc.).

Maria Inafuku thought the entry fee was good – it is a reasonable rate.

Helen Osteen mentioned that each raffle participant was encouraged to take a card and an address slip from the basket located on the registration table, write a thank you note, address the card and exchange it at the registration table for a raffle ticket. The club was responsible for the mailing and postage of the cards.

Lori Gust asked that we think about any ideas for next year's CDE and we will share them in future meetings.

Helen Osteen mentioned that we need to go ahead and pick the date for next year's event. She said that allows us to get the best demonstrators well ahead of time. She suggested the 2nd weekend in September. Casey Marchan moved that September 12, 2010 be set as the date for next year's CDE and Helen Osteen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pat Wiener asked if we can use the college again.

Susie Araya asked if we can get someone else other than Debbie Brown for our big demonstrator.

Lori Gust explained that Debbie Brown will be here for classes in October but will not be here for the CDE.

Lori Gust said that if you can book someone for classes and the CDE it really helps generate interest. Pat Wiener mentioned that a lot of people have asked her when Debbie Brown will return to Houston.

Lori Gust mentioned that there was a \$160 fee for a San Jac video person to be in attendance at the CDE. She said that 10% of our registration fees will be donated to the college. \$100 went to the culinary student who brought a display piece to the event. She estimated that approximately \$250 will be donated to the college. Lori said that we will have the final tally next month. She said that all in all the college is the least expensive venue in town.

Pat Wiener mentioned that \$2000 is not an uncommon venue rental fee.

Maria Inafuku asked if San Jac North was the only college location we could use.

Lori Gust explained that each San Jac is its own little entity. Casey Marchan said that San Jac North is one of the only schools with a culinary program. She mentioned that she tried to talk to 2 other schools with culinary programs, but no one responded. Helen Osteen mentioned that there were a lot of out-of-towners attending and it is an easy location to find. Bonnell said that she was concerned about the room's capacity. Lori said that the room could hold about 200 if we set it up theatre style. Helen Osteen said that we could put the food tables outside which would give us a little more room. Kathy Brinkley moved that we hold the 2010 CDE at San Jacinto (San Jac) North. Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lori Gust asked for suggestions for classes. She also wanted to know if there was any instructor we wanted to invite back to the club. Kathy Brinkley thought that Kelly Lance was good in that she provided hand outs and a DVD.

Lori Gust reminded everyone that Shar Baker will be giving a Sculpted Chimney Cake play day on November 15, 2009. Helen is taking sign-ups and money for the play day.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Gust said that a lot of people have mentioned that they want to have a Cricuit play day. She said that play days are on Sundays at Larry's from 1-5pm. The fee is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Bonnell Templet moved to hold a Cricuit play day on November 22, 2009. Maricela Vilchis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Martha Hickman mentioned that Edna De La Cruz (from Florida) might be a teaching/CDE consideration.

Lori Gust announced last call for raffle tickets.

Lori Gust mentioned that we hold the club Christmas Party in December. She said that in the past we have had it at Chabucca's. She said that we need to decide on a venue and a date. She mentioned that the club pays for a member's meal and tea/soda/water. She said that if a guest attends with you, you are responsible for that cost. Susie Araya mentioned Las Americas as a possible venue as well as her home. She felt that having it at someone's home would put the party on a more personal level. Lori Gust asked that everyone bring venue ideas next month and we will vote on it. Helen Osteen said that she would mention it in next month's newsletter. The party will be on December 8, 2009.

Lori Gust said we need to think if we want to play the "white elephant" game. She said that we need to decide if we want to bring donations for a charity to the party. We will vote on these ideas next month.

Pat Wiener mentioned that we might consider doing a club garage sale for cake equipment. Lori Gust said that we will set the date for next year.

Guadalupe Ochoa won the raffle.

Lori Gust adjourned the meeting at 12:28 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

October 27, 2009

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 11:11 am with 26 members and 2 guests present.

Kathy Brinkley demonstrated fondant overlay techniques.

Ruby Ott, Kathy Brinkley and Maria Inafuku provided refreshments.

The question for the month was what is your favorite holiday treat to make.

The minutes for September were presented. Casey Marchan moved to accept the minutes and Kathy Brinkley seconded. The motion/minutes passed.

Tina Belden suggested approaching the Cake Boss for a possible class. She said that his website says he charges \$154/person minimum. She also mentioned that he will respond by e-mail. Susie Jahn suggested Earlene Moore as a possible teacher. Sandra Hughes suggested that we get Elizabeth and Edward Frys to return to the club.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's Report. Sandra Hughes asked for an explanation about Pay Pal. Lori Gust said that Pay Pal holds credit payments made to the club for classes, etc. Helen said that we have earned about \$10.30 in paybacks from Pay Pal. She also mentioned that they have a less expensive rate than other entities that process credit charges. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Bonnell Templet seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Helen Osteen mentioned that we have had our best membership year. We have 106 members at present.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust mentioned our upcoming play days. She said that 11/15/09 will be a sculpted chimney cake with Shar Baker. Lori said that there are 4 people signed up and there is a 10 person minimum. She mentioned that you need to sign up by 11/01/09. If the class sign up does not reach minimum, you will be notified. Lori also said that there will be a Cricut play day on 11/22/09. She said that if you don't have a Cricut, it would still be a good thing to come to the play day to

see what it is all about. The fee for the play days is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for nonmembers.

Lori Gust said that it is time for us to make decisions about our annual Christmas Party. She said that e-mails were sent out to members asking for party venue suggestions. Maricela Vilchins suggested Mamacita's and Susie Araya suggested Americas or her home as possible party venues. After discussion, Sandra Hughes moved to hold the HCC annual Christmas party at Chabucca's on Nasa Rd. 1 on December 8, 2009 from 11am-1pm. Susie Jahn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lori Gust explained that we usually make a donation (monetary or gifts) to a charity in conjunction with our party. Sandra Hughes said that Ronald McDonald House (2008's recipient) was very appreciative of our gift last year. She explained the concept of Ronald McDonald House to the club. Bonnell Templet suggested that we consider the Shriner's Hospital as our charity this year. Bonnell Templet moved that we adopt The Shriners Children's Hospital of Houston as our charity at our annual Christmas party. Mary Nicholas seconded the motion. The motion passed. Kathy Brinkley asked that a list of approved donations be obtained. The list will be posted on the HCC website.

Lori Gust explained that we usually bring a \$10-\$15 wrapped gift for under the tree. She said that we play an "exchange" game with these gifts. Mary Nicholas moved that we bring a \$10-\$15 wrapped gift for our Christmas party game. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Gust mentioned that we received a Thank-You card from Kelly Lance and her husband.

Lori Gust brought up last month's suggestion of a club garage sale. It was decided that we would table the discussion until next month.

Lori said that we had members who attended/entered the Oklahoma Sugar Art Show. Susie Araya won several ribbons including a Best of Show. Heather Campbell won a ribbon in the gingerbread category.

Helen Osteen/Lori Gust suggested that Susie Araya hold a play day.

Rita Pryor asked about membership. It was explained that you are considered a member when you pay your annual dues. However, you are considered an active member after you have attended 2 events sponsored by the HCC. You must be a member for 6 months before you receive discounts on classes. Pat Wiener mentioned the HCC discount cards. Helen Osteen said that you are the only person who is allowed to use your discount card – they may not be

passed around for other people to use. Discounts are available with your HCC card at Make-A-Cake, Cake Craft Shoppe, Amazing Cakes (some items) and Larry's Arts and Crafts.

Lori Gust said that dues must be paid by 1/31/2010.

Lori Gust asked if we wanted to do our "cookie drive for the troops" this year. After discussion, Sandra Hughes moved that we bring cards and cookies to the 11/24/09 meeting to be packed and shipped overseas to the troops. Rita Pryor seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ruby Ott mentioned that she received 4 thank you notes from individuals in regards to her CDE donations. She said it was really nice to receive these gestures. Lori Gust explained to the club how the thank you notes worked. Helen Osteen said that one of the demonstrators said that our CDE was the best that she had ever attended.

Lori Gust announced last call for raffle tickets. Helen and Lori gave out Halloween decorating sheets. Sandy Cook won the raffle. Other "after ticket" raffle prizes were given to various people.

Meeting adjourned @ 12:29 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

November 24, 2009

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Prior to the meeting, cookies were sorted and packed for the troops overseas.

There was no demo this month due to cookie drive.

Lori Gust called the meeting to order at 10:31 am with 18 members and 1 guest present.

The minutes for October were presented. A question of the due date for 2010 dues was made. Lori said that \$20.00 was due by January 31, 2010. Sandra Hughes moved to accept the minutes and Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen gave a verbal Treasurer's Report. She said that we have 3 new members with the total for the year being 109 members with 87 active members. She said the only outgoing expense the club has had in the last month was for the newsletter and a deposit to Chabucca's for the Christmas party. Pat Wiener moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The verbal report passed.

Lori Gust said the demo in January will be by Debra Singletrary. She also asked that everyone make an effort to sign up to present a demo next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Lori Gust said that the chimney cake play day was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. She felt that this was due to the lack of pictures. Lori mentioned that pictures help people visualize what the play days are all about.

Lori Gust mentioned the Cricut play day. Consensus was good about the activity. Helen Osteen said that there is a waiting list for another Cricut play day. Lori asked if there was enough interest to justify another play day and or class. She said that new software could be incorporated into the second Cricut play day. Lori also mentioned that her husband would be willing to teach the play day or class participants how to download the software for the Cricut. She mentioned that he would have the CD/DVD to download. Helen Osteen moved to hold a Cricut class on 2/21/10 from 9-5 (8:45 to power up computers) with the fee being \$65.00 for members and \$85.00 for nonmembers. Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lori Gust mentioned that she will do a repeat of the Cricut play day held on 11/22/09 so that the people on the waiting list could be brought up to speed before the software Cricut play day being held on

2/21/10. She and Helen Osteen will do that play day on 1/17/10. The fee is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for nonmembers.

Lori Gust said that the HCC Christmas party will be held on 12/08/09 from 11-1pm @ Chabucca's on Nasa Rd. 1. She said that there will be address/directions on the website. She also mentioned that you may bring an exchange gift (optional) valued at \$15.00. She said that it can be anything you want for the gift – Helen Osteen mentioned that cake related items have been the most popular in the past.

Lori Gust said that the Shriner's Children's Hospital has been chosen as this year's charity. Bonnell Templet contacted the hospital and has the list of acceptable gifts. Helen Osteen will get the list and send it out next week in the newsletter. She mentioned that they expressed a need for teenage boys and girls. It would be good to wrap the gift and place a card with age and gender on the gift. Rita Pryor offered her clown services when the gifts are delivered to the hospital.

Lori Gust said the club will pay for a member's lunch and tea/soda at the Christmas party. She said that guests are welcome but, the member will have to pay for the guest's dinner. She wanted to encourage everyone to come – it is a great time to socialize.

Lori mentioned holding a cake garage sale. She asked if we wanted to do this sale in addition to or instead of a demo at one of our meetings. After discussion, the garage sale will be held during our March meeting.

The question for the day is what tip/idea can you share that can make things easier and quicker during the holidays.

The conversation returned to the Cricut. Kim Warren mentioned that HSN has a Cricut Expression bundle for sale. Kathy Brinkley mentioned that she obtained hers on EBay. Susie Jahn mentioned that JoAnne's has 45% off accessories. Lori Gust suggested that the club think about buying a couple of big ticket items for next year's CDE during the good Christmas sales. Lori Gust moved to allocate \$500.00 for big ticket items for next year's CDE. Pat Wiener seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Gust said the Houston Cake Club.com domain name is up for renewal. She said that we have been renewing this for 5 years and the current renewal runs out on 1/18/10. Lori Gust moved to renew HCC domain name for 5 more years. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about Cake Club.com being moved to Houston Cake Club.

Lori Gust said that Jill Maytham (JEM cutters) has contacted Helen Osteen about teaching classes for the club. Lori Gust suggested 3 one day classes. She said that she will be in this country for ICES in August, and said that it would be economical for the club to obtain her services then. Tentative class dates for Jill Maytham are 8/17/10-8/19/10. Helen Osteen moved to bring Jill Maytham here for classes the week after ICES 2010. Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion passed. Helen Osteen said that she will bring more information to the January meeting regarding these classes.

Lori Gust asked for other class/instructor ideas.

Lori Gust announced last call for raffle tickets. Sandra Hughes won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.