

The Houston Cake Club

January 22, 2012

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, TX

Lori Gust demonstrated Tap Its, Click Strips and Molds.

Kathy Brinkley, Celia Diaz, and Jan Hutto provided refreshments.

Pat Wiener called the meeting to order at 10:55 am with 27 members present.

The November minutes were presented. Helen Osteen moved to accept the minutes and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. C.J. Clay questioned the meeting expense listed on the report. Helen said the expense is for drinks. She mentioned the expense for flowers for Angie Blackmon's funeral. Helen also noted the fee paid for the 5 year renewal for our website hosting. She said that this report covers all expenses after the November meeting. Beth Vaughn moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Sandra Hughes seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Pat Wiener encouraged everyone to put their name in the sign-in book. She also mentioned that the demo/refreshment sheet for 2013 will be going around and asked everyone to participate.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Wiener said 32 members attended the HCC Christmas Party. Pat asked about extending our annual event to 3 hours. She said she had brought games & prizes to the party but the time did not allow for them. Lori Gust said a 3 hr. party would interfere with her running her business. Pat asked everyone to think about spending more time at the party if we plan ahead. Vonda Prieto thought 3 hrs. would be good & if people have to leave early it would be ok. Pat said we would make sure we had finished dinner and the Santa game in the first 2 hrs. Sandra Hughes said that we needed to make sure we begin the party on time. Kathy Brinkley asked for feedback regarding the location. All comments were positive.

Pat Wiener asked about scheduling play days for 2013 and also asked for subject content. She said that we still have our list of suggestions, but wanted any additional ideas. Kathy Brinkley & Pat Wiener will do a stenciling play day on March 10, 2013 with the fee being \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

Sandra Hughes asked about a gadget day. Lori Gust suggested we have a gadget list of 5-10 items ahead of time and "class members" would know to expect these items. She said that other personal items could be added later. Pat Wiener asked everyone to think about an item and bring a list next month.

Sandra Hughes asked if we could bring gadgets to the next meeting and make the list from that. Helen Osteen will put a gadget notice in the newsletter.

C.J. Clay suggested a play day decorating a standard birthday or wedding cake. He also asked that ideas for side designs on cakes be included. Sandra Hughes suggested an icing the cake play day. Kathy Brinkley suggested that icing different cake shapes be added. C.J. Clay said we learn by doing, so he felt icing the cake needed to be a play day and not a demo. Vonda Prieto said stacking the cake should also be included.

Pat Wiener suggested Lori Gust hold the icing play day. Pat Wiener said that real cakes need to be used for the play day as dummies do not act the same as real cake. Lori Gust will hold an icing play day on April 7, 2013 with the fee being \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Lori will hold a 2 tier wedding cake play day on April 28, 2013 with the fee being \$20 for members and \$25 for nonmembers and she will provide the cake supports.

Pat Wiener asked for any other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Wiener said we need to think about money for the raffle prizes for the 2013 CDE. Kathy Brinkley asked if Debbie Brown was coming and Lori Gust confirmed and said Debbie would send popular class ideas for members to see next month. Kathy Brinkley inquired about Debbie bringing some of her books.

Pat Wiener mentioned that the club allotted \$1000 for raffles last year. Helen Osteen said all the money was used for the CDE as well as our monthly raffles. Helen pointed out that we had fewer donations last year. Kathy Brinkley moved to allocate \$1000 for raffle prizes for the 2013 CDE and Beth Vaughn seconded the motion. Helen Osteen said that the \$1000 would include the \$100 roller we already purchased. The motion passed.

Pat Wiener mentioned that renewal for our website occurred before our meeting, so Helen covered that fee for 5 years @\$184.95 (as listed on the Treasurer's report). Beth Vaughn moved to accept the 5 year renewal website contact and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. Susie Jahn suggested that we add to the motion to give Helen Osteen the authority to handle things like that. Pat Wiener amended that we give the authority to the Treasurer as Helen Osteen may not always be the Treasurer. The motion passed.

Pat Wiener reminded everyone that February is the appreciation luncheon for Larry's employees. She asked that everyone bring a covered dish to share. Pat added that the club has lunch after the employees eat.

Pat Wiener mentioned that Angie Blackmon passed away. She said the club sent flowers. Kathy Brinkley mentioned that Angie was to be buried in Tennessee. Kathy Brinkley moved to pay the flower bill for Angie Blackmon's funeral and C.J. Clay seconded the motion. Sandra Hughes suggested a Benevolence Fund. The motion passed.

Pat Wiener said that we need to decide who we want to send flowers to should the need arise. Sandra Hughes moved to send flowers for members only. Bonnell Templet amended the motion to include the member and their spouse and send a card for the immediate family. Beth Vaughn seconded the motion. Lori Gust amended the motion to include a card for a member/spouse with serious illnesses. She mentioned Susie Rasmussen's husband having a stroke. She said we should assign a person to handle this job. Pat Wiener asked for a reading of the motion. The amended motion reads to send flowers for the death of a member or their spouse and send cards for the death of a member's immediate family. A card will be sent to a member or their spouse for serious illnesses. Bonnell Templet asked for the definition of a serious illness. Kathy Brinkley said club members are responsible for informing Helen Osteen about any death/illness.

Pat Wiener announced last call for raffle tickets.

Sandra Hughes noted that the Ronald McDonald House was excited about our donation. She said they showed her and Helen a room where residents could shop for gifts for their family. Sandra also said that they have a pantry for travel size items. She suggested we save them for the next year. Vonda Prieto suggested that we donate every 6 months. Helen Osteen and Sandra Hughes suggested we have an event with the children and decorate cupcakes. Pat Wiener said we would talk about that next month.

Kathy Brinkley reminded everyone about the Texas ICES DOS on February 3, 2012 at the Montgomery KOA. She said the fee is \$25 until January 28, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2012

Pat Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:13 am with 32 members present.

The January minutes were presented. Helen Osteen moved to accept the minutes. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. Bonnell Templet moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Beth Vaughan seconded the motion. The report was approved.

Pat Weiner encouraged everyone to put their names in the sign in book. She also stated that today was Larry's Art & Supply Appreciation Day and the staff would begin to trickle in to get food and that club members would wait to serve themselves until after Larry's staff had served themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Weiner stated that the Demo Sheet was full for 2013, but the Hands-On Demos need additional items. Pat reminded members that the Garage Sale would be in June 2013. Pat stated that next month's demo will be done by Eunice Estrada and Diane Knox & Guadalupe Ochoa will furnish refreshments.

Pat mentioned that there will be two April Play Days, April 7th and April 28th. CJ Clay stated that April 7th is the date for the Winne's Day of Sharing and suggested that we move the date to accommodate those wanting to attend the Play Day and the Winnie Day of Sharing. After discussion the upcoming Play Dates were changed as follows:

March 17, 2013	Stenciling by Kathy Brinkley & Pat Weiner
April 21, 2013	Icing a Cake by Lori Gust
April 28, 2013	Simple 2 Tier Wedding Cake by Lori Gust

Beth Vaughan suggested that we put our upcoming events on the Icing Images calendar and Ronnie Bochat suggested that we also forward our events to Ruth Rickey.

Saint Sepulveda said that she spoke with the Icing Smiles Representative and found out that we have a Texas Coordinator but that none of the hospitals in our area are requesting the cakes, even though we have decorators in Texas that want to do the cakes for Icing Smiles.

Pat Weiner said that Debbie Brown sent 5 pictures of the cakes she is willing teach. She is going to come for 8 days and will do four different classes and then repeat those same four classes. We need to select which four cakes/pictures/classes we want her to teach. The classes are one day sessions and her price is \$130 per student for each class. Debbie is giving us a discounted rate, and is requiring a 15 student minimum per class. Helen stated that we are already getting

inquires about her classes as Debbie's has our class dates listed on her website. Helen does not think we will have any problem meeting the 15-student minimum.

Debbie will arrive on August 30th and the first class will be Saturday, August 31st. The first set of classes will run four consecutive days and will be from 08/31/13 to 09/03/13 and the second set 09/04/13 to 09/07/13. The date of the Cake Decorating Extravaganza (CDE) is September 8th.

Helen stated that Debbie's class fees plus lunch will be \$135 per day and a 20% discount for members would mean that the fee for members would be \$110 and \$165 for non-members for one class. For members taking multiple classes a 25% discount applies. Members wishing to take all 4 classes would be \$410 and \$495 for non members.

Voting Result & Dates of the 4 classes were as follows:

Bears received 23 votes	Class dates: 8/31 & 9/4
Kittens received 20 votes	Class dates: 9/1 & 9/5
Crying Babies received 19 votes	Class dates: 9/2 & 9/6
Man on Couch received 10 votes	Class dates: 9/3 & 9/7

Helen moved to have Debbie Brown teach a total of 8 classes, starting August 31, 2013 with a 20% discount for members brings the rate to \$110 for one class and a member rate for all four classes of \$410. The motion included a non-member rate for one class at \$165 and a non-member rate of \$495 for all four classes. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lori suggested that we offer an additional incentive to members to get them to sign up for all four classes (above the 25% discount for multiple classes). She suggested that the member rate should be \$395 and the non-member rate should be \$495 for all four classes.

Lori moved to amend Helen's motion to offer the \$395 rate to members and the rate remains at \$495 for non-members. The rate of \$110 remains for members taking only one class and \$165 for non-members taking one class. The minimum of 15 students is still required with the amendment. Helen accepted the amendment. Ronnie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

Helen stated that the Early Registration for ICES 2013 is April 1 not March 1st, this year.

Registration begins today for the Debbie Brown Classes for members.

After July 31, 2013, there will be no refunds for any reason.

A 50% deposit is required to hold your spot in the class(s). The balance due for all classes is July 31, 2013

Lori Gust suggested that we set a price for the CDE. Helen Osteen moved that the CDE registration be \$35 for early registration and \$45 for late registration (09/01/13, one week before). Lori Gust seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Beth Vaughan suggested that members have a 10-day period to register for the Debbie Brown classes before the classes are open to the public. Lori suggested that a one week (7 day) period be given to members for registration. Lori stated that the member notice will go up on the member portion of the website tonight for registration in the classes and the 7-day period will begin on 02/27/13. After that the notice will be on the general website for the public.

Lori inquired about the vendor rate for the CDE. The vendor rate is \$50 and \$25 for an additional table per vendor. No vote or motion was made.

CJ Clay commended Kathy Brinkley on a great ICES DOS and Rocio Gonzalez for stepping in a doing a great demo.

Beth Vaughan inquired about why Houston did not have a team in the club competition at the Austin Show. She stated that she would like for the club to participate next year.

Pat Wiener announced last call for raffle tickets.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Minutes recorded by PJ Jenkins

The Houston Cake Club

March 25, 2013

Larry's Arts & Crafts

Pasadena, TX

Eunice Estrada demonstrated icing a cake with rounded edges and an easy fondant flower.

Guadalupe Ochoa and Maricela Vilchis provided refreshments.

Pat Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:00 am with 25 members and 1 guest present.

The February minutes were presented. Helen Osteen moved to accept the minutes and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. She said that we have collected \$4800 for Debbie Brown classes and added that 58% of the classes are filled. She asked that everyone take class info cards to hand out. Helen said that the club will maintain waiting lists for the classes. C.J. Clay asked about the (\$5.00) on the report. Helen said that we paid out more for the play day than we took in. Susan Shannon moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Vonda Prieto seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Pat Wiener said that Saint Sepulvada and Sandra Hughes will provide refreshments next month. She added that Sandra had surgery and will not be attending meetings for a couple of months. Celia Diaz volunteered to provide refreshments for Sandra Hughes. Pat Wiener thanked Guadalupe and Maricela for this month's refreshments. C.J. Clay requested the recipe for the green sauce.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Wiener said the stencil play day was great. She mentioned that Lori Gust will be holding play days on 4/21/13 (Butter cream icing) and 4/28/13 (Stacking cakes).

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Wiener suggested that we set the date for the 2014 CDE so that our event can be listed on the Photofrost calendar. Pat suggested 9/14/2013. Marlene Hollier moved to hold the 2014 CDE on 9/14/2014 and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pat Wiener mentioned that our last play day is scheduled for the end of April. Kathy Brinkley mentioned that there are a lot of DOS around the state so scheduling play days could be hard. Pat mentioned that The Frosting Creators will hold their DOS on 5/5/2013. Pat asked the club to schedule more play days. Bonnell Templet inquired about the list of play day topics. Pat said we have butter cream transfers, cookie cutters, Cricut, topsy turvy cakes, tropical flowers, string work, and modeling tools left on our list. Eunice Estrada suggested brush embroidery. Pat Wiener said she would teach brush embroidery. Bonnell Templet suggested butter cream transfers. Susan Shannon said butter cream transfers could be

good for Father's Day cakes. Vonda Prieto moved to hold a butter cream transfer play day on 5/19/13. The motion was tabled for the lack of an instructor (Bonnell Templet said that she would work on learning the technique so that she could teach). Vonda Prieto moved to hold a brush embroidery play day on 5/19/13 with Pat Wiener. Susan Shannon seconded the motion.

Pat Wiener suggested waiting until next month for the butter cream transfer play day. Bonnell Templet asked about a stencil play day redo. C.J. Clay mentioned a cookie decorating class around October for the holidays.

Helen Osteen mentioned that we need to organize our committees for the CDE. The committees we have now are:

Raffle Items – Susan Shannon

Vendors – Kathy Brinkley

Demonstrators/Instructors – Kathy Brinkley and Pat Wiener. We have Ruth Rickey and Debbie Brown lined up. Bonnell Templet suggested Sharon Zambito.

Registration – Helen Osteen

Food – Susie Jahn (Gabby's)

C.J. Clay mentioned that P.J. Jenkins provided food for the Pearland DOS.

Pat Wiener asked that everyone try to volunteer to help on the committees. Bonnell Templet said that the policy of no shopping during demos is great because it can be distracting to the demonstrator. Lori Gust said we need to set the price for the vendor tables. Helen Osteen said we set it last year at \$50 for 1 table and \$25 for an additional table. Kathy Brinkley moved that the vendor's fees will be \$50 for 1 table and \$25 for an additional table. Eunice Estrada seconded the motion. Lori Gust asked if the fee included 1 person per table like last year. The second person at the vendor's table will pay the \$35 registration fee. The motion passed.

Lori Gust asked if we are changing our venue. Pat Wiener said we are going to rearrange the room for more space. She asked that we bring ideas for other venues to next month's meeting. Some of the complaints about our current venue were too crowded, too chaotic, and poor handicap accessibility. Pat said we could use chairs only and eat lunch downstairs in the cafeteria. Casey Marchan said that the central campus had difficulties for the handicapped, and she felt the north campus had better access.

Lori Gust mentioned that the A/V equipment was not provided by San Jacinto College (it was her personal equipment). She said that the A/V equipment would have to be rented.

Pat Wiener announced last called for raffle tickets.

Pat Daigle won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

April 22, 2013

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, TX

Beth Vaughn demonstrated constructing a fondant cake plateau.

Kathy Brinkley and Jan Hutto provided refreshments.

Pat Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:03 am with 20 members and 4 guests present.

The March minutes were presented. Beth Vaughn moved to accept the minutes and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. She said that 91 of the 160 spots for Debbie Brown's classes are sold; leaving 69 spots open. Helen said that we need to sell 29 more spots to reach the minimum class quantity guarantee. She said that we have been adding our Debbie Brown post cards to goodie bags at several DOS. Susan Shannon moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Beth Vaughn seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Pat Wiener reminded everyone to put their name in the sign-in book. She thanked Kathy & Jan for the refreshments and Beth for the demonstration. C.J. Clay stressed that if you sign up for the demo or refreshments and can't fulfill your commitment, you should let someone know so that the same people don't have to cover the commitment.

Pat Wiener said that Melissa Karabanoff is scheduled to provide our demonstration next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Wiener said that we would talk about scheduling the cupcake/cookie decorating "class" at Ronald McDonald next month.

Pat Wiener asked for suggestions for a new venue for our 2013 CDE. Lori Gust said that she went to Unforgettable Moments. She said it is a single level 7000 sq. ft. facility with good parking. The usual price is \$4500 but she negotiated it down to \$1000. Lori also added that for an additional \$200 they would provide unlimited soda & ice, as well as a person who would serve the drinks all day. She said that they would serve coffee and bottled water as well if we provide the supplies. They have round tables which seat 350. Lori indicated that there is a stage for the demonstrators. Kathy Brinkley said she looked at a couple of hotels by the airport and said their rooms rent for \$5000 and they require you use their caterer. Susan Shannon said that The Gardens is a good facility that rents for about \$850, but felt Unforgettable Moments might be a better deal. C.J. Clay asked for a head count at last year's event and Helen Osteen indicated 213 attendees. Guadalupe Ochoa said La Fontaine (290 & West Little York) is \$800 and they would provide ice and drinks. Kathy Brinkley moved to hold the 2013 CDE at Unforgettable Moments and the club provides bottled water and coffee for the event and C.J. Clay seconded the motion. Lori Gust said that the facility does not have video equipment. The motion passed.

Casey Marchan suggested we write a letter to Coca-Cola asking them to donate bottled water for our event.

Helen Osteen said that she attended the Louisiana DOS and said that Elizabeth Dickson would be a good demonstrator for our CDE. She said that Liz does a great bas relief cake and would be willing to hold a class for that technique the day after our CDE. She said that the price for the class would be \$85 for members and \$125 for nonmembers. Lori Gust said that this technique is not laid on the cake, but cut from the fondant covering the cake. Helen Osteen said that Liz has a

lot of techniques to help people who are not artistic. Kathy Brinkley said it is a technique for the top as well as the sides of a cake.

Beth Vaughn moved to bring Elizabeth Dickson to teach the BAS relief class on the Monday following our 2013 CDE and Lori Gust seconded the motion. Helen Osteen said she e-mailed Gary Holman about demonstrating at our event and is waiting to hear from her. Kathy Brinkley said she has sent several messages to Sharon Zambito and has not heard from her. Pat Wiener asked if anyone had any questions regarding the motion. The motion passed.

Bonnell Templet asked if we have a list of demonstrators. Pat Wiener indicated that we know Ruth Rickey and Debbie Brown will be demonstrating at the event. Kathy Brinkley asked if the club would be interested in hosting Susan Carberry. She said that Cake Craft Shoppe is having her for \$250/day, but, she would come here and teach different things for various prices. Kathy asked if club members could think of anyone else they would be interested in seeing. Susan Shannon suggested the Winbecklers and Allison Wiggins suggested Swank Cakes.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Wiener asked about scheduling more play days. She reminded everyone that there is a brush embroidery play day on May 19, 2013. C.J. Clay said that ICES demos/classes host hundreds of people and the play days are a great way to learn techniques with personal attention. He said it is always sad when our play days are cancelled due to lack of interest/participation.

Helen Osteen inquired about the raffle prize of the magazine subscription from our CDE. Casey Marchan said that she was working on obtaining that subscription for the winner.

Pat Wiener said that Kathy Brinkley needs to know if the club is interested in having Susan Carberry here. Susie Jahn asked about the size of the class projects. Kathy Brinkley said she would contact Susan for more specific information. Beth Vaughn moved to bring Susan Carberry to Houston for classes in February 2014 and Susie Jahn seconded the motion.

Pat Wiener announced last call for raffle tickets.

Susah Shannon had information about the CDE raffles. She said that she had sent letters requesting donations and would take suggestions for other possible donation letters. She said she has plans to follow up on the letters with e-mails. Lori Gust said that the best time to send the donation letters out is usually approximately 1 month before the event.

Elma Vega won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

May 28, 2013

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, TX

There was no demonstration this month. Ruby Ott provided refreshments.

Since Pat Wiener was not in attendance, Kathy Brinkley called the meeting to order at 10:06 am with 17 members and 1 guest present.

The April minutes were presented. Sandra Hughes asked about the new CDE location. Lori Gust moved to accept the minutes and Susan Shannon seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented. Lori Gust moved to accept the report and Judy Francois seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Kathy Brinkley asked everyone to introduce themselves. She said that Elma Vega and Rocio Gonzales are providing refreshments next month. Kathy said that we will have a club member's garage sale in place of the demonstration in July. She asked that everyone enter the store thru the back door.

Kathy Brinkley reminded everyone to put their name in the sign-in book.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Brinkley asked about the cupcake/cookie decorating day at Ronald McDonald. Sandra Hughes suggested that the subject be tabled until next month when Helen Osteen returns.

Kathy Brinkley mentioned the CDE. Lori Gust said that the contract for the new venue for our CDE has been signed. She said she took a movie of the facility with her phone and everyone is welcome to see it. Lori said that tables will be set up to accommodate 250, but, there will be extra tables available if we need them (round). She said that the facility only has 6 rectangular tables. Lori mentioned that we can bring in extra tables on our own or rent them from the venue for \$15/table. Kathy Brinkley said that she needs to check on the number of vendors attending the CDE, so that we know how many tables we will need. Lori Gust said that each vendor gets 1 table included in their fee, with an extra table costing \$25. Kathy Brinkley suggested we rent the rectangular tables from the venue. She said that we need to let the venue know the number of rectangular tables we need by the August meeting. Judy Francois asked for the name/address of the facility. The 2013 CDE will be held at Unforgettable Moments at 11001 W. Fairmont Parkway, LaPorte, TX.

Lori Gust said that the facility is next to a Quality Inn Hotel and we will get a discount rate if we mention the event and the Houston Cake Club. Lori said that we were still going to put Debbie Brown in The Drury Inn. PJ Jenkins asked about the location for Debbie Brown's classes. Kathy said that Debbie's classes will be held at Larry's.

Kathy Brinkley said the demonstrators for the CDE are Debbie Brown, Gary Homan, Elizabeth Dickson and Ximena Sempertegui.

PJ Jenkins inquired about Susan Carberry. Kathy Brinkley said that she was trying to get Susan for the TX ICES DOS in February. She asked if the club was interested in holding classes with Susan. She said that the fee would probably be

around \$175 for a 1 day class. It was decided to table this subject until a later date when Kathy Brinkley has more information.

Kathy Brinkley said that vendors interested in participating in the CDE are Rocio Gonzales (vendor's fee paid), Cake Tricks, ECG, Ruth Rickey and Lori Gust. PJ Jenkins asked if there was a limit on the number of vendors we could have.

Sandra Hughes asked if the club would be responsible for furnishing video equipment since the facility does not have any. Lori Gust said that in the past her husband provided his personal equipment for our use. Kathy Brinkley asked Lori to check into the rental costs for video equipment.

Kathy Brinkley mentioned that the newsletter had a list of committees for the CDE. She said that since classes will be going on at Larry's before the event, we would not be able to meet the day before to do the raffle items. It was suggested that we meet to put the raffle items together on 8/25/2013. Kathy said we would check with Pat about that date. Lori Gust said that the venue would make and serve coffee if we provide the coffee. She also mentioned that they will provide ice for the drinks. Kathy Brinkley said e-mail Helen if you wish to volunteer for a specific committee so that she can add your name to the list.

Susan Shannon said that she has received items for the raffle. She said that she has received items from the Cake Craft Shoppe, Americolor, Roland Winbeckler and Make a Cake will also donate items. She said she is storing the items at her home now, but, wants to get with Helen so that everything can be moved to the club's storage. Lori Gust said that we have gotten small things, but asked about big items. She said that she knows that Helen has purchased some items for the event, and suggested we table the subject until Helen returns. Kathy Brinkley said we need to think about what items we want. Susie Jahn said to check with Artway about a sheeter.

Susan Shannon asked about club T-shirts. Lori Gust said that we can always get shirts, they just need to be ordered by the July meeting.

Rocio Gonzales asked about some confusion regarding her paid vendor fees. Kathy Brinkley said to talk to Helen.

NEW BUSINESS

We all wished Aubrey (Susie Jahn's granddaughter) a Happy Birthday.

Kathy Brinkley mentioned the garage sale next month.

Kathy Brinkley announced last call for raffle tickets.

PJ Jenkins won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

June 25, 2013

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, TX

The demonstration was replaced by our annual garage sale. Elma Vega and Rocio Gonzales provided refreshments.

Since Pat Wiener was not in attendance, Kathy Brinkley called the meeting to order at 11:02 am with 17 members and 3 guests present.

The May minutes were presented. Helen Osteen moved to accept the minutes and Susan Shannon seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. She said there is a total of 54 openings for Debbie Brown's classes. Helen mentioned that the balance for class fees is July 31st. She said that no one had signed up for Liz Dickson's class and she would send a picture of the class content around the room. Vonda Prieto moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Eunice Estrada seconded the motion. The report/motion passed.

Kathy Brinkley said that Hermalanda and Migdalia would be providing refreshments next month and Pat would be providing the demonstration.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Brinkley asked about scheduling a visit to Ronald McDonald house. It was suggested to table the discussion until next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Brinkley said all the demonstrations for the CDE are lined up and Rocio Gonzales and Simi Cakes are paid vendors. Kathy Brinkley asked Lori Gust if all was set with the venue. She said that we need to let the venue know about renting additional tables 2 weeks before the event.

Lori Gust questioned the number of demos for the CDE. She asked if we were going to try to get another person. Lori said that we need to decide so we can get flyers passed out. Helen Osteen said that a recent TX ICES DOS had 3 demonstrators. She said that they did not use their allotted time which messed with the schedule for the event. It was suggested that Simi Cakes step in as a demonstrator. Helen Osteen said we need to vote on additional demonstrators. Kathy Brinkley said she would call Sidney Galpern (Simi Cakes) about a demo subject. Kathy also suggested that Ruth Rickey demo a western theme. Helen Osteen would get demo information from Gary Holman. After discussion, our demonstrator line up will be Gary Holman, Liz Dickson, Debbie Brown, Ruth Rickey, Sidney Galpern and Ximena Sempertgui.

Kathy Brinkley said that we need to think about raffle money for convention. She asked what kind of items we want for raffles. Helen Osteen said we have a mixer, cake ball roller, and Agbay. Kathy asked for other raffle suggestions.

Eunice Estrada inquired about t-shirts. Helen Osteen said we have 0 available, but they can be ordered. She said that she thought the prices last year were \$25 without your name, and \$33 with your name. She said you can e-mail your order to her and pay at the July meeting.

Kathy Brinkley said we need people to volunteer for CDE committees. She said we also need someone to be responsible for demonstrator gifts. We will also need people for Sunday set up, sign placement and removal, as well as raffle set up. Kathy said that everyone needs to help clean up after the event. She asked that everyone think about helping and sign up in July.

Susie Araya inquired about the location of the committee list. Helen Osteen indicated that it could be found on page 8 of the newsletter.

Lori Gust asked about the price for the demonstrator's gifts. Helen Osteen said that we purchased aprons last year for \$25 and felt that they were not that great. Vonda Prieto suggested a tote bag. Lori Gust said we need to set a price for the gifts, and we also need to remember that these people will also receive \$100. Kathy Brinkley said that she thought we need to do \$100 and \$25 for the gift. Celia Diaz asked about the quality of last year's gift. She thought that it would have been nice to see the gifts before they were presented at the event.

Lori Gust said she would get the gifts for the teachers. Helen Osteen moved to spend no more than \$25 on gifts and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed. Lori Gust said she would take care of the gifts.

Kathy Brinkley asked if anyone had any more new business. She said that there is a LA DOS in Bossier City next month. Helen Osteen said that there would be a cake competition on the weekend with the DOS on Monday. Kathy also mentioned Austin, Lexington ICES and a Tulsa Cake Retreat.

Kathy Brinkley said she is trying to get Susan Carberry for the TX ICES DOS in February and wondered if the club was interested in having classes here. She mentioned that Susan would be holding classes at the Cake Craft Shoppe in July.

Kathy Brinkley announced last call for raffle tickets.

Kathy Brinkley won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

July 23, 2013

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Pat Wiener demonstrated lace & ribbon flower plaque. Hermelanda Garcia & Migdalia Nunez provided refreshments.

Pat Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:10 am with 1 guest and 21 members present. Pat asked everyone to introduce themselves.

The minutes for June were presented. Beth Vaughn moved to accept the minutes and Sandra Hughes seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. C.J. Clay asked about the decline in attendance. Pat Wiener suggested summer holidays could be affecting the attendance. Susan Shannon moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Susie Jahn seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Helen Osteen said that the balance for Debbie Brown's classes is due July 31, 2013. She said that class pictures are in the newsletter. Helen indicated that the class on September 1st is full, however, there are spaces in all the other classes. She said that registration for Liz Dickson's class is low. Helen indicated that Liz will show some different techniques in the class. The class will be on September 9th and the fee for members is \$85 and \$125 for nonmembers.

Pat Wiener asked Sandra Hughes about scheduling the cake day at Ronald McDonald House. Sandra indicated that she could not help at the present time, and Pat said that we would put the event on hold until a later date.

Pat Wiener asked if there was any other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

It was indicated that the HCC facebook is receiving a lot of ads selling "things." Helen Osteen said that she could make it a closed group. If you come across questionable ads, let Helen know (be specific) and she can ban them from the group.

Pat Weiner said that the ladies at Unforgettable Moments (our CDE venue) closed the facility and refunded our deposit. Pat called Susan Shannon about The Gardens. Susan talked to the owners and they will rent their facility for \$850 (including drink service, and tables & chairs). She said we would have to provide the A/V equipment.

Lori Gust called the Pasadena Convention Center. She said that we could use 1/3 of the hall which seats 400 for \$750. We are able to use their audio system, but, we must provide the video system. She said that there are 2 restrooms with attendants and there is plenty of handicapped parking. Lori indicated that we have to use their caterer for lunch, but, we can bring in breakfast and drinks. She said that we have to provide a \$1million insurance policy (\$350). She indicated that if we had 501C3 nonprofit status, the fee would be ½. Casey Marchan said that the nonprofit status makes it easier to get donations. She indicated that the fee to get into the building the day before for set up is an additional \$375. Helen Osteen said that Randy's BBQ is the caterer for the center. She said that a loaded potato (choice of beef/chicken + fixings) and salad with dressing is \$9.00/plate with \$1.00 for drinks. Susan Shannon indicated that the convention center would be better than The Gardens due to the growth factor. Beth Vaughn said that 501C3 status would help with fees in the future. Kathy Brinkley moved to use The Pasadena Convention center for the 2013 CDE and Beth Vaughn

seconded the motion. Lori Gust said that the convention center is across the street from San Jac (on Fairmont Parkway). She said there are directional signs. The center will advertise our event on their board. The motion passed.

Casey Marchan moved to rescind the vote to use Gabby's BBQ for the CDE and use Randy's Smokehouse. Beth Vaughn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Casey Marchan said that we need to pursue the 501C3 status. Helen Osteen said that she will get the paperwork in order. Casey Marchan moved to pursue nonprofit status and Susie Jahn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kathy Brinkley moved to pay the extra \$375 to get into the convention center on Saturday for set up. Beth Vaughn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pat Wiener indicated that we will need help on Saturday. Beth Vaughn indicated that we need early Sunday morning help. Susie Jahn asked if vendors can set up on Saturday.

We need to provide coffee pots for the event. Beth Vaughn suggest we lease a BUNN coffee pot. C.J. Clay suggested Aztec Party Rentals. Pat Wiener said that she would try to borrow one from her church.

Pat Wiener asked Lori Gust to look into video equipment for our event. She also indicated that every member who attends our event should stay for clean up after the event. Susie Jahn asked about paper products. Helen Osteen indicated that the club provides paper products.

Kathy Brinkley asked about tables and chairs. Lori Gust indicated that we have to rent them for the event. C.J. Clay suggested an alternative to the convention center could be LaFontaine on 290. Kathy Brinkley said she would check with Aztec for table/chair rentals. Susie Jahn said that The Gardens has their own tables and chairs and we can bring in our own caterer for \$850. Helen Osteen said that we will pay about the same for food as last year. Casey Marchan said that we will be paying \$750 (facility), \$375 (Saturday set-up), \$500 (tables & chairs), \$2000 (catering) for the convention center. Kathy Brinkley said that we have no time to make a decision. Beth Vaughn moved to rent chairs & round tables for the attendees & rectangular tables for the food & vendors and C.J. Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pat Wiener thanked Lori Gust for calling about the venue. She also thanked Susan Shannon for contacting The Gardens. She said it takes all of us working together to make our CDE a success.

Susan Shannon said that she has received new raffle donations. She said that she has begun calling everyone about donations.

Beth Vaughn asked about CDE flyers. Helen Osteen indicated that she already had flyers printed containing the convention center information.

Lori Gust said that we should purchase raffle items at the ICES convention. Casey Marchan asked about the spending limit. Pat Wiener said the limit was \$1000 - \$500 for convention and \$500 for other things. She said that we could up the amount next month if necessary. She asked that everyone distribute some flyers.

Pat Wiener announced last call for raffles.

C.J. Clay won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

August 27, 2013

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

Kathy Brinkley demonstrated onlay silicone molds (Marvelous Molds.com).

Bonnell Templet provided refreshments.

Pat Wiener called the meeting to order at 10:59 am with 27 members present.

The minutes for July were presented. Retta Pryor moved to accept the minutes with corrections and Susie Jahn seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. She said that there are 62 people registered for the CDE. Helen said that Liz Dickson's class has been cancelled due to low enrollment. Susie Jahn asked about estimated costs for the CDE. Helen said that the insurance policy for the CDE was \$200 and it has been presented to the convention center.

C.J. Clay asked about the deadline for CDE online registration. Helen Osteen indicated that September 1, 2013 is the cut-off date with the fee being \$35. The fee will be \$45 at the door. Kathy Brinkley moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Susie Jahn seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Pat Wiener said that Susie Jahn will provide refreshments next month. She indicated that next month's demo will be hands on. Pat said Helen Osteen will put the details in the newsletter.

Pat Wiener reminded everyone to put their names in the sign-in book.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Wiener said that arrangements needed to be finalized for class meals as well as dinner for Debbie. She added that the club reimburses the meals costs which are incurred by the volunteers. Pat added that the club provides the paper products and drinks for class. The budget for class meals is \$5/person. Volunteers for class meals are: 8/31 (16) Guadalupe Ochoa, 9/1 (21) Kathy Brinkley and Susie Jahn, 9/2 (12) Sue Blume, 9/3 (13) Celia Diaz, 9/4 (14) Kathy Brinkley-Breakfast and Elma Vega-Lunch, 9/5 (15) Susan Shannon, 9/6 (19) Pat Wiener, 9/7 (14) Nancy Olivares. Helen Osteen will e-mail volunteers if there is a change in the class registration numbers.

Volunteers for dinner with Debbie are: 8/30 Lori Gust (airport transportation & dinner), 8/31 Helen Osteen, 9/1 Kathy Brinkley and Susie Jahn, 9/2 Heather Campbell, 9/3 Georgia Hicks, 9/4 Elma Vega, 9/5 Mary Carmen, 9/6 Susan Shannon, 9/7 Eunice Estrada. Mary Carmen will pick Debbie up from hotel and

take her to the CDE. Helen Osteen mentioned that she has instructed out of town guests to book at The Drury Inn.

Pat Wiener said that the club pays for Debbie's dinner and said that any club member can go to dinner even if they are not responsible for Debbie's meal. Kathy Brinkley said that any person interested in going to dinner with the group should arrive at Larry's before 5pm.

Pat Wiener said that Debbie will leave on September 9, 2013 and Lori Gust indicated that she would take her to the airport.

Pat Wiener indicated that Debbie would need a ride from the hotel to Larry's every day. Volunteers are: 8/31 Helen Osteen, 9/1 Pat Wiener, 9/2 Elma Vega, 9/3 Pat Wiener, 9/4 Susan Shannon, 9/5 & 9/6 Pat Wiener, 9/7 Elma Vega.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Brinkley reported that we have 9 paid vendors for the CDE. She said that our demonstrators are Debbie Brown, Sidney Galpern, Gary Holman, Ximena Sempregui, Liz Dickson and Pat Daigle.

Pat Wiener said that we need to rent tables and chairs for the CDE. Lori Gust indicated that the 25-5' round tables (@ \$8 each) would seat 250 with 10 @ each table. She also said we could rent 2-6' and 5-8' rectangular tables for vendors/food and 250 chairs. Kathy Brinkley said that one of the major complaints at last year's event was that it was too crowded. She thought that 10 people at the 5' round table is unacceptable. Pat Wiener said that there should be 8 per table. After discussion, it was decided that Lori would rent – 19-6' tables, 7-8' tables, 32-5' round tables and 275 chairs.

Helen Osteen said that we have access to the venue on Saturday from 1pm-7pm to put raffles and goodie bags together. Pat Wiener asked that everyone try to come to work on Saturday. PJ Jenkins said she was not available on Saturday by she would provide the bagging materials for the raffles.

Lori Gust had the demonstrator's gift. She passed the cupcake coasters around the room.

Pat Wiener asked for help monitoring the food tables throughout the day and Susie Araya and Susan Shannon volunteered.

Helen Osteen said that the caterers will provide drinks for lunch, but the club will have to provide them for the rest of the day. Susan Shannon indicated that her husband could provide the ice and C.J. Clay volunteered to help. He also volunteered to get the water and sodas for the event.

Georgia Hicks asked about Sunday's arrival time for set-up. The time was set for 7am. Pat Wiener also asked that all the club members remain after the event for clean-up.

Pat Wiener asked about the sound system. Lori Gust indicated that we would have 2 videos/screens for our event.

Kathy Brinkley said that all the thank you notes are good, but she had had complaints from some of the recipients about the overabundance of notes they received. Susan Shannon said that she would take care of the thank you notes.

Lori Gust said that we need to provide a set-up design to the Fire Marshall by Friday. Pat Wiener and Georgia Hicks will take care of this task.

Pat Wiener said that club members need to bring breakfast items and dessert to the event.

Pat Wiener announced last call for raffle tickets.

Eunice Estrada won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 12:37 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

September 24, 2013 Larry's Arts & Crafts Pasadena, TX

Pat Wiener demonstrated a Hands-on Ribbon Rose.

Refreshments provided by Susie Jahn.

Pat Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:10 with 18 members present. The sign-in book was sent around and everyone introduced themselves.

The treasurer's report was presented by Helen Osteen. The amounts for the Cake Decorating Extravaganza (CDE) were explained. The net profit for the event was \$2,176.45, we had the highest raffle ratio attendees to date - \$17.44. The final video rental fee was \$909, and the tables and chairs were \$866.34.

One member stated the video guy was very good and stayed all day on set-up day to get things right. Another mentioned the lights seemed too bright and Pat Wiener said we were unable to make the picture better with lower lights. CJ Clay said he liked the video, and Kathy Brinkley liked the 2 screens. Helen and Kathy mentioned we had people in from San Antonio. When questioned, Helen reported we paid Debbie Brown around \$15,000. CJ ask about profit amount and Helen explained her accounting procedure. Lori Gust commented that we had unused tables and chairs for around 100 people. Helen explained that we can't low ball the attendance estimates, and that we need to have lunch for everyone.

Susie said she like the food, but as a diabetic, it made her sick. Helen said she just ate the salad with meat and Susie suggested that next year we include a fat free dressing. Kathy asked Helen if she had sent out a survey, answer, not yet.

Finally, Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Susie seconded, motion/report passed.

Pat mentioned we usually donate to charity, and asked if we still wanted to do this. Kathy suggests that we do not and CJ agrees. Pat states we usually take 10% off the top, but this year we did not have as large a profit margin. Helen is asked who we usually donate to and she says – the culinary project @ San Jacinto College, Susan B. Komen, Ronald McDonald House. We paid \$750 for the room and \$375 for the set-up day, that we usually don't have these expenses, but that by paying for the day before, made it so much easier to move the raffle and goodie bag items and make the raffle prize bundles and put the goodie bags together.

CJ stated he liked the venue, Bonnell said we need a home and liked the Pasadena Convention Center. Helen stated that it books up fast and if we liked it we should vote to use it again next year. Kathy stated that a couple of vendors had things stolen and there was an electricity issue. Lori said at most places electricity is extra and that this time it was a bonus and we should figure this out before next year. Another member stated we shouldn't just assume to be in the same place next year. Lori reminds everyone that it will be ½ price once the club gets the 501c3 nonprofit status, and she thinks we should donate money to look good on the application. Bonnell questions the ½ price rate, and Lori explains, it would only cost \$375 instead of \$750. Susie asks if there would be a problem if there were other functions going on at the same time. Lori states we can chose to be in the same section or change, but Bonnell is concerned about other functions. Lori exclaims that maybe in the future we could grow to include a cake show and use the whole building. Helen reminds us that if we do decide to make a donation it would be approximately \$550.

Bonnell made a motion to roll the donation to be included with our Christmas Party donation, so it would be more sizeable, Susie seconded, the motion passed.

Lori made a motion to keep the CDE at the Pasadena Convention Center, and to have this as our home. Susan Shannon agrees with Lori and Helen mentioned how good our CDE did in comparison to Austin's DOS. Kathy mentioned that Austin's DOS is the week before convention and this may be their problem. Bonnell liked the potential for growth.

Susie seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Discussion was made concerning that we start letting people know about our CDE earlier for 2014, Susie states we should plan ahead so that there isn't so much last minute things. Kathy heard some attendees didn't like the demos, and the whole club needs to look around and see who we want to come and demo. Susie also heard some complaints.

CJ suggests we get the Pasadena CC reserved and Helen agrees to do this. Helen and Lori will get the 501c3 filled out as well.

Helen made a motion that we invite Debbie Brown back for 2015, for the 2nd Sunday in September. CJ states that people will come for this. Lori seconds the motion, motion passes. Kathy and Pat state that we should not have 4 classes, that was too much.

NEW Business

Kathy says she was approached by Yvette Humbert, who wants to come and teach a class. More information is needed.

Lori suggests sending Thank you cards to the husbands who helped: Jackie Osteen, Mark Westerman and Craig Shannon. She has these cards for everyone to sign and will send them off.

Maria Vela asked if we can have some of our classes in Spanish, not translated, but actually taught in Spanish. Pat and Kathy will look into this and there is discussion of who might be able to teach in both Languages.

Last call for raffle tickets, the raffle is won by Lea Gullett.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Minutes recorded by Susan Shannon, poor substitute for Jan.

The Houston Cake Club

October 22, 2013

Larry's Arts & Crafts

Pasadena, TX

Lori Gust demonstrated Crystal Lace.

Kathy Brinkley provided refreshments.

Kathy Brinkley called the meeting to order @11:10 am with 21 members and 1 guest present.

Kathy Brinkley told everyone that Sonny Wiener might have had a stroke and was in the hospital. She said that Pat Wiener would not be attending the meeting today.

The minutes for August & September were presented. Lori Gust moved to accept the September minutes with corrections & Susan Shannon seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed. Lori Gust moved to accept the August minutes & Bonnell Templet seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Kathy Brinkley asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. She said that she believes she has received all the receipts from the CDE. Helen said that a deposit of \$562.50 has been paid to the venue for our 2014 CDE. C.J. Clay asked for comparison figures for the CDE on the Treasurer's report. Lori Gust questioned how far C.J. wanted the costs broken down. After discussion, C.J. Clay will go directly to Helen Osteen for the information. C.J. Clay also mentioned declining meeting attendance & suggested we look & see what we can do to get attendance up. Marlene Hollier moved to accept the Treasurer's report & Susie Jahn seconded the motion. The report passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Brinkley asked if there was any old business.

C.J. Clay asked if the club was hosting any play days before the end of the year. Marlene Hollier said that she was going to New Orleans to take a SWANK Cricut class. She said that she would volunteer to have a Cricut play day. C.J. suggested we hold it in November. Marlene agreed to hold the play day on November 17th.

Bonnell Templet said that the November meeting is Thanksgiving week. She asked if the meeting would remain on the usual day or would we change the day. Kathy Brinkley suggested that we move next month's meeting to November 19th. Bonnell Templet moved to change November's meeting to November 19th and C.J. Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kathy Brinkley mentioned the Cricut Play day. The price for the play day will be \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Susie Jahn asked if both a computer and Cricut machine would be needed. Marlene said she would know more details after the class in New Orleans. Kathy Brinkley asked Marlene to provide Helen Osteen with the supply list for the play day.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Brinkley said that we need to make plans for the Christmas Party. She said that she called The Monument Inn and said that they would do the same menu as last year (Broiled Tilapia, Chicken, Fisherman's Platter or Steak) for

\$19.99/person. She said that with tax/gratuity the price would be \$25/person. Kathy added that Pat Wiener paid the \$.50/per fee for cake cutting/dessert table last year. Helen Osteen added that 31 people attended the party last year. Kathy said we can order dessert from the restaurant, but, it would be an additional cost. C.J. Clay inquired if Chabucca's had reopened. Susie Jahn moved to hold the Christmas party at The Monument Inn and Vonda Prieto seconded the motion. Kathy Brinkley indicated that we need to decide between December 3rd & December 10th for our party date. Susie Jahn amended her original motion to have the Christmas party at The Monument Inn on December 10th and Vonda Prieto seconded the amended motion. The motion passed.

Susie Araya said that instead of bringing gifts for the White Elephant game we bring toys and donations for the Ronald McDonald House. C.J. Clay said he thought we should continue the White Elephant game. Susie Jahn moved that we donate gifts to the Ronald McDonald House and continue the White Elephant game. Helen Osteen said that we usually include the proceeds from the raffle to the Ronald McDonald House. She said they have a list of items/necessities that they need. The motion was amended to include the raffle proceeds in our donation to the Ronald McDonald House and Kathy Brinkley seconded the amended motion. The motion passed. Helen Osteen will post a list of items in the newsletter.

Lori Gust said that last year's raffle was a mixer. Helen Osteen said that we have a crying baby cake from Debbie Brown as our raffle item. Kathy Brinkley asked if we should buy an additional item for the raffle. Helen Osteen suggested that we donate the cost of a mixer to the Ronald McDonald House. She suggested that we donate 10% of the registration fee from the CDE (\$550) to Ronald McDonald. Susie Araya said that we can recycle pull tabs for them. C.J. Clay added that bottles caps are recycled for Breast Cancer. Susan Shannon said that she also liked the idea of a smaller raffle and donating more money to the Ronald McDonald House. Raffle item ideas were: C.J. Clay suggested 1 year of paid play day fees & Vonda Prieto suggested a gift certificate to Larry's. Lori Gust will look around for a \$50-\$100 raffle prize and will report back to the club next month. Helen Osteen moved to donate 10% (\$550) of the proceeds from our CDE & party raffle proceeds to the Ronald McDonald House. Lori Gust suggested we amend the motion to include the wording to donate at least \$550 to Ronald McDonald House. Vonda Prieto seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Kathy Brinkley asked if there was anything else we needed to discuss.

Kathy Brinkley announced last call for raffle tickets.

C.J. Clay won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 am.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.

The Houston Cake Club

November 19, 2013

Larry's Arts & Crafts

Pasadena, TX

Rocio Gonzales demonstrated fondant purses.

Maricela Vilichis provided refreshments. Kathy Brinkley said that Pat Wiener is in Dubai and would not be attending the meeting. Kathy added that her husband Sonny was dehydrated and did not have a stroke as was originally thought.

Kathy Brinkley called the meeting to order at 11:09 am with 23 members present.

The minutes were presented. Beth Vaughn moved to accept the minutes and Retta Pryor seconded the motion. The motion/minutes passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. She said we are in a treasurer's report lull – in other words there is not much activity to report. She said that we have 119 members. Mary Nicholas asked about the final CDE profit. Helen said that she still has people who need to turn in receipts. Kathy Brinkley said that we need to give everyone a time limit for turning in receipts for reimbursement. Helen said that profit was \$1803.18. Casey Marchan moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Sandra Hughes seconded the motion. The motion/report passed.

Kathy Brinkley reminded everyone to sign the attendance book. She also mentioned that she would send the 2014 refreshment and demo list around for volunteers. Kathy said that the Christmas party would be next month, but, a demo for January was still needed. She reminded everyone that February is the appreciation dinner for Larry's employees, June is the club garage sale, and December is the Christmas party.

OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Brinkley asked for any old business.

Retta Pryor asked if the appreciation dinner for Larry's was at lunch or dinner time. Kathy indicated that it is a noon meal.

Kathy Brinkley reminded everyone that the club's Christmas party is on December 10th at The Monument Inn from 11am-2pm. Lori Gust said that she delivered to Brady's Landing and said that they have a buffet for \$15.50/person. She mentioned that they have a small room (if available) we could use or they would section off a part of the restaurant. Kathy Brinkley said that we should have discussed that last month as we have already voted and booked The Monument Inn and have paid a deposit, but, we could keep it in mind for next year's event. She mentioned that if we cancel we would lose our \$200 deposit. After discussion regarding complaints from last year, Mary Nicholas moved to keep the Christmas party at the Monument Inn and Retta Pryor seconded the motion. A vote was taken for The

Monument Inn and was defeated. After more discussion, another vote was taken and The Monument Inn received 8 votes and Brady's Landing received 13 votes. The Christmas party location is changed to Brady's Landing on December 10th from 11am-2pm. Kathy asked that Helen Osteen cancel The Monument Inn and Lori Gust will make arrangements for Brady's Landing.

NEW BUSINESS

Roxanna Sharp said that the Cricut play day was great. C.J. Clay agreed; he thought the mix of techniques was awesome. Susie Jahn suggested that we have another play day for the same subject. C.J. Clay said that Marlene Hollier and Nancy Olivares were great teachers.

Kathy Brinkley reminded everyone that we need to start thinking about our CDE for 2014. She asked that we think about demonstrators for the event. Casey Marchan suggested Jennifer England (stained glass cake). She said that you can look at La Bella Torta to see the technique. Kathy asked about her fees and Casey said she thought that 3 days might be \$350. Kathy Brinkley asked Casey to bring information for the stained glass cake and bring it to the next meeting. Nancy Olivares inquired about the type of information /research needed for a demonstrator/instructor. Kathy said that you need to know subject matter, minimum number of students, fees and pictures of the class subject. Lori Gust pointed out that we should tell any prospective instructor that we are a club offering the class to our members. She also added that we want to negotiate the fees down as we are not profiting from the classes; we are offering the classes as a learning experiences for our members.

Rocio Gonzales asked if anyone would be interested in participating in the live challenge at the Austin cake show. She said that she thought it would be good if we participated. Kathy Brinkley said that anyone interested should contact Rocio. Lori Gust suggested that we send an e-mail to club members to see if anyone is interested in participating in the Austin show. Kathy Brinkley asked if Rocio's information could be included in that e-mail.

Lori Gust mentioned the Christmas cookies donated to the VA last year. She said that we got a lot of positive response from the donations. C.J. Clay that there was a long process involved allowing us to put the cookies out for the veterans. C.J. Clay said if the club would provide a letter explaining our cookie donation, he would take them to the VA. Lori Gust suggested the 9th or the 16th for the cookie donations. Kathy Brinkley said that we should do the cookies on December 17th at noon. She asked that we bring as many cookies as we can to put together for the VA.

Kathy Brinkley announced last call for the raffle.

Casey Marchan won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto, Secretary.