

# HOUSTON CAKE CLUB

## January 26, 2016 – Meeting Minutes

Held at Larry's Arts and Crafts  
Pasadena, Texas

In lieu of a demonstration this month, P.J. Jenkins gave a very informative discussion regarding tax tips for a home-based bakery business and also provided a handout containing some sample of forms she uses to track her business expenditures.

Refreshments this month were provided by Kathy Brinkley.

President, Jan Hutto, called the meeting to order at 11:14 AM. There were 18 members and 2 guests present.

Going around the room, everyone introduced themselves.

Bonnell Templet presented the November minutes for club approval, there were no December minutes due to the Christmas party which took the place of our December meeting. Susan Shannon moved to accept the minutes as presented. Pat Weiner seconded the motion and motion passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report for November and December 2015. The beginning balance for November was \$11,715.19 and the ending balance was \$11,680.39. The beginning balance for December was \$11,680.39 and the ending balance was \$11,193.64. The only activity during these months was receipt of membership dues. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the report as presented. Bonnell Templet seconded the motion and it passed on vote.

The 2016 refreshment and demonstration sheet and sign in book were passed around the room for the members to sign. Kathy reminded everyone that February is the annual Larry's Appreciation Luncheon and we will have a potluck lunch in place of normal refreshments. We still need a demonstration for February.

Jan thanked PJ for her informative presentation and thanked Kathy for the refreshments. She inquired if anyone had any announcements they wanted to make at this time. There were none.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Party – comments were solicited. Some people stated they liked the food, others stated they did not like the food. It seemed to depend on the entrée. Everyone felt the view was nice and the service was good.

Ronald McDonald House charity – the donations were delivered and JoeAnne Renteria posted some pictures taken that day onto our Facebook page.

Larry's Appreciation Pot Luck dinner – this will be next month and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

Debbie Brown Classes – Helen states there are only 29 class spots sold of the 120 spots available. Most of the spots taken are for the first three days of classes. Debbie's minimum is 10-15 students. The question was asked if we had advertised the classes on Facebook and on our website and the answer was yes. Also asked if Debbie would come for just 3 classes and how long can we wait before deciding on going forward or not? Can she come next September 2016 for our CDE? PJ asked if Debbie is teaching the same content in San Antonio that she plans to teach in Houston? PJ feels that if so that could be affecting our sales. Contractually Debbie needs 60 days notice for cancellation. If we agree to go ahead with the classes we must pay the minimum no matter the enrollment. Lori states that if we cancel, Debbie would probably cancel San Antonio as well. Helen feels sure the minimum is 15 students. PJ wonders how canceling will affect our relationship with Debbie going forward. Helen states Debbie is aware that enrollment in cake classes all over the country is down.

Bonnell made a motion to cancel the classes scheduled for March/April and reschedule for September if Debbie is willing. Pat seconded the motion. Discussion – it was suggested we offer Debbie three options.

*Option A* – host three classes instead of six with a minimum of 10 students.

*Option B* – Ask her to come in September for our CDE and have classes at that time.

*Option C* – Cancel outright

Bonnell amended her motion to state that the Club would contact Debbie Brown and offer her the three options outlined above. Pat seconded the motion and the motion passed on vote.

Website & Domain name ownership – Lori states she is still working on obtaining the information on how to change to the Club's ownership.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dues – Jan reminded everyone that Club dues expire on January 31<sup>st</sup> and that in order to vote in next month's Board elections dues must be paid by the end of the January meeting.

CDE – Jan stated we need to start planning our annual event. She asked if anyone had any new ideas for venues, to bring it to our next meeting.

New Product – Kathy has been in touch with Yvette Humbert regarding a class she wants to bring to HCC that would involve a demonstration of a new product called Flexique. It is similar to Cake Dress but is a flexible, fabric-like, edible product. The class content would consist of introduction and demonstration of the product and learning to make a rose using the product. It would be a four hour class on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and would cost \$100 and would be taught by the creators of the product. Lori feels it is too expensive and

is basically a demonstration of a new product with a rose thrown in. Members agreed that there was no interest in the class.

Board Nominations – Jan opened the floor for nominations for our bi-annual board election to take place at the February meeting. She reminded everyone that the person nominated must be available to accept or decline the nomination.

Helen stated that Retta Pryor called her and e-mailed her a nomination for Lori Gust for the position of President but the nomination falls outside of the criteria outlined in our By-Laws which state that nominations must come from the floor at the January meeting. Due to this, the nomination was disqualified.

The nominations received are as follows:

**President**

Sue Blume nominated Pat Weiner - accepted  
Elma Vega nominated Lori Gust - accepted  
PJ Jenkins nominated Jan Hutto - declined

**Vice President**

Sandra Hughes nominated Sue Blume - accepted  
Maricela Vilchis nominated PJ Jenkins - declined

**Secretary**

Pat Weiner nominated PJ Jenkins - declined  
Helen Osteen nominated Sandra Hughes - declined  
Bonnell Templet nominated Eunice Estrada - accepted  
Maricela Vilchis nominated Bonnell Templet - declined  
Elma Vega nominated Nancy Olivares - accepted per phone

**Treasurer**

Helen Osteen nominated Susan Shannon - accepted  
PJ Jenkins nominated Helen Osteen – declined  
Elma Vega nominated JoeAnne Renteria – accepted per phone

Bonnell made a motion to close nominations, PJ Jenkins seconded and the motion passed on vote. Jan stated that ballots will be sent via e-mail and USPS mail to members in case they are not going to be present at the February but members present at the meeting can vote in person.

The ballot next month will be as follows:

**President**

Pat Weiner  
Lori Gust

**Vice President**

Sue Blume

**Secretary**

Eunice Estrada

Nancy Olivares

**Treasurer**

Susan Shannon

JoeAnne Renteria

New By-Law Proposition – Lori proposed a change to the by-laws stating that any club expenditures over \$100 will require a club vote. This will be presented, discussed and voted on at next month's meeting.

February Texas ICES DOS – to be held 2/7 in Conroe. Kathy stated that Dena Collins will be teaching an alligator class at Kathy's cake studio on Saturday, 2/6.

Sandra Hughes stated she felt it is rude for club members to hold conversations during the meeting when others are speaking.

Last call for raffle tickets. The raffle this month contains: butterfly cutters, flower blossom plunger cutters, a flower cutter, and gold, silver, and green metallic dust.

The raffle was won by Mariceli Vilchis.

Jan adjourned the meeting at 12:16 PM.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Bonnell Templet

# HOUSTON CAKE CLUB

## February 23, 2016 – Meeting Minutes

Held at Larry's Arts and Crafts  
Pasadena, Texas

Our demonstration this month was given by Kathy Brinkley. She showed us how to make roses using strawberries and modeling chocolate. Members were given the opportunity for some hands on practice with some gorgeous results.

Jan called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. There were 19 members and 2 guests present.

Introductions were made around the room. Jan welcomed the newest members and guests.

In lieu of refreshments members brought dishes for a potluck dinner for the Larry's employees in order to show our appreciation for being allowed to have our meetings at Larry's.

Bonnell Templet presented the January minutes for club approval. Casey Marchan moved to accept the minutes as presented. Susan Shannon seconded the motion and motion passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report for January. Beginning balance was \$11,193.64, and the ending balance was \$9,869.42. Income of \$1,717.98 was from membership dues, raffle, and Debbie Brown class registration. Expenses were \$655.54 and were comprised from PayPal fees and storeroom rental. The total on hold for Debbie Brown class fees is \$2,347.50. Bonnell made a motion to accept the report as presented, Pat Weiner seconded the motion and the motion passed on vote.

Jan thanked Kathy for her demonstration. She passed around the demo / refreshment sheet for the rest of the year noting that Sue Blume is doing refreshments next month and Pat will be doing a demonstration.

Jan asked anyone if they had anything to share before the business part of the meeting started.

Russian Nozzles – Maria Vela stated she had used them and they are really great. She ordered hers from Alie Express. These are Tangchu icing / piping tips and they pipe a complete flower in a single squeeze. Several people stated they have tried these and really like them. Some people stated they ordered their tips off Amazon and eBay.

South Florida Cake & Candy Expo – Lori let everyone know that this show will be held April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Miami. She stated the show last year was really great.

Cake Fest – Kathy stated that the Cake Fest in Louisiana will be held the same week-end.

That Takes The Cake – Casey reminded everyone that the Austin DOS is

### OLD BUSINESS

Debbie Brown Classes – Lori states Debbie has agreed to come and teach only three classes with a 10 person minimum for each class. Currently 27 out of 30 minimum spaces are filled. Debbie will allow up to 20 people per class. Helen reminded everyone that class balances are due now.

Jan asked for volunteers to provide food, including taking Debbie to dinner after class and transportation during the classes. The food schedule is as follows:

Thursday (3/31) – Breakfast – Sue Blume  
Lunch – Sue Blume  
Dinner – Lori Gust  
Friday (4/1) – Breakfast – Pat Weiner  
Lunch – Bonnell Templet  
Dinner – Sue Blume  
Saturday (4/2) – Breakfast – Guadelupe  
Lunch – Pat Weiner  
Dinner – Bonnell Templet

Lori will provide airport transportation, Pat will pick her up in the mornings and take her to Larry's and whoever takes her to dinner will return her to her hotel that evening.

Helen states that the Drury Hotel will not be able to accommodate Debbie's stay due to being booked up for other events in town. The club will need to find other accommodations for Debbie.

Website Domain name ownership – Lori states that due to the fact that the club is not a legal entity the website name cannot be owned by the club. The ownership has to be a person. If ownership is put under the name of the board president it would have to be changed possibly every two years. Network Solutions is the host and Lori will ask them if the name can be changed every two years if necessary.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Storage Room – this contract was up for renewal on 1/29/15. Helen renewed the contract prior to the meeting in order to get the one month free offer that was in effect. It will be up for renewal again on March 1, 2017.

Dues – anyone needing to pay dues can give that to Helen. Club membership allows members discounts at several area cake supply stores – the amount of the discount may vary. After six months, members can receive discounts on classes hosted by the club.

CDE – Jan asked that any members with ideas regarding a venue for this year please bring the information to the March meeting. Lori stated that she has contacted San Jacinto College North Campus and they are willing to work with us again. Eunice stated the Migdalia is inquiring at Ripley House and will bring the info next month.

Jan also stated that if anyone has any ideas for demonstrators to reach out and get information from them such as their availability and what they would be willing to demonstrate.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to hold the CDE on Sunday, September 11, 2016. Sandra Hughes seconded the motion and it passed on vote.

By-Laws Proposed Change – the change to the by-laws proposed by Lori at the February meeting was opened for discussion. Margo questioned the reason for the change. Lori explained that in her opinion there have been instances where things have shown up on expense reports without club approval. Kathy voiced her opinion that she doesn't feel like any of the board members have ever or would ever abuse their position in this way. General discussion was that board members are trusted to make decisions and we shouldn't need rules for every little thing. Jan stated that some members could feel that they should be included in all decisions. There was no further discussion. On vote one was in favor of the change and 18 rejected the change. The proposed change does not pass.

Board Elections – Jan informed the members that of the members nominated for board positions one nominee (JoeAnne Renteria) declined the nomination and another never responded to an email inquiring if she would accept the nomination and she has not renewed her membership.

The ballot is as follows:

**President – Pat Wiener & Lori Gust**  
**Vice – President – Sue Blume (unopposed)**  
**Secretary – Eunice Estrada (unopposed)**  
**Treasurer – Susan Shannon (unopposed)**

Jan asked the presidential nominees if they wanted to make any statements.

*Pat* - stated she wants to work on increasing membership, reviving play days, having more hands-on demonstrations and having some less expensive classes.

*Lori* – stated that she was a founding member of the club and that she had brought about some of the good things in the club when she was president in the past. She stated membership was 111 members when she was last president. She would like to find out why the membership has declined and try to reverse it.

To be eligible to vote members must have paid their dues by the end of the January meeting. Ballots were passed out to eligible members, marked and returned. These were combined with ballots Helen received by email / mail. Kathy and Helen counted the ballots and the results are as follows:

**President – Pat Weiner**  
**Vice President – Sue Blume**  
**Secretary – Eunice Estrada**  
**Treasurer – Susan Shannon**

Jan congratulated the new board members.

Last call for raffle tickets was issued. The raffle this month consisted of a silicone measuring cup, Cake Play isomalt sticks, and a silicone veining sheet (lily, ivy, butterfly) from Sugar Dippers.

Elma Vega won the raffle drawing.

Jan adjourned the meeting at 12:23 PM. Members were invited to stay and enjoy the potluck dinner.

Minutes were recorded and submitted by Bonnell Templet.

## HOUSTON CAKE CLUB

### March 22, 2016- Meeting Minute

Demonstration started at 10:15 Maria Vela showed how to use Russian tips explained that there is two sizes of this particular tips that can make flowers in just a squeeze . Member present in meeting were able to use them and play.

Meeting was called at 10:49 Introductions were made Pat Wiener asked if there was any guest. There was 2 guest and 15 members present

Pat Wiener gave thanks to Celia Diaz and Sue Blume for refreshments.

Refreshments and demonstration list was passed around and also Pat made note of how important is to sign the sign book because is recorded that you assisted to meetings in order to receive your discount card.

Pat Wiener asked Susie Jahn if she wanted to be Parliamentarian she accepted.

Minutes were read and Kathy Brinkley made motion to accept the minutes, Sandra Hughes seconded and passed.

Susan Shannon presented Treasurer's Report, the beginning balance was \$ 13,456.62 , the income was \$1236.00 from Debbie Brown class registrations, membership dues and raffle. The expenses were \$3,083.32 due to Debbie Brown class fees and pay pal fees, Current amount available in Bank, \$10,419.22. Bonnell Templet made motion to accept treasurer's report, Retta Pryor seconded and motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS.....

Pat Wiener mentioned that there were some places suggested to be our CDE place to be held at this year

1. San Jacinto North campus (Lori Gust)
2. Ripley house (Migdalia Núñez, Eunice Estrada)
3. The Gardens (Susan Shannon, Pat Wiener)

The Ripley was discarded due to the very negative comments on the site not been suitable for the CDE. This business was put on hold to wait a while for Lori Gust so she could bring her info on North San Jacinto Campus.

WEBSITE DOMAIN NAME.....



Pat Wiener mentioned that we really need to take action in this matter is been on the table for so long and also mentioned that there is the possibility that we may have to change the website to Houston cake club (.org)/( .net), and decided to postpone all this until next meeting.

Sandra Hughes asked how much will cost to the club to purchase a domain name it was mentioned that will be \$9.99. Helen Osteen made a motion to purchase the name of HoustonCakeClub.Org Susie Jahn seconded was voted and passed. Bonnell Templet also made a motion to purchase TheHoustonCakeClub.net Susie Jahn seconded, voted and was passed.

#### CDE CATERER.....

Sandra Hughes suggested Jimmychangas she will gather info on that caterer and will be bringing it to next meeting, Maria Vela proposed No name BBQ she also will bring info. Helen Osteen said that Gabby's as provided excellent service before Susie Jahn will do info on Gabby's. Susie Jahn asked if there was a possibility to have a vegetarians choice, a discussion was on, at the end we decided that having a choice like that was so complicated and was discarded.

#### NEW BUSINESS.....

Demonstrators ....Kathy Brinkley was asked if she will take care of this matter and she accepted , for CDE raffle Sue Blume and Susan Shannon will be in charge of raffle .

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to spend \$1400.00 dollars (CDE raffle items), and \$ 600.00 dollars (monthly raffle) at the convention or other place if needed, Susie Jahn seconded and it was passed (16 agreed, 1 opposed.) Kathy also made motion to buy the kitchen Aid mixer, printer and Agbay separately for the CDE Hellen Osteen seconded and motion passed.

PLAY DAYS..... Pat said that we haven't made a play day in around two years and stated the purpose of play days ...explained that play days were made to have a fun-time to share and learn as a group and to encourage other to become members and who volunteers to do a play day will do like a Mini class were everyone enjoys and shares some knowledge.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to set a price for play days \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 non-members minimum of 5 people and up to 20 people per play day if less than 5 class must cancel, Sandra Hughes seconded and motion passed.

Susan Shannon will do a play day on May 1 st and she will be demonstrating Candy Clay or modeling chocolate flower.

Last call for raffle tickets was issued and Sue Blume won the raffle. Meeting dismissed at 12:05.

## HOUSTON CAKE CLUB

### APRIL 26, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Demonstration started at 10:15 Eunice Estrada demonstrated how to make poured whip icing.

The meeting began at 10:55 introductions were made and signing book was passed around , we had 15 members and 2 guest.

Suzy Jahn made the motion to accept the March minutes ,and Jan Hutto second the motion, motion was passed.

Susan Shannon presented the treasure report for the month of March, Kathy Brinkley made the motion to accept, Sandra Hughes seconded the motion, motion was voted on and passed.

Sue Blume thanked Eunice for the demonstration and Sandra Hughes for bringing refreshments. She then passed around the demo / refreshment sheet for the rest of the year, noting Maria Vela and Eunice Estrada is doing refreshments next month and JoeAnne Renteria will be doing a demonstration on how to paint on butter cream.

Marcela Vilchis asked information about the May play day and Susan Shannon explained all the information needed for these matter.

### OLD BUSSINESS

CARTERES.....

Suzy Jahn talked about Gabby's carters and gave amounts spent on last year CDE , and also said that the prices for this year Gabby's is offering is a plate this will include two meats and side dishes at 9.95 per plate, she noted that the price when up about 45 cents per plate. It was also asked about a choice to have a Baked potato ,the cost for the bake potato bar with salad would be 10.95 per person and if we decide to scratch out the salad the price should be reduced to approximately 8.70 per person, discussion when on to see the possibility for the club to furnish the salad our self and save some money, if it was convenient or not, at these moment it was commented that as a group the club always been good to take care of the attendees to the CDE.

Casey Marchan stated that whoever is watching their diet because a health issue it would be considerate from the club to have this choice on the menu.

Sandra Hughes check on prices at Jimmy Changes restaurant and the price per person was 16.12 and also to include a 18% labor fee, the club decided this was a little expensive the total price for only 150 people was 2418.00,plus labor fee 435.24 total of 2853.24 . then the person that needed to bring info about the No Name BBQ was not present at the meeting so that restaurant was discarded.

Kathy Brinkley made the motion to have Gabby's as a caterer for the CDE of 2016, Jan Hutto seconded the motion the club voted and passed.

Suzy Jahn made a motion to have just the plate with two meats for the price of 9.95, and add some Baked potatoes to the menu for 8.70 per plate and the club to provide the side salad, Casey Marchan seconded the motion, the club voted and it was passed.

DEMONSTRATORS.....

Kathy Brinkley had asked Shelly Plunket owner of Cake trick to demo and she accepted.

Denna Collins has also agree to come .

The club also discussed having Tammy Colettie to come and do a cookie demo.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that we have Shelly Plunket ,Deena Collins, and Tammy Colletie to come and be our demonstrators at the 2016 CDE

Suzy Jahn seconded the motion, the motion was voted and passed.

Casey Marchan mentioned the possibility to have a hands on demo . It was explained there are too many people to have a hands on demo.

Sue Blume advised anyone with suggestions for demonstrators to see Kathy Brinkley .

WEBSITE DOMAIN...Tabled to the next meeting.

Suzy Jahn made a motion to write a letter to present to Lori Gust regarding the website domain and to relinquish the rights of ownership to the club; Jan Hutto seconded the motion, the motion was voted and passed.

Last call for raffle tickets was issued and Stephanie Williams won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20

Houston Cake Club

## May 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Held at Larry's Arts and Crafts  
Pasadena, TX

JoeAnne Renteria demonstrated how to water color paint on crusting buttercream

President Pat Wiener was not present so Vice President Sue Blume called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Introductions were made around the room, and the sign in book was passed around

The demo/Refreshment sheet was passed around, Sue Blume reminded the June refreshments will be provided by Hermelanda Garcia, Guadalupe Ochoa and Maricela Vilchis

Eunice Estrada presented the minutes Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept the minutes and Sandra Hughes seconded, the motion was voted on and passed.

Susan Shannon presented the treasures report, Beginning balance was 12,915.69 income for the month was 1,444.09 cash on hand 200.00 expenses were 4,649.32, leaving and ending balance of 10,362.46 Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the treasures report and Suzy Jahn seconded, motion was vote on and passed. Susan also reminded everyone there is still a balance left for the Gardens, and will be due three weeks before the event.

The demo/Refreshment sheet was passed around, Sue Blume reminded the June refreshments will be provided by Hermelanda Garcia, Guadalupe Ochoa and Maricela Vilchis

Sue Blume thanked Eunice Estrada for providing refreshment this month and JoeAnne Renteria for the demo, and reminded everyone about the garage sale next month and there will be no demo.

## Old Business

### CDE:

Raffles: Sue Blume is working on raffles, she sent out 95 letters to present and past donations.

Demos: Kathy Brinkley has confirmed, Shelly Plunket something on colors, Tammy Colitti, Denna Collins, Wayne Steinkopf will demo and also stay over for a class. Kathy

said if we would like she would try and get Ruth Rickey to demo and be a vendor. Kathy said Helen was trying to get Helen Scott, but she never returned her calls.

Vendors: Kathy Brinkley is working on the vendor list, Shelly Plunkett, Tammy Colitti, Wayne Steinkopf, Ruth Rickey, Leeann, and Lone Star Foam.

Sue Blume asked will the fee for the guest and vendors for the Extravaganza be the same, Kathy Brinkley made a motion to set the fee for vendors to be \$75.00 per table and \$25.00 per extra table, Casey Marchan seconded the motion, was voted on and passed.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to set the price for the early registration to the 2016 CDE to be \$40.00, and \$50.00 at the door, Bonnell Templet seconded the motion, motion was voted on and passed.

### **Website Domain Name:**

In the November 2015 Lori Gust stated that the HCC website is up for renewal in December. The rate is \$54/year or \$250/ 5years through Network Solutions, Kathy Brinkley made a motion to renew the website for one year and Bonnell seconded the motion.

Upon further review it was discovered that the website did not come up for renewal until June 2016, since the website has not been renewed Suzy Jahn made a motion to discontinue the motion made in November to discontinue that website and proceed with our recently announced website [www.houstoncakeclub.net](http://www.houstoncakeclub.net) complete with funding. Let it be understood that the [www.houstoncakeclub.com](http://www.houstoncakeclub.com) will no longer supported by the HCC, Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion, the motion was voted and passed.

PJ Jenkins asked who will be in charge of the website, Susan Shannon said her Husband and Son has been working on the website, Kathy asked how we were to announce the change of the website to our members, Sue Blume said she will post on our facebook page, and Helen will send out e-mail to all members.

### **Additional Questions**

Casey Marchan asked who had access to the club's P.O. Box because if that the case we will have issues with that also. At the meeting Helen was sent an e-mail and asked if the club had a P.O. Box she said no the club never paid for a P.O. Box that it belonged to Lori and Mark, and has been closed long ago.

Susan Shannon brought out an issue from Lori Gust expense report for Debbie Browns transportation, she wanted to be paid for mileage, It was discussed that mileage is not reimbursed that is part of volunteering. JoeAnne Renteria made the motion that in the past the club did not have a practice of reimbursing money for transportation that it was part of the volunteering. Eunice Estrada seconded, motion voted on and passed.

## **New Business**

Suzy Jahn stated we need to revise the cake clubs By Laws and made a motion to keep the same members that formed the previous By Law Committee to stay the same, Sue Blume seconded the motion, motion was voted on and passed.

Last call for Raffle tickets, Kathy Brinkley won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15

# Houston Cake Club

## June 28, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

Held at Larry's Arts and Crafts  
Pasadena Texas

There was no demonstration this month due to our annual garage sale.

President Pat Wiener was not present so Vice President Sue Blume called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. There were 19 members and 2 guest present.

Introductions were made around the room, as the sign in book and demo/refreshment sheet was passed around.

Sue Blume thanked Guadalupe Ochoa, Hermelanda Garcia and Maricela Vilchis for providing refreshments and announced Susie Araya and Migdalia Nunes volunteered to bring July refreshments and Celia Diaz will present the demonstration.

Eunice Estrada presented the minutes and Kathy Brinkley made the motion to pass, and Casey Marchan seconded, the members were polled. Everyone agreed and treasure report passed.

Susan Shannon went over the treasures report. A motion to accept was made by JoeAnne Renteria and Eunice Estrada seconded the motion, the members were polled. Everyone agreed and treasure report passed.)

## OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Brinkley presented information from Maria Senega wanting to have a class, JoeAnne Renteria also presented information from Patty Romero, from Mexico is interested in teaching decorating cupcakes that have designs and pictures on them, you can see her work on facebook.

Lori Gust question why we were not paying for the old website for the year,

(At the May 24, 2016 meeting it was brought to the clubs attention, the website domain was not up for renewal until June 2016, since the website had not been renewed Susie Jahn made a motion to discontinue the motion made in November to renew the website for one year and proceed with our recently announced website [www.houstoncakeclub.net](http://www.houstoncakeclub.net) and the club would no longer support the [www.houstoncakeclub.com](http://www.houstoncakeclub.com). Kathy Brinkley seconded the members were polled. Everyone agreed and treasure report passed.)

Lori said she had paid for this, that she did not know we had voted, on not to continue with this site because she was unable to attend the last few meetings. Sue Blume asked her to bring in a receipt showing when she paid it and we would review it at that time.

## **CDE**

Sue Blume passed around a sheet for volunteers to help with the day of sharing. We ask that all members get involved and help with this great day of fun.

Demonstrations: Kathy Brinkley has all our demonstrators for the Extravaganza, she is working getting our classes set for this event.

Vendors: Kathy Brinkley has arranged for several vendors for this event, to be announced at next meeting.

Raffles: Sue Blume has received items from Sugar Veil, Composi-mold, Simi Cakes, Cake Play, Weinbeckler, and has had contact with many more, and has many promises.

## **New Business**

Anita Escobar mentioned that we need to have more play day, because that was what motivated her to become a member of our club.

Kathy Brinkley volunteered to have a play date on August 14, 2016. she will be showing how to make an assortment of Roses.

Sue Blume announced if anyone needed club shirts to contact her.

Last call to purchase raffle ticket: Guadalupe Ochoa won the raffle

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45



## HOUSTON CAKE CLUB

July 26, 2016---Meeting Minutes

Larry's Arts & Crafts  
Pasadena, Texas

Demonstration by Celia Diaz –How to make your own metal shaped cutters

Meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Vice President Sue Blume.

Demonstration and refreshment list were passed around.

Sign in book was also passed around.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were passed out.

Visitors & guest were introduced. 1 visitor and 21 members present.

Minutes were reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes was made by Pat Wiener and seconded by Kathy Brinkley. Members were polled and motion passed

Treasurer's report was gone over by Susan Shannon.

Motion to accept treasurers report was made by Jan Hutto and seconded by Susie Jahn.

Members polled and motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Play Day** by Kathy Brinkley for August 14 had enough registrations and would be held.

### **CDE**

Flyers for CDE were brought and passed out by Susan Shannon.

Bags for CDE have gone up \$144.00

They are now \$466.00 with design for 750 bags.

750 plain bags will cost \$151.00

After Kathy Brinkley checked on prices it was decided to use a plain bag.

Motion to use plain bags was made by Bonnell Templett and seconded by Jan Hutto. Members polled. 1 opposed – motion passed

Kathy Brinkley Made a motion that we try to find something to put on the bags, cost not to exceed \$100.00.

Gina Rios seconded the motion. Members polled. Motion passed

Sue Blume asked if we wanted to do as we have in the past and put a number on the name tag of each person attending the CDE then have a drawing for an unspecified gift.

After discussion Bonnell template made a motion that a number be put on everyone's name tag and there be a drawing of a special unspecified gift.

This motion was seconded by Retta Pryor. Members polled. Motion passed

Margaux Mann made a motion that we have a People's Choice award with winner receiving \$50.00 in cash. Motion seconded by Helen Osteen. Members polled, motion passed.

Demonstrators will be paid \$100.00 and receive a gift.

For gifts Sue Blume showed

Hot pads that would have HCC & Date on them at a cost of \$25.00 ea.

Wooden turntable with Houston Cake Club CDE & date on it at a cost of \$35.00

Cobbler aprons with Houston Cake Club CDE & date at a cost of \$20.00 ea.

Helen Osteen made a motion that demonstrators be given the wooden turntables. Motion seconded by Susie Jahn. Members polled and motion passed.

Ruth & Wayne's classes:

Kathy Brinkley showed pictures of cakes that would be done in these upcoming classes.

At this time we do not have instructor fees. To help us be able to start promotion of these classes Helen Osteen suggested we use the motion we already have in place to figure fees when received.

Susie Jahn then made a motion that we proceed with advertising Wayne's 2 classes and when we receive his price we use the guidelines we already have in place to figure class cost for members and nonmembers.

Susie amended her motion to include Ruth's class. Motion was seconded by Susan Shannon. Members polled and motion passed.

Helen Osteen made a motion that we use Phoenix Design again for our sound system. After discussion the motion was seconded by Bonnell Templett. Members polled. Motion passed.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that teachers of upcoming classes be given the hot pads as a gift. Motion was seconded by Gina Rios. Members polled. 2 opposed, motion passed.

Wifi was discussed for use by vendors. Susan Shannon said there is Wifi at the Gardens but she could not guarantee it would be available the day of our CDE.

## NEW BUSINESS

Pat Wiener was contacted by Natalie Sideserf about a class she is having at the Weston Hotel Down town Houston on August 27 & 28. Cost for the 2 day class is \$695.00.

A cake called Pork Chart will be done. This is a 3D pig approximately 12" tall. The pig has a chart drawn on the side to show the different cuts of meat.

HCC club members were offered a 10% discount if they wanted to take the class.

Email:natalie@sideserfcakes.com Use HOUSTONCAKES as discount code.

Anyone interested must contact Natalie on their own. This class is not in any way sponsored by The Houston Cake club.

## HOUSTON CAKE CLUB AUGUST MINUTES

### Larry's Arts & Crafts

Pasadena, Texas.

Demonstration started at 10:10 and PJ. Jenkins talked lots of good tips on how to do taxes for home based business.

Pat Weiner thanked PJ. Jenkins for this very informative and helpful Tax session

Pat Weiner asked every one to have our Vicepresident Sue blume in our prayers because of her Daugther's health condition.

Introductions were made 15 members and 1 guest were present.

The minutes were read and Helen Osteen made motion to pass the minutes ,Bonnell Templet seconded motion was voted on and passed.

Treasurers report was done by Sussan Shannon, Bonnell Templet made motion to accept the motion for the treasurers report ,Sandra Hughes seconded, we voted and it was passed .

Playdays were explained by Pat Weiner and it was mentioned how this classes had been so great

A good way to learn , share , and have fun ,so we are planning to have more of play days in the future.

### OLD BUSSINESS

#### VENDORS .....

IT was informed that 10 vendors had already registered for the extravaganza this year .

Food..... Susy Janh is in charge for the food on the day of the extravaganza and she will be able to add more people on the day of the show we were informed that 47 had sign by today and Sussan Shannon is going to be in contact with her so they have everything under control on the food.

Rocio Gonzales asked if we needed help she was able to help with the raffles and Sussan mentioned that we are going to meet on the gardens on Saturday morning to do the raffles and set up at 10:00 am every one was invited to come and help!.

An announcement was made to inform all the present members to fill a form to get back any money spent for a class, the CDE or any other business related to our club and also was explained that there is a limited time to submit the expenses before 60 days and contact Sussan Shannon for these matters.

CDE CLASSES.....

Pat Weiner asked present member for volunteers to take the teachers out to dinner after the CDE classes, Kathy Brinkley offered to take Wayne out for dinner and also she is making lunch for Wayne's class; Pat Weiner is doing breakfast for the 3 days of classes, and lunch for Monday class, Sussan Shannon has lunch for Tuesdays class and Rocio Gonzales is taking Wayne for dinner on Tuesday night.

NEW BUSSINESS.....

Celia Diaz made a announcement that a Hispanic cake club is been formed by her and other ladies and made the invitation to come and join. Please contact Celia Diaz if more info is needed.

Pat Weiner talked about a class that had been offered on the meeting of july this is a class not been sponsored by the club but any one interested contact Pat for info .

Last call for raffle tickets was issued, Rocio Gonzales won the raffle. Meeting adjourned at 11:55

# HOUSTON CAKE CLUB

## SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Larry's Arts and Craft

09/27/16

Demonstration was done by Pat Weiner and started at 10:05 , she demonstrated how to work with pressed sugar .

Meeting started at 11:20, the Demo and Refreshment sheet was passed around .

It was encourage to the attendees to read the minutes and a motion was made by Casey Marchan to accep the minutes and Kathy Brinkley seconded was voted and passed.

Treasure report was presented by Susan Shannon, Eunice made a motion to approve the motion and Sue blume seconded was voted on and passed.

Susan Shannon also presented a report on our CDE profit and expenses and she explained that our attendance was down from last year but we made a good amount on profit.

Pat weiner made a coment on how every year we make big effort on making our CDE raffle very clear and visible to all the attendees, due to some negative comments we had about only one member winning so many times , but as a group we do this raffles in a very clear, and honest way .

Susy Janh made a comment that the place was a little dark and Celia Diaz comment that in raffles is always like that a single person may winn several prices just because some people have better luck than others.

Introductions were made we had to new members Maria Ordonez and Alissa Chavez,

Pat Weiner thanked the ladies responsible for bringing the refreshments and the new member Maria Ordonez asked about it and it was explained how this works.

Pat weiner mention that over all our CDE went so well the demonstrations were all well done and Alice Lopez said that she has posted videos and pictures of the CDE and shared them to family and friends and explained that they had commented how amazing the show looked .

## New business.....

Pat asked to think in which charity we wanted to donate this year because every year usually we donate a portion of the registration (10%) to a charity chosen during the meeting following the CDE. And in the passed year we had donated to the Ronald McDonald House .

Kathy Brinkley made a **motion to donate this year to the Ronald McDonald** , Mary Nichols seconded was voted and passed.

Kathy Brinkley amended the previous **motion to raise the amount to be \$450.00** instead of just the 10% in other words to be rounded up Mary Nichols seconded was voted and passed.

Kathy Brinkley said that it takes a lot of work to get the CDE together but that is very hard to get good teachers to come and teach because this time Ruth Richie only had 7 students in her class and the club has 80 active members the class had a pretty good price so we really need to encourage our member to support this classes.

Celia Diaz made the comment that we all the members can promote and share so the word about these classes goes out.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to have the Monument Inn restaurant to be the place for our annual Christmas meeting, she also provided all the information needed .Susan Shannon .

Mary Nichols made a **motion to have the Christmas party to be at the monument Inn on December 6, from 11- 1 pm**. Sue Blume seconded and motion was voted and passed.

Pat Weiner also mentioned that we usually have a gift exchange at the party and to bring goods to donate to a chosen charity.

We discussed to have the November meeting moved to a different date because of the Thanksgiving Holiday .

Sussan Shannon made **motion to move the November meeting to be at November 15** instead of November 22, Alissa Chavez seconded was voted and passed

A class is been furnished with Ivette Umber to be a Nutcracker standing price will be \$ 185.00 member / \$275.00 non member . we just needed to find out if we had enough people interested on this class the club will be paying \$ 225.00 per student ( CLUB MEMBER ) class to be held on November .

Kathy Brinkley mentioned also about a class been offered to from Marie Senega on modeling chocolate class to be also made on November the price is \$200.00 for a 4 hr. class.

It was asked to all the present members how many will be interested on any of those classes and 6 were for Ivette Umber had 6, and Marie Senega Had also 6.

Kathy Brinkley is trying to bring Marie Senega in February or first days of March. And Lorie Gust made a comment that if we try to bring a teacher to give classes when they are also teaching in the other clubs like San Antonio or Austin it is harder to fill classes.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to have Ivette Umber class on November 13th. Class to be \$185.00 per member and \$275 non member fee and a 8 hr Nutcracker Class , Mary Nichols seconded motion and was voted and passed.

Alissa Chavez made a motion to set the date for Ivette Umber class on November 13, 2016 from 9 to 5 , Maria Ordenez seconded motion was voted and passed.

Last call for raffle tickets was issued, Alice Lopez won raffle and meeting was dismissed at 12:25

## HOUSTON CAKE CLUB

### OCTOBER MINUTES

#### Larry's Art and Craft

10/25/2016

The demonstration was done by Stephanie Williams, Stephanie demonstrated how to make a chocolate Christmas ornament.

Meeting started at 10:55 The Minutes and Treasurers Report were passed out to the members , Casey Marchan made a motion to accept the minutes Helen Osteen seconded. Motion carried.

Susan Shannon presented the September Treasurers report and Sue Blume made a motion to accept Treasurers Report Bonnell Templet seconded. Motion carried

Pat Wiener mentioned Yvette's class for the Nutcracker had only two people registered and Yvette's minimum for this class was three (3). The Nutcracker class has been advertised on the Website, in the news letter, and facebook. Pat Wiener asked if any of the members present were planning on registering for the Nutcracker class if so they need to do it soon. It was also discussed a cutoff date to register, and it was decided no later than November 1, 2016.

Pat Wiener brought to our attention that some comments were made about the way we handle the prices for classes ..... a new member has to wait six months to be able to take classes at a member rate , so it was asked if we wanted to change something in this matter , Sue Blume mentioned that it's not fair for the new member to have to pay the same fee as a non member and thought it would be better if they could pay the teachers fee.

Bonnell Templet commented that she thought this change was not going to be fair for the old members , several comments were also made by other members a discussion when on and Casey Marchan made a motion to set Three fees for classes ..... 1.- Non member ,2.- Teacher Rate- + lunch, 3.- Member.... Susan Shannon seconded. Motion carried . It was also agreed that these changes were to take in effect immediately.

We also had a discussion about changing the way we handle Play day fees at the end we decided to live it how it is,

The Food cost for classes was an issue also and it was commented that it is really not necessary to have breakfast because classes don't start too early in mornings , Bonne Templet made the motion to remove Breakfast on the days we have classes, Sandra Hughes seconded. Motion carried

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY.....

The Club's Christmas Party is on December 6 at The Monument Inn from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm , but Pat Wiener asked if we wanted to change the party to be 3 hour long because on previous years we had it seem to be a little rushed out having the party only two hours , Sandra Hughes made the motion to make the Christmas Party for 3 hours from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on December 6 , 2016 at The Monument Inn, Sue Blume seconded. Motion carried.



It was also reminded to our members that each year at this party we bring a donation to be given to the Ronald McDonald Charity and this year we want to do it again . Helen Osteen made a comment that previous years we had members arriving late to the party making it difficult on when the food is served, so it was encouraged to the members to be on time .

A discussion was done whether we had dessert or not at the Christmas Party , and Bonnell Templet made a motion to discard the dessert choice on the Christmas Party , Helen Osteen seconded. Motion carried

Pat Wiener made the recommendation to all member to wear our club shirt to our meeting and was brought out if we wanted to make any changes on the material and color of the club shirt, no decisions were made on this matter.

Pat Wiener also recommended we wear a name tag at the meetings and Celia Diaz made the comment to adjust our discount card to be our name tag and Pat replied that could be very risky to do so because if you lose it the card will not be reissued to the member because of the highly cost if everyone keeps losing their card. It was mentioned that we can make a try out next year to see if this work for us or not .

Raffles Items for Christmas Party..... several ideas were mentioned and we are going to consider an Agbay Jr , Helen Osteen will check on this matter .

Helen Osteen also wanted to see if we can set the budget for the next CDE, and made the motion to set the budget of \$ 1400.00 for our 2017 CDE , \$600.00 for monthly raffles, includes Christmas Raffle , Bonnell Templet seconded was voted and passed.

Last call for raffle tickets was issued

Kathy Fae won the raffle .

Meeting dismissed at 12:10

HOUSTON CAKE CLUB MINUTES

November 15, 2016

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Marcela Vilches presented the November demonstration, she showed how to make a simple fresh fruit syrup we all enjoyed learning about this method .

Pat Weiner thanked Marcela Vilches for the demo and the meeting started at 10:50.

The guest book and refreshment/demo sheet was passed around and introduction were made. We had 22 members present.

It was asked, what is the address of the Christmas party, Pat said the address will be in the newsletter and mentioned that the restaurant had approved the party to last 3 hours instead of 2. The party will be from 11am until 2pm..

We had to start the meeting with the by laws committee because of some members in need to leave .

Susie Jhan is our Parliamentarian and she moved on to read the proposed by laws as this:

Proposal for Amendment to HCC By-Laws

(Bonnell's re-wording of the Proposed Amendment)

# 1.....

All Members have a duty to support the established rules and objectives of the Houston Cake Club. Not doing so is a deliberate infraction against the Club and Members of the Club.

At no time will it be allowed or tolerated for a Member to commit a physical "or" verbal attack against another Member at a Club affiliated function. Should this occur, the presiding officer has the option to ask the offending Member(s) to leave the meeting immediately.

In the event that a Member acts in disregard to the established rules and objectives of the Club, the Club Members may file a complaint with the CRC (Conflict Resolution Committee) to examine the infraction that was committed by the member(s). If it has been established that the Member(s) (is/are) in violation of the By-Laws, the committee will determine the extent of the consequences. (Refer to Article 6, Section 3)

When attending outside functions as a representative of the Houston Cake Club, the Member(s) (is/are) expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the Club.

We had an explanation how they still working on the words to make this By laws , Eunice Estrada made a suggestion on changing the word Punishment to Consequences , Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept this portion and Helen Osteen seconded and motion carried.

#2 .....

In the event that a Member is expelled from the Club by the CRC, the expulsion shall be immediate. The expelled Member shall return his or her membership card to the Club President and the Member shall no longer be entitled to any rights or privileges associated with the membership in the Club. The Club shall refund the Member's entire annual membership dues and shall make an appropriate notation in the Club's membership roster.

After discussing this paragraph, Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept and Kathy Brinkley seconded and motion carried.

#3.....

By submitting my application for membership or renewal membership in HCC, I agree to abide by all the club's policies and procedures.

By clicking "I agree" below, I agree to use an electronic signature to demonstrate my acceptance of the above information. I understand and agree that an electronic signature and/or electronic acceptance is as legally binding as an ink signature.

After discussing this paragraph Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept and Sue Blume seconded and motion carried.

### OLD BUSSINESS

Minutes were read and a Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept the October minutes,, Sandra Hughes seconded and motion carried.

Introductions were made and Susan Shannon presented the October's treasure report , Casey Marchan made the motion to accept it and Jan Hutto seconded, motion carried.

Pat Weiner explained that we had discussed where to have the 2017 CDE, but we did not make a motion to set the place for our 2017 CDE. Casey Marchan made a motion to accept The Gardens as our place to have our CDE 2017 Sue Blume seconded and motion carried.

In our October meeting it was mentioned to wear our club shirt to all of the club meetings and events. Pat Wiener also put it in the club newsletter, and for wearing their shirt they would receive a small gift. Pat thanked everyone who had their shirts on and they could pick 2 tips from a container for paying attention to this announcement. Pat also encouraged everyone to read the news letter completely because because as she explained there is a lot of work involved in making the news letter and we thanked Helen Osteen for doing such a great work every month and for all those years she is been taking care of this.

Maria Vela made the suggestion to take picture during the meetings to make a memory picture book we all thought that it was a good idea.

Also the name tag issue was brought up again in this meeting but it's been postponed until January.

It was discussed changing the club shirt, all the information will be posted in the news letter and its going to be talked in the January meeting.

Kathy Brinkley asked the reason Why the Yvette's class did not make it , and Pat Wiener mention that at this time of year people is busy and thinking about the holidays, and it's not a good time of year to fill a class .

Pat Weiner commented that year's ago we had a cook book from the club and asked if we like the idea to have one and to consider this option Kathy Brinkley said it was a great idea and she invited all the members to send recipe to Helen Osteen so we can star gathering recipes .

Last Call for raffle was made and Eva Aguilar won raffle .

Meeting was dismissed at 12:15