

**Houston Cake Club
Larry's Arts and Crafts**

February 28, 2017

Meeting began at 10:40 with introductions and 30 members present.

November minutes and Treasurers reports were passed out.

Demo and refreshment sheets were passed around while members reviewed the minutes and Treasurer reports.

Kathy Brinkley make a motion to accept the minutes and Casey Marchan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Susan Shannon went over the Treasurers report. Bonnell Templet made a motion the treasurers report be accepted, Diane McCoy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pat Wiener thanked the ladies in charge of the demo and the refreshments.

An announcement was made by Pat that an Email was received from Sharon Gooding who had equipment to sell. She could be reached at goodingsharron @yahoo.com or 713-503-6189.

OLD BUSINESS

At the November meeting doing a club cookbook was discussed. Helen put together all of the recipes submitted in our Newsletter since the club started. There was a large *amount of dessert recipes and it was suggested we do a dessert cookbook with out savory recipes.* Copyright conflict was discussed and to be checked on and information presented at the February meeting.

NEW SHIRTS

New shirts were discussed with the possibility of changing our club color from the Pistachio green to something else. After discussion it was decided the Houston Cake club is associated with our green shirts and it would be best to continue with the style and color we now have. When we can no longer purchase this style or color we will then discuss what changes the club wants to make.

For those wanting to purchase a shirt now Sue Blume gave us the price of \$35.00 with the club logo and additional \$5.00 if you want your name added.

The by-law amendment was postponed until February. It will be in February newsletter giving everyone time to review the amendment before voting.

Lori Gust asked if the new members were going to have access to the By-laws and Pat Wiener and Sue Blume answered yes. They will be in the club web site for prospective new members to read and accept before becoming a club member.

Helen Osteen explained this is now part of joining other clubs and the ICES organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Sue Blume and Kathy Brinkley are working on demonstrators for 2017 CDE and raffle donations. Shaile Sohcner is will to be a demonstrator and teach classes. ~~She Blue~~

Sue Blume

said she had taken classes with Shaile and liked her very much as a teacher. Class will be \$170.00 for members and \$250.00 for non member.

Other decorators were suggested and Sue and Kathy will be working on this.

Our CDE will be on September 10, 2017

Everyone enjoyed our caterer for the 2016 CDE. It was decided to once again use Gabby's for our CDE.

Susie Jahn was ask to once again be in charge of this and she agreed.

It was discussed that left over food was removed after lunch was over. Pat said this upcoming year rather than leaving the food in the hall way as we have previously done, a better place will be found. When the CDE over the food will be put up for an upcoming function or meeting by the club. The left overs are usually used for the class being held the next day.

Susan Shannon had to take care of the website payment of \$89.99 before the January meeting.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that we approve to reimburse Susan for the payment, Sandra Hughes seconded the motion, motion passed.

Storage dues need to be paid soon. ^{\$561⁰⁰} ~~\$612.00~~ for the year. Kathy Brinkley mad a motion to pay the storage dues, Helen Osteen seconded the motion, moition passed.

Kathy Brinkley talked about the ICES day of sharing on February 5 and invited everyone to attend this fun event.

Susan Shannon mentioned that we are receiving our 2017 membership discount card and it will have a hole at the top which will allow it to be a name tag to wear at each meeting.

Last call for raffle tickets was made. Alice Lopez won the raffle.
Meeting adjourned at 12:25.

HOUSTON CAKE CLUB FEBRUARY MINUTES

Larry’s Art and Crafts

February, 28 ,2017

We had a really nice demo by Susan Shannon , she show the club members how to make baby shoes in a very simle way with paper patterns

Meeting started at 11:05 , introductions were done and we had 20 members present .

Pat Weiner Thanked Marie Alice for bringing refreshments

Minutes were read and it was asked to Pat about a discrepancy on the real amount of the storage amounts ; and it was explained . Kathy Brinkley made the motion to accept the minutes Mary Nichols seconded motion was voted and motion passed.

Susan Shannon gave the treasures report , Sue Blume made a motion to accept treasure reort ,Guadalue Ochoa seconded motion and was carried

OLD BUSSINESS.....

By Law..... In November meeting we had read the changes on the By laws and discussion on them were done so a motion was made last month to accept the wording on the changes.

This month we are reading the By laws one by one and voting on them.

The first amendment was read and Susy Janh made a motion to accept to be added to our By Laws and Kathy Brinkley seconded was voted and motion passed with 19 members on favor and 1 opposed .

At this time Lori Gust asked why we had to add this changes to the By laws and it was answer thath the majority of the members recognized these for the different episodes on prior meetings .

Second article been added was read and Sue Blume mad the motion to beaccepted and Retta Pryor seconded and motion was carried .

The third amendment was read Mary Nichols made motion to accep it and Margaux Mann seconded and motion passed.

COOK BOOK.....

Miss Pat Weiner gave information on copyright on recipes and Susan Shannon took over and explained how that works on recipes, Sue Blume has checked out the price on the book and is about \$6 dollars per book and the next meeting she will bring the exact amount on this matter.

NEW BUSSINESS

CDE Admission .

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to set early registration for CDE at \$40.00 per person and \$ 50.00 per person at the door , Sue Blume seconded was voted and passed

DEMONSTRATORS AND VENDORS

Kathy Brinkley and Sue Blume ae working on vendor and demonstrators for CDE .

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to set the price for vendor at \$75.00 and \$25.00 per extra table with a space of 8 by 10 and 1 person registration, and also to set up an early registration day before 1st of august Retta Pryor seconded and motion passed.

Kathy mentioned that Sydney Galpern is coming to do a demo , amber (Magic Chocolate vendor) is also coming and many more .

COOKIE CLASS WITH TUNDIE DUGANTSI

Helen Osteen explained what she wants to teach and the charge per student and is as follows:

Winter landscape	(fr. i 8- 12)	16 students	120.00
Cookie Decorating with True Color	(fri . 1- 5)	16 students	120.00

So the student will pay 95.00 Members and non members will pay 145.00 and New members will pay 120.00 per class .

Susan Shannon made a motion to have Tundie Dugantsi on September and Mary Nichols seconded we voted and passed.

PLAY DAYS

It was talked about having a play day and Pat Weiner will have a play day on March 26th showing sugar veil tecniques 10.00 members and 15.00 non members 1-5 .

Last call for raffle tickes was announced .

Eva Aguilar won raffle .

Meeting adjourned at 12:25.

HOUSTON CAKE CLUB MINUTES

March 28, 2017

The meeting was held at Larry's Arts and Crafts in Pasadena, TX.

The demonstration was conducted by Pat Weiner and consisted of how to transfer an image onto a dried gumpaste plaque and then enhancing it with the brush embroidery technique. There was time allowed for hands-on participation with some very pretty results.

Pat Weiner called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. There were 19 members present and 0 guests present. Introductions were made around the room and Pat thanked Reni Bavikati and Maria Vela for providing delicious refreshments for today's meeting. The refreshment and demonstration sign-up sheet was passed around the room for anyone that wanted to sign up.

The minutes from the February meeting were presented for review and approval. Pat explained that the club secretary (Eunice) was unable to provide the minutes for the February meeting so Pat and Sue Blume (VP) made a valiant effort to produce the minutes from memory. Several members pinpointed multiple items that were missing from the minutes so it was decided to table the approval of the minutes until the April meeting. Pat will attempt to contact Eunice as she was not present at today's meeting to see if she could obtain Eunice's notes from the February meeting in an effort to provide accurate minutes.

The February Treasurer's report was presented by Susan Shannon. The Club had a beginning balance of \$9,713.84 and an ending balance of \$9,981.06. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the report as presented. Jan Hutto seconded the motion and the motion passed on Club vote.

OLD BUSINESS

CDE:

Date - Sunday, Septmeber 10, 2017 at The Gardens in Houston.

Demos - Kathy stated that Tundi Dugantsi, Sidney Galpern, Amber Rudder and possibly Wayne Steinkopf will be our presenters.

Vendors - Kathy stated there are 10 or 11 already confirmed with more possible.

Classes – Helen Osteen stated that someone had asked Amber Rudder if she would be willing to teach a class before or after the CDE. The date proposed was Monday, September 11, 2017. The topic will be the use of Magic Chocolate to make a four tier wedding cake with at least seven different techniques presented plus roses and calla lilies included. Amber will be providing all the supplies needed except icing spatula, pastry bag with coupler and a Wilton #5 tip. Pasta roller and heat gun will be optional. The cost will be \$120 for members (>6 mos), \$150 members (<6 mos.), and \$180 non-members. The maximum is 14 students and the minimum is 8. Kathy made a motion that we offer the class, Jan seconded the motion and it passed on Club vote.

Audio/Visual Vendor – Kathy made a motion that we use the same vendor we have used for the last two years to provide the AV equipment. Sue Blume seconded the motion and the motion passed on Club vote.

Catering – Susie Jahn stated she has been in touch with Gabby's BBQ for catering info and prices. She has the information and will bring it to the April meeting.

Raffles – Kathy asked if we had previously voted on the amount of money that can be spent to purchase raffle items for the CDE. Pat stated that we had voted on that a few months ago and believes the amounts are \$600 for Club meeting raffles and \$1000 for CDE raffle items (this excluded the Kitchen Aide stand mixer and Agbay cake leveler).

Miscellaneous:

Club Cookbook – Sue Blume brought several examples of cookbooks provided by different publishing companies for the members to see in case the decision was made to use a publishing company versus doing the publishing ourselves. Pat explained that it had been decided previously to do a Club dessert cook book. The recipes will be pulled from old Club newsletters but any new recipes can be submitted to Helen but need to get to her by April 15th. Also, the book will include baking tips and tricks. The members present voted to go with a 3-ring binder style versus a spiral bound. Helen Osteen made a motion to use a publishing company to produce a 3-ring binder style Houston Cake Club Dessert CookBook. Jan Hutto seconded the motion and it passed on vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Play Days – Pat asked if anyone had any suggestions for future play days. She reminded the members that the topic needs to be something that doesn't take too long to accomplish and that the supply list should be short. Bonnell Templet suggested buttercream flowers.

Shaile Soche Class – Previously it was decided to invite Shaile Soche to teach a gumpaste flower class for the Club. We were not able to offer her a time surrounding the CDE due to other bookings. Pat stated we will look at inviting her to come at a different time of year.

Tundi Dugantsi Class - Celia Diaz addressed the discussion from last month's meeting regarding the Hispanic Cake Club having invited Tundi Dugantsi to teach a class for that club near the same time as the one Tundi is doing for HCC. Celia stated her original goal was to ask Tundi to add on an extra day for the Spanish-speaking members. She stated her intent was not to impact the HCC class and that in the future she will make sure her intent is understood.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 A.M.

The raffle was won by Maria Ordonez.

Minutes were recorded by Bonnell Templet

HOUSTON CAKE CLUB MINUTES

APRIL 23, 2017

The Demonstration was presented by Pat Wiener, it consisted of how to make wafer paper flowers and bows.

Pat Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:07, Introductions were made around the room, there were 15 members and 0 guest present. Pat thanked Mela Garcia, Guadalupe Ochoa and Maria Ordonez for the delicious refreshments for today's meeting. The Sign in book, demonstration and refreshment sheets were passed around the room for anyone who wanted to sign up.

The minutes from the February meeting were presented for review and approval. Helen Osteen made a motion to accept the February minutes and Susie Jahn seconded the motion, and the motion passed on club vote.

March minutes were also read and Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the March minutes, Eunice Estrada Seconded the motion and motion passed on club vote.

Susan Shannon presented the Treasurers Report and Sue Blume made a motion to accept treasurer's report, Kathy Brinkley seconded motion and motion passed on club vote.

OLD BUSSINESS.....

In the February meeting it was voted on and passed to do a three ring binder cookbook and have Morris cookbook publishers to make the cookbook versus the club to make it. Upon further investigation, due to the volume that had to be ordered and paid for up front it would cost the club about \$3,000 or more to have the company make our book without knowing if we would sell enough cookbooks to make our money back. Helen Osteen made a motion to rescind the previous motion on the Cook Book Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion and motion passed on club vote.

We then had a discussion on what would be the best way to produce our cook book and Sue Blume made a motion to produce our book in house (the cost 10 each) and sell the book for \$20.00 a piece Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion and motion passed on club vote.

We also had a discussion on how many should we make for the first print out because of the cost and time put into this project, Kathy Brinkley made a motion to produce 100 pieces to start this project, and to authorize Susan Shannon to issue a check in the amount of 1,000 paid to

Helen Osteen to print the 100 books. Sue Blume Seconded the motion and motion passed on club vote.

CDE.....

Susie Jahn contacted Gabby BBQ for prices on our lunch for the CDE, the full service menu will be two meats (Beef & links) Potato Salad, Cole slaw and ranch style beans for \$9.95 and Vegetarian option will be Texas size Bake potato and salad with butter, cheese, sour cream and chives on the side, the salad comes with tomatoes, cucumbers and onions with a choice of Ranch or Italian dressing. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to order up to 200 plates of Full service plates and 10 Vegetarian plates from Gabby's BBQ, Helen Osteen seconded the motion and motion was passed on club vote.

Last call for raffle tickets was done

Sue Blume won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52

Houston Cake Club May Minutes

Held at Larry's Arts and Craft May 23, 2017

JoeAnne Renteria presented the demonstration this month, she demonstrated the Pro Froster, it is used to smooth buttercream icing and get sharp edges around the top of the cake.

Sue Blume called the meeting to order at 11am. Pat Wiener was absent due to her husband having surgery. Introductions were made around the room, there were 23 members and 0 guest.

Sue thanked **Alyssa Chavez, Maria Ordonez** and Ronnie Brochat for bringing refreshments. The sign in book and demonstration / refreshment sheets were passed around the room.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurers report due to Susan Shannon being on vacation. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Susie Jahn seconded the motion and motion passed on club vote.

April minutes were read, Susie Jahn made a motion to accept the April minutes, Diane McCoy seconded the motion and motion passed on club vote.

Old Business

Cookbook

Cookbooks were presented at the meeting for the members to buy. Ronnie Brochat asked how this project was done, it was stated the book had been put together by Helen Osteen and Sue Blume, and due to the expense to have a company make it the club voted that Helen Osteen would print and bind the book for us.

Cake Club Shirts

Sue Blume mentioned if anyone needs club shirts to contact her.

CDE

Kathy Brinkley mentioned she had gone to the San Antonio day of sharing and spoke to several vendors. Kathy is working with about 15 vendors for the Extravaganza.

Classes

It was brought to the members attention, if we do not have enough people to attend our classes for the Extravaganza, they will have to be cancelled. We had enough to register the day of the meeting we will be able to have all the classes. We still have a few spots available for all classes.

Lunch for classes:

Friday 9/9/17 Sue Blume

Saturday 9/10/17 Pat Wiener will order pizza

Monday 9/11/17 Maria Vela

It was also mentioned anyone not attending the Saturday class, and would like to volunteer to help set for the extravaganza to please be at The Garden's on Saturday around 10 am.

New Business

Sue Blume asked the members if they had any suggestions or ideas they would like to suggest to the club to please do so, Sue asked what the club thought about a closed facebook page for members only so the members who work and can't be at the meetings would have an opportunity to be more involved with what goes on in the club. Helen Osteen made a motion to create a closed facebook page, Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion and motion passed on club vote.

It was mentioned there will be no demonstration in June due to the garage sale, it was explained to the members how the garage sale is presented each year.

It was asked about the Christmas Party for this year, it was discussed where to have it this year. After discussing it was agreed everyone like where it was held last year. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to have the Christmas Party at the Monument Inn on December the 5th from 11am to 2 pm, Susie Jahn seconded the motion and motion passed on club vote.

It was discussed if the club wanted to have the secret Santa exchange again this year. Susie Jahn made the motion to have the secret Santa exchange again this year with a 15.00 to 20.00 limit, Sandra Hughes seconded the motion and motion passed on club vote.

It was also discussed if the club wanted to bring Desserts this year or not, Diane McCoy made a motion not to bring dessert, that if anyone wanted a dessert they could purchase it from the restaurant, Bonnell Templet seconded the motion and the motion carried by club vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm

Sue Blume won the raffle

Houston Cake Club June Minutes

Held at Larry's Arts and Craft

June 25, 2017

There was no demonstration this month due to the Garage Sale, it was a big hit again this year.

We had a guest Steven Comin with Madame LouLou visited with us, they are new to the Houston area. He brought with him samples of the Smart Lace and Fondant they carry.

Sue Blume called the meeting to order at 11:05, Pat Wiener was out due to medical reasons.

The introductions were done around the room we had 13 members and 1 guest. Sue thanked Kathy Brinkley and Bonnell Templet for bring refreshments.

Minutes were read, Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept the May minutes, Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion, the motion passed on club vote.

Susan Shannon presented the Treasurers report , Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, Bonnell Templet seconded the motion, the motion passed on club vote.

Old Business

CDE:

It was discussed, Tunde Dugantsi class still has a few spots left open

It was discussed about the demonstrators gifts for the extravaganza, It was suggested to do aprons again this year, Lori made the suggestion to do a salsa basket. Discussion tabled due to more ideas and discussion at next meeting.

It was also brought to everyone's attention all members need to register for CDE and make final payment on classes.

It was asked what were some of the raffles were for the CDE, the club already has Kitchen Aid Mixer, Edible printer, Excalibur 9 tray dehydrator, Agbay, and much more

New Business

Guadalupe Ochos asked about having a cake class with the cake having motion or movement on the cake. Sue Blume asked Guadalupe to look around for someone she would like to have a class with and bring the information to the club and we would try to coordinate a class.

Sue Blume also mentioned anyone needing club shirts to contact her.

Kathy Brinkley won the raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40

Houston cake Club Minutes

**Held at Larry's Arts and Craft's
July 25, 2017**

Ronnie Bochat presented the demonstration this month, she demonstrated a hanging plant, it was beautiful.

Pat Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:05. There were 24 members and 2 guest present. The Minutes and Treasures reports along with the demonstrators/refreshment and sign in book were passed around the room. Pat thanked Elma Vega, Mary Alice Alvarado and Eileen Pena for refreshments.

June minutes were read, Sue Blume made a motion to accept the minutes, Ronnie Bochat seconded the motion, motion passed on club vote.

Susan Shannon presented the Treasures report Eunice Estrada made a motion to accept the treasurers report and Sue Blume seconded the motion, motion passed on club vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Gifts for the CDE: In June it was discussed to make a gift basket of salsa and thing pertaining to Texas, or a tote bag with the Houston Cake Club logo on it. It was decided to hold until July meeting to see if anyone had any other suggestions. No other suggestions were made, so we voted on the gift basket (0) and the Tote bag (20). The tote bag will be the gift for our demonstrators It was then voted on what color, and blue was the color chosen.

Vendors: We are having 14 Vendors at this year's CDE.

Registration Fee: It was discussed the registration fee will increase to 50.00 on September 1, 2017

NEW BUSINESS

Club Dues: It was discussed to raise the club dues for 20.00 a year to 30.00 a year, Lori Gust questioned what was the reason to raise the dues, the answer was the CDE is our biggest fund raiser for the year, now that we do not have as many outside people taking the classes, the discount the club members get comes out of the club account, along with the Christmas Party, postage and beverages and raffle items for the meeting. Also the due's have not been increased since 2004. We are the only club around that has 20.00 membership fee.

Sandra Hughes made a motion to raise the club dues from 20.00 to 30.00, Sue Blume seconded the motion, motion passed on club vote 17 voted for and 1 opposed.

Gizelle Pinto asked if we contacted the cake shops to advertise our CDE and it was answered yes we do, members take flyers around to the different shops.

Gizelle also asked if we have some kind of competition at our CDE, it was explained, in the past we did, and it was called People's Choice Award, but because of so little participation in the previous years we stopped having it this year.

Celia Diaz made a suggestion, saying it was a good idea to attract people to bring their show pieces and if it was not successful maybe we need to change the way we do the judging and change the way we do it to make it successful and try it again.

Play Days:

Pat Wiener discussed play days and ask if there was anyone that would like to have a play day. Gizelle Pinto said she would have one. The date was discussed and decided on October 22,2017

Sue Blume made a motion to have Gizelle on October 22, 2017 to present the play date. Ronnie Bochat seconded the motion, motion passed on club vote.

Last call for Raffle:

Sue Blume won the raffle

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm

HOUSTON CAKE CLUB
AUGUST MINUTES

We had a wonderful demo, and Sue Blume conducted the meeting on our president
Absence and Helen Osteen for our treasurer.

Meeting started at 10:55

Introductions were done we had 17 members present

Sue Blume thanked Eunice Estrada for bringing refreshments and Marlene Hollier for the demo.

An announcement was made that we still had spaces open for Tundie's classes

A copy of the play day pictures was passed around so every member was able to see what's the
project to be done on the play day.

We had time to read the minutes and the treasurer's report for July and Bonnell Templet made a
motion to accept the minutes, Guadalupe Ochoa seconded motion passed on clubs vote.

Helen Osteen explained some details on the treasurer's report about the expense made for the
classes and the CDE.

Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept treasurer report and Jan Hutto seconded. Motion
passed on clubs vote.

It was asked to all members to cooperate and support our CDE by bringing a breakfast item and a
dessert item any help will be greatly appreciated.

Election time has almost come around and Sue Blume made a suggestion to have Electronic
Vote a discussion when on about this and we table it to an coming meeting , but it was
recommended to all members to update all their contact information for this to be easy and faster
to do so especially the email address by next meeting .

Pj made a job offer to anyone interested to contact her if interested.

Last call for raffle tickets was made and Kathy Brinkley won raffle

Meeting adjourned at 11:50

September Minutes

September, 26, 2017
Larry's Arts and Craft
Pasadena, TX

Rocio Gonzales presented the demonstration, she demonstrated a really cute little turtle.

Pat Wiener called the meeting together at 10:51 am, the introductions were made, we had 22 members present and no guest.

Pat Wiener brought to everyone's attention that Alice Lopez was on the list for refreshments for November. but would be unable to do so due to the fact her house was flooded by the recent hurricane Harvey, Maria Ordonez volunteered to bring refreshments in her place.

The minutes were passed around and read, Gizelle Pinto made a motion to accept the minutes, Helen Osteen seconded the motion, motion passed on club vote.

Susan Shannon went over the treasurers report, she explained the CDE summary, the income and expenses. Helen Osteen made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Bonnell Templet seconded the motion and motion passed on club vote.

Pat Wiener made a brief comment on how this year the expenses on drinks was a little higher than last year, but the left over drinks goes to the monthly meeting refreshment provision we have.

Kathy Brinkley stated that Sidney Galpern was not able to attend this year as planned due to a hurricane in their area, but stated she would love to come in 2018 as a vendor and demonstrator.

Kathy Brinkley also asked how many cookbooks were purchased at the CDE, it was replied that eight were sold.

Celia Diaz suggested that people who has purchased the cookbook to make a recipe and then comment their experience on our face book page, and possible encourage other to purchase a book also.

Pat Wiener asked the members present what they liked or disliked about this year's CDE, Alicia mentioned the poor lighting, Susan Shannon replied there were people saying it was too bright.

Play Day

Gizelle Pinto is having a play day on October 22, 2017 there were pictures in the newsletter and on face book.

Albin and Maria also had a play day with the Doux color pigments on October 15th.

Pat Wiener asked all member's to think about a play day they would like to have and see if we can make arrangements for more classes or play days.

New Business

As we all know hurricane Harvey affected some of our members, Alice Lopez, Susie Jahn, and Sue Blume, there could be others we don't know, if you know of any other members please let us know.

Kathy Brinkley made a suggestion to use the CDE registration funds that we usually give to a charity of our choice and divide it among the members who were affected by the hurricane.

Sandra Hughes made the suggestion to have all members bring a cake related items to donate to the members who lost their cake supplies by the hurricane.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to set up a fund for this year's 10% from the CDE registration that we usually give to a charity, to be divided among the members who were affected by the hurricane. Sandra Hughes seconded the motion, motion passed on club vote.

We will wait until next month and see if any other members were affected.

Bonnell Templet mentioned we had discussed the electronic voting for the upcoming board election in February 2018. Lori Gust asked how the ballots were going to be counted, it was explained it would be completely electronic and by an electronic program.

Bonnell Templet made a motion to have the coming board election electronically with Ballot Bin website, Helen Osteen seconded the motion, motion passed on club vote. 21 on favor and 1 opposed.

Last call for raffle tickets
Rocio Gonzales won the raffle

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

HOUSTON CAKE CLUB

October 24, 2017 – Meeting Minutes

Held at Larry's Arts and Crafts
Pasadena, Texas

The demonstration today was presented by Susan Shannon. She demonstrated her way of making gum paste roses.

Refreshments this month were provided by Eva Aguilar and Migdalia Nunez.

Pat Wiener called the meeting to order at 11:09 AM.

Introductions were made and Pat welcomed everyone.

Susan Shannon passed the September minutes around for club approval. Last month's minutes were recorded by Eunice Estrada, but she was not at the meeting. Sue Blume made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Retta Pryor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Susan Shannon presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance at the end of September was \$11,993.29, after all the expenses were paid for the Cake Decorating Extravaganza. Lori Gust wanted to know how much we collected on the classes and how much we paid out. Susan did not have that information with her, but she will provide the answer next month. Sue Blume made a motion to accept the report as presented and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Demo / refreshment sheet was passed around for 2018. Maricela Vilchis wants to do a demo on probiotics. She wanted to know if the Club would be interested in that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Last month we discussed our Charity Donation from the Cake Decorating Extravaganza. We voted to have that money distributed to the Houston Cake Club members that lost a lot or all of their cake decorating equipment. Members up for consideration are Sue Blume, Sandy Cook, Susie Jahn, and Alice Lopez. Sandy Cook asked that she not be considered.

Last month we had discussed sending an email to all the members to see if we are missing anyone, and to put it in the October newsletter. We did not do that, so we decided to table this until the November meeting so we can email the members.

Pat asked what the club wants to see in a play day. One suggestion was a Play Day on how to use the Cricut machine.

Giselle Pinto suggested we have a suggestion box that people could write it on a card put it in the box. Pat said we had done that before and it didn't work all that well. Retta Pryor said she would take the box home and make a list and bring it back to the next meeting.

Pat asked for comments on the two Play Days we had this month – Doux Colors and the Fall Cake Topper. We had positive comments from both play days.

We need to RSVP for the Christmas party.

All membership dues expire January 31st. In order to vote in the upcoming elections, be sure to pay by the end of the January meeting.

Giselle suggested that we have a 10-minute segment at the meeting where people could share new products or ideas things they had seen.

- Pat said we would have a demo highlighting new products and ideas.
- Lori said the demo might be for 3 or 4 months away but the meeting segment would be more current.
- Susan Shannon said a lot of the time we run way over
- Lori suggested we could change the demo to 45 minutes & use the other time for new ideas.
- Pat said we would have to play it by ear.
- Another idea was to post on Facebook, members' only. Get the info to Anita Schurle and she will post it.

We voted to have a **Play Day on December 3rd** with the new Russian Christmas tips. Be sure to register because if we don't have 5 the Sunday before the Play Day, it will be cancelled.

Retta Pryor won the raffle.

The meeting was dismissed at 11:52 am.

Minutes recorded by Helen Osteen

HOUSTON CAKE CLUB MINUTES

November 28, 2017

The meeting was held at Larry's Arts and Crafts in Pasadena, TX.

The demonstration was given by Gizelle Pinto. Gizelle compared the differences between several types of airbrushes and shared some basic airbrushing techniques.

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. There were 20 members and 0 guests present. Introductions were made around the room. Alisha Chavez and Maria Ordonez were given a thank you for providing delicious refreshments for today's meeting, The refreshment and demonstration sign-up sheet was passed around the room for anyone that wanted to sign up.

The minutes from the October meeting were presented for review and approved. It was noted that Eunice has resigned as secretary and that Helen Osteen had recorded the October minutes. Bonnell Templet will fill in as temporary Secretary until the new board is elected in February. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sandy Cook seconded the motion and the minutes were approved on vote.

The October's Treasurer's report was presented by Susan Shannon. The Club had a beginning balance of \$11,993.29 and an ending balance of \$12,312.49. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the report as presented. Sandy Cook seconded the motion and the motion passed on Club vote.

OLD BUSINESS

CDE:

Charity Donation – 10% of the registration at the CDE is to be given as a charity donation. The registration was \$3,560 so the amount to be donated is \$356. There was discussion about who the recipient would be this year. The Club voted at the September meeting to divide the money between the HCC members that lost their cake supplies to flooding during Hurricane Harvey. Those members are:

Susie Jahn
Alice Lopez
Sue Blume
Sandy Cook (she respectfully declined the offer)

Helen stated that there had been some discussion about doing the same with the Christmas luncheon raffle money versus giving it to Ronald McDonald House. Kathy made a motion that we combine both the money from registration (10%) and Christmas luncheon raffle money to our designated members and bring toiletry and food items to donate to Ronald McDonald House. Susan Shannon seconded the motion and the motion passed on vote. Helen made a motion for the Club to purchase a dehydrator to raffle at the luncheon. Kathy seconded the motion and the motion passed on vote.

Cost of CDE Classes:

At the October meeting Lori Gust had inquired what the cost of these classes had been to the Club. Susan did not have the information with her on that day but brought it with her today. A total of \$5,690 was paid out for the classes, \$4,890 was paid into the Club for the classes, lunches were a total of \$40 with a total cost to the Club for the classes being \$840.

NEW BUSINESS

Play Day:

The upcoming play day was cancelled due to the fact that the person leading the Play Day had a family emergency and was going to be out of town. She is actually now back in town and wants to keep the same date for the play day (December 3rd – Russian Icing tips). The members present agreed to that suggestion.

If anyone has any suggestions for play days or classes please submit them on our “Members Only” Facebook page.

Storage fees:

The fees are due soon and are \$561/year. Susan stated no discounts are available any longer. She also states that price is less expensive than most other storage places. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to keep using the same storage facility. Sandra Hughes seconded the motion and it passed on vote.

Web Hosting:

Our web hosting is up for renewal in February. It is currently with Network Solutions and is \$89.99 or \$115.98 / yr. Susan is not sure why there are two different prices but will research it. There was some discussion regarding changing providers. Alisa Chavez made a motion to renew the current contract at \$89.99 for a year. Susan will research the difference and we can decide at the January meeting. Kathy seconded the motion.

Christmas Party:

The party will be on December 5th at the Monument Inn. We will be doing the Secret Santa game for those interested in participating. The gifts should be between \$15-20. Everyone needs to RSVP. Things to bring:

Secret Santa gift, toiletry or food items to donate to RMH, and money for the raffle.

Lori questioned if the gift exchange could happen earlier during the party so those that must leave early can still participate. Kathy stated that the meal was served later last year due to people arriving late and she suggested that we not hold the meal this year for late arrivals. Susan suggested that we have the meal served about 11:15 AM and start the game by 12:30 PM. Susan read the menu.

Dues:

Members were reminded that 2018 dues need to be paid by January 31, 2018, in order to be a member in good standing and eligible to vote in the upcoming Board elections. Nominations will be finalized at the January meeting and the election will take place at the February meeting. Starting this year the dues are \$30 / year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 A.M.

The raffle was won by Kathy Brinkley.

Minutes were recorded by Bonnell Templet.