

HOUSTON CAKE CLUB MINUTES

January 23, 2018

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

The demonstration was Retta Pryor. She demonstrated chocolate techniques including making a chocolate shoe using a mold and using transfers.

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. Introductions were made around the room. Cindy Dean and Gizelle Pinto 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 November meeting were presented for review and approval. Sue Blume made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Susan Shannon seconded the motion and the minutes were approved on vote.

The Treasurer's reports for November and December were presented by Susan Shannon. Lori Gust asked if the raffle money had been distributed to the designated recipients (Harvey flood victims) and if not why the delay. The response from Susan was that they were just waiting until all the totals were in and to vote on rounding up the amount. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the report as presented. Gizelle Pinto seconded the motion and the motion passed on Club vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Charity Donation – the amount of the raffle proceeds plus 10% of registration came to a total of \$699. Do we want to add \$51 to bring the amount to \$750 (\$250 per recipient)? Kathy made a motion to add \$51 to the present total to bring that to a new total of \$750 resulting in each of the three recipients receiving \$250. Retta Pryor seconded the motion and motion passed on vote.

Lori questioned the math on the December's Treasurer's report. The math was double checked by the President and Treasurer and was found to be correct.

Website – The actual cost of the website will be \$99.99 for a year. The extra questioned at November's meeting reflected a fee charged if the owner of the website wishes to keep their contact information private.

Lori stated she researched several different hosting sites and found all of them are cheaper than Network Solutions. Kathy suggested Lori give the info to Susan to research.

Gizelle suggested that one person should do the research instead of several. It was decided that Susan will do the research. The renewal fee is not due until March. The topic was tabled until February's meeting. Retta asked if we have to give notice to terminate our agreement with our current provider? The question was raised about the annual fee for our domain name. Network Solutions does not charge extra for that while other providers do. This could account for the difference in pricing.

Play Days – Sue asked for suggestions for future play days. Retta volunteered to host a play day for making the chocolate Christmas ornaments and decorated eggs. The date of Sunday, March 18th from 1p-5p was chosen.

Sandra Hughes asked if Play Days have to be on Sundays. It was noted by Pat that Sunday was selected because the classroom is always available on that day and she has classes most Saturdays. Also, most decorators are not available on Fridays and Saturdays. There was some discussion about maybe trying to offer one on a week day occasionally. Teachers may not be available during the week. It was decided to table the discussion until our next Play Day is being planned.

Classes – Pat inquired how the members felt about the idea of the board members being given the authority to make provisional arrangements with teachers for classes prior to presenting the information to the Club as a whole. We are having trouble getting teachers due to the time it takes to get the info run by the members and being voted on. Instructors get booked during the interim.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to allow the Board to make provisional class arrangements without Club approval. There was much discussion and it was clarified that the Board would not be guaranteeing any money without Club approval. Margo seconded the motion and motion passed on vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Elections – No Board nominations were received electronically or by mail prior to today's meeting. The following nominations were made today:

Secretary – Margo (accepted)

Bonnell (declined)

Treasurer – Helen (accepted)

Susan Shannon (accepted)

Vice President – Pat (accepted)

President – Sue (accepted)

Pat reminded everyone to read their newsletter because it has information about the elections in it.

Sue made a motion to rescind the motion made at the November meeting to have the voting done by electronic ballot. In order for this to be done the by-laws will need to be changed. Susan seconded the motion and the motion passed on vote.

We will vote at the February meeting or by email to Sue Blume prior to the meeting. Lori suggested that Sue send out an email reminder to all members and they could vote by replying to the email to make it easier for the club members.

Sue reminded everyone that the deadline for paying dues and being eligible to vote is close of the meeting today.. There was some discussion about changing the by-laws to allow for the end of the month being the deadline instead the close of the January meeting. The discussion was tabled for now.

Pat reminded everyone that February is the Appreciation Luncheon for Larry's. Everyone needs to bring a covered dish.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.

The raffle drawing was won by Maria Ordonez.

Minutes were recorded by Bonnell Templet.

Houston Cake Club Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 2018

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

This month's demonstration was presented by Pat Wiener. She demonstrated quilling.

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM. We had 22 members and 0 guests.

Introductions were made, and the sign in book along with the refreshment and demonstration sheet was passed around the room.

There were no refreshments this month due to our Appreciation Luncheon for the employees at Larry's Arts and Crafts. Pat Wiener thanked everyone for bringing their favorite dish. The luncheon was a great success!

The January Minutes were presented for review and approval. Helen Osteen made a motion to accept the Minutes, and Sandra Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Susan Shannon presented the Treasurer's report. Sue Blume made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Susie Jahn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business

Classes:

Sue Blume discussed the Bunny Rabbit Cake Topper class by Rocio Gonzalez on Sunday March 11, 2018. The classes are \$100 per student with material furnished. Pat Wiener said we should avoid having an all day class on Sundays. Helen Osteen made a motion to accept Rocio's class fees. Mary Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Gizelle made mention that she would like to teach the ranunculus and peony flower class on a Sunday afternoon, and said that the class would be 4 to 4 1/2 hours. She also mentioned that she could teach an all day class on painting on a fondant covered cake. Gizelle is working on something for a play day in April.

Sue Blume made mention that Debbie Brown will be teaching 3 or 4 classes after the extravaganza.

Play Days

Pat reminded everyone that our Play Day for Sunday, March 18 was with Retta who would show us how to make the chocolate Christmas balls. There will be a supply list on www.houstoncakeclub.net website when you register for the play day. HCC members will pay \$10 to take this class, and non-members will pay \$15. Retta will be ordering transfer

sheets, and if anyone is interested they can purchase one from Retta for a price of \$3 each. Helen will also send out a supply list in the newsletter.

Pat mentioned that if anyone has any ideas for a play day that they would like to teach, to please bring photos to pass around to see if it's something everyone would be interested in.

Website

At the meeting in January, Lori Gust gave Susan Shannon web hosting site information to compare to Network Solutions before we renewed our account. Susan checked the other hosting sites and found they were cheaper for the first year but the second year prices were substantially higher. Kathy Brinkley made a motion that we continue using Network Solutions and renew our domain name, and Retta Pryor seconded the motion. The motion passed

New Business

Extravaganza

Pat Wiener asked if anyone had any suggestions for the venue for this year extravaganza, and she mentioned The Gardens. It was discussed among everyone that there was plenty of room at The Gardens and they furnished the tables and chairs. Susan had previously checked and told us that the Gardens is available and would remain at the same price as in past years. Helen Osteen made a motion to have The Gardens as the venue for the Cake Decorating Extravaganza, and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed

It was further discussed that the extravaganza is usually the second Sunday of the month of September.

Kathy Brinkley made a Motion that we have the Extravaganza on September 9th, 2018, and Susan Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was new discussion after the Motion passed concerning the lighting. It was agreed that we will work more with the lighting so that it is brighter inside during the shopping time. It was a preference to have plug-in lights and that we needed dedicated light sources.

It was discussed that the registration fees remain \$40 if people registered before September 2, 2018, and that fees would be \$50 at the door. Sue Blume mentioned that if a person paid before August 15, 2018, there will be a 'special something' in their goodie bag.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to keep registration fees at \$40 before September 2, 2018, and \$50 at the door. Susan Shannon seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Our next discussion was Vendors at the Extravaganza and the rate for Vendors. It was stated that, in the past, Vendors were charged \$75 until August 1, and then \$100 after that date. Susan went on to elaborate that a Vendor gets 1 table, and usually has 2 people and 2

chairs. A helper gets a 'goodie bag' and lunch, therefore the vendor needs to pay for the helper. It was noted that since a member, Steven Comin, is a vendor and was in attendance at our meeting, he may want to give a perspective from the vendor's side. Steven is with Madam Lulu.

Kathy stated that, in the past, the vendor table is \$75 before August 1, \$100 after August 1, and the helper at the table was charged \$40 for being there. There was further discussion about what prices 1 vendor would pay with 2 chairs, and that price might possibly be \$120 and would include lunch as well as a goodie bag. Sue Blume mentioned that extra tables are \$25 each. Steven asked if the event was open to sponsorship as he might know of someone who would like to be a sponsor.

Mary Nichols made the Motion that before August 1, One Vendor with one chair would pay \$75, and after August 1, One Vendor with one chair would pay \$100. One Vendor with two chairs (2 people), before August 1, would pay \$120, and after August 1, One Vendor with 2 chairs (2 people) would pay \$150. All extra tables would be \$25. Susan seconded the motion, and the motion passed

The last item on the agenda was the election. Susan and Steven were asked to count the votes. During this time, the raffle was held, and congratulations go to Maria Ordonez for winning the raffle.

The ballots were brought back in and the new board members were announced.

The Houston Cake Club Board for 2018-2019 is as follows:

Sue Blume – President,
Pat Wiener – Vice President
Margaux Mann – Secretary
Helen Osteen – Treasurer

Susie Jahn sent the Club a very nice 'thank you' letter for a Hurricane Harvey monetary gift, and it was read to the Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 PM.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

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

This month's demonstration on fantasy flowers was presented by Kathy Brinkley.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00. Kathy Brinkley was thanked for her Fantasy Flower demo.

Hermelinda Garcia, Maricela Vilchis and Guadalupe Ochoa were thanked for the great refreshments provided for today's meeting.

Introductions were made and the sign-in-book and refreshment list were passed around.

Helen Osteen then presented the Treasurer's report. Pat Wiener made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Kathy Brinkley seconded the Motion. Members were polled and the Motion passed.

Old Business

CDE:

Sandra Hughes is going to check with "Juniors" and Susie Jahn is going to check with "Gabby's" about the food for the CDE. A decision is going to be made at the April meeting.

Audio for the CDE was discussed and Kathy Brinkley made a Motion to use the A/V company we had used for the two previous years. Susan Shannon seconded the Motion, the members were polled, and the Motion passed.

New Business

Classes:

Info was passed out on the 3 classes that Debbie Brown is going to teach, with the possibility of a 4th class. The members voted one time on which class they preferred to take. In order of majority vote, members picked the Unicorn, Wizard Hat, Taz, and the Bookworm as a possible 4th class. Kathy Brinkley made a Motion that we have Debbie Brown teach the Unicorn, Wizard Hat, and Taz, and if there is more than enough for a second Unicorn class we will have it; if not, then we will do the Bookworm class. Susie Jahn seconded the Motion. Members were polled and the Motion passed.

Helen Osteen opened discussion on the prices for Debbie Brown's classes and there was discussion on a multiple class discount. Helen Osteen made a Motion that the discounted price for members will be \$125 per person per class. New members who have not been members for 6 months will be \$155, and the non-members will be \$185. If anyone took 3 classes, there would be a discount of \$25. The Member rate for all 3 classes would be \$350, the new member rate \$440, and the non-member rate \$530. Pat Wiener seconded the Motion. Members were polled and the Motion passed. Sue Blume suggested that members might pay monthly for the class instead of all at once.

Sue Blume mentioned Sidney Galpern's class on Saturday, September 8, with the possibility of Diane Gruenberg doing a class.

Play Days:

Sue Blume brought up a play day by Jennifer Dunn, and the play day on her “dome” was discussed for April 29. Guadalupe Ochoa made a Motion to have a play day with Jennifer Dunn on April 29, and Susan Shannon seconded it. The members were polled and the Motion passed.

Sue Blume mentioned the Winnie DOS on April 22, and the May 19th and 20th San Antonio DOS. ICES Convention would be available for registration on April 3, and So-Flo in Miami is the 28th and 29th of April.

The February Minutes had been read and Susan Shannon made a Motion that we accept the Minutes. Kathy Brinkley seconded. The members voted and the Motion passed.

It was reminded by Guadalupe Ochoa for everyone to become a member of ICES and this year’s event will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The meeting ended with the Raffle drawing by Sandra Hughes. Congratulations go to Sue Blume who won the raffle.

Meeting was adjourned at Noon.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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

This month's demonstration on how to make Kefir and the importance of probiotics was presented by Maricela Vilchis

The meeting was called to order at 11:00. Maricela was thanked for her informative and interesting demo.

Carissa Gonzales and Eileen Pena were thanked for the delicious refreshments provided for today's meeting.

Introductions were made and the sign-in-book and refreshment list were passed around. There were 22 members in attendance and 1 guest.

Minutes were read and Helen Osteen made a motion to accept the minutes. Jan Hutto seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. Susan Shannon made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Jan Hutto seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

Debbie Brown Classes:

All four of Debbie Brown's classes have made and Debbie will be teaching the Unicorn, Wizard, Devious Devil and the Bookworm. The discount of \$25 for taking all 3 of Debbie's classes would be applied and was voted on last month. Helen thought we should apply a discount of \$50 if a person takes all 4 classes.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that if a person takes all four classes, a member's discounted rate would be a total of \$450 for the 4 classes, a new member discounted rate would be \$570 for the 4 classes, and a non-member discounted rate would be \$690 for the 4 classes. Sue Blume seconded the motion. Motion passed.

At present, there are 11 in the Unicorn class, 11 in the Wizard, 9 in the Devil, and 13 in the Bookworm. There will be a maximum of 20 in the classes. Classes will be from 9-5 and this can be subject to change, if needed.

Lunches on the class dates for the Debbie Brown classes will be provided as follows:

Monday, Unicorn class, Jesse Lopez

Tuesday, Wizard class, Kathy Brinkley

Wednesday, Devil class, Mariana Lopez

Thursday, Bookworm class, Susan Shannon

Debbie Brown will stay with Sue Blume. If anyone wants to take Debbie out to dinner, the Club will pay for Debbie's dinner, and must drive Debbie back to Humble to go home.

Susie Jahn is checking with Gabby's for catering, and Sandra Hughes is checking with No Name BBQ for catering, and Maria Ordonez Jessie Lopez are going to check on alternate places for catering. The discussion was tabled until next month when these members are in attendance.

Regarding the DOS lunch, Helen pointed out that because people don't always register early for our DOS, Gabby's was a good choice for catering because we could call them that morning, and they would add 10 plates if we needed. This would help us because so many people pay to attend the DOS the week before and there is always the usual 10-15 last-minute people who pay at the door. Other catering places require a definitive number for us to order a week to 10 days prior to the event. This would be a gamble for us not to have enough food and it would be nice to be able to order up until the morning of our event.

There is a Play Day Sunday, April 29 with Jennifer Dunn on cake domes, and Members will pay \$10 and non-members will pay \$15.

New Business

DOS Gifts for the Demonstrators:

Demonstrators for the DOS will be Sidney Galpern from Florida, Diane Gruenberg from Michigan, Debbie Brown from the UK, and Christine with Madame Lulu from Houston TX. It was discussed to give an embroidered tote to each demonstrator. Kathy Brinkley made a motion that we give a tote embroidered with demonstrator's name and HCC logo on the tote. Susan Shannon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

DOS Raffle:

Discussion was held regarding purchases for the CDE raffle, separating the big item purchases from the small item purchases. Big item purchases would be at a reasonable rate.

Susan Shannon made a motion that for the CDE, from this day forward, we would purchase 3 big ticket items, a Kitchen Aid mixer, Agbay, 3rd will be left open for suggestions. These big ticket items will be separate from the smaller raffle items that will be purchased. Helen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that we spend \$1,500 for small raffle items for the CDE along with an additional \$600 to be spent for raffle items for our monthly meetings for the next year. Sue Blume seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Classes:

Guadalupe Ochoa has a lady from Guadalajara named Marcela Gomez that does bean paste and rice paste flowers. They are gorgeous. Sue passed out photos of the flowers she would be teaching.

Helen Osteen made a motion that we invite Marcela Gomez to teach bean paste and rice paste flowers on Tuesday, June 19 and Wednesday, June 20. The member rate would be \$145 per day for each class for a member of Houston Cake Club who has been a member for 6 months before the class date, \$180 for new members, and \$215 for non-members, per day, per class. Sue Blume seconded the motion. Motion passed. This class includes a set of three cutters and three veinners. A supply list will be on the web site.

Sidney Galpern will be doing a Magnolia Isomalt class at Larry's on Saturday, September 8, from 11-3, time subject to change, if needed. Snacks will not be provided.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that Sidney Galpern teach a Magnolia Isomalt class on Saturday, September 8, at the rate of \$75 for members, \$95 for members less than six months, and \$110 for non-members. Mary Nichols seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Play Days:

Sue Blume mentioned the play day by Jennifer Dunn, and the play day on her "dome" was discussed for April 29. Guadalupe Ochoa made a motion to have a play day with Jennifer Dunn on April 29, and Susan Shannon seconded it. Motion passed.

Jessie Lopez has a play day scheduled for Sunday, May 27 which is Memorial Day weekend due the conflict with it being a holiday week-end the play day has been rescheduled for June 10, 2018 Jessie will show hand painting techniques in buttercream.

Other Items:

Kathy mentioned the ICES convention is from July 26 through July 29. Therefore, the date of the Houston Cake Club meeting will be moved up a week to Tuesday, July 17.

A motion was made by Mary Nichols to change the meeting in July from July 24 to July 17. Susan Shannon seconded the Motion. Motion passed

There will be no demo in June due to the annual cake stuff garage sale.

The San Antonio DOS will be on May 19,
Austin's DOS is July 8,
Louisiana DOS is July 16
ICES Convention is July 25-29, and the

Happy Birthday wishes were given for those members born in April, as well as
Happy Anniversary wishes, and Susan and Sue just had anniversaries!

There was a last call for the raffle. The winning ticket was drawn by Maria.
Congratulations go to Mariana who won the Raffle!

Meeting was adjourned at Noon.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

The Houston Cake Club

May 22, 2018

Larry's Arts and Crafts

Pasadena, Texas

There was no demonstration this month, so we had an hour to socialize.

Sue Blume called the meeting to order at 11:04 am with 17 members present. Each member introduced themselves. Sue thanked Pat Wiener and Eva Aguilar for refreshments. Next month refreshments will be provided by Maria Villa and Dana Thomas.

Sue Blume mentioned that next month is our annual garage sale. She asked that we carry our items in through the back door and not bring them through Larry's.

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

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. Pat Wiener moved to accept the report and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. Kathy Brinkley asked about using PayPal vs. using a service through our bank so that the club could save on the processing fees. Jessie Lopez said you have to add phone/email information on the account for acceptance. Susan Shannon suggested using Venmo (free service app). Helen Osteen suggested that there might be a concern about security. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Sue Blume said that Marcella Gomez classes for bean paste/rice paste are on 6/19 – 6/20. Sue said that we need to add extra charges that were not accounted for in our original motion. Pat Wiener moved that the fees for the bean paste/rice paste classes being held on 6/19 -6/20 should be \$155 for members, \$195 for new members (who have been in the club for 6 months) and \$235 for nonmembers. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed. There will be a small supply list. The class includes 3 cutters/3veiners that Guadalupe Ochoa said is for the student to take home with them after class.

Sue Blume said that there will be a play day on 6/10 with Jessie Lopez. She will be teaching painting on buttercream.

Sue Blume said that we needed to discuss the caterer for the CDE. Susie Jahn contacted Gabby's and the price for 101-200 people is \$10.25/person. That includes 2 meats and 3 sides. A vegetarian plate consisting of a baked potato and salad is \$8.25/person.

Sandra Hughes contacted Dickies. She said that to deliver, set up, serve and clean for 100 people is \$12.95/person. That includes 2 meats, 3 sides, rolls, relish. She indicated that the more people we have, the price would go down. She also said that they have other sides (baked potato casserole, green beans, Caesar salad) that could be sides instead of the usual bbq sides. She said that Dickies said there would be no problem adding additional plates on the day of the event.

Jessie Lopez mentioned a caterer that would serve 2 meats (chicken cordon bleu and steak with mushroom sauce) 1 side, 1 salad and a roll for \$12.00/person for 100 people. She indicated that we could add additional people when we need to.

Kathy Brinkley moved to have Gabby's cater our CDE. Helen Osteen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sandra Hughes mentioned that Dickie's price would go down with more people. Pat Wiener said that we should look into Dickie's again next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Sue Blume said that we need to decide on our Christmas Party location. Kathy Brinkley moved to go back to the Monument Inn. While discussion continued, Kathy Brinkley called the Monument Inn to make sure that we could get the last room on the left on 12/04/2018. She returned to tell us that the room is available, and Helen Osteen should call today to set everything up with the restaurant. Diane McCoy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sue Blume said that we have members who like to receive their monthly newsletters by regular mail. Helen Osteen said that each month has a different size newsletter, but, the cost to send the newsletter by mail averages out to \$21.93/per person. Sue said if you want to receive your newsletter by regular mail, you should have to pay an extra \$25 for your annual club dues to cover mailing expenses. This would make the dues for a member who receives a mailed copy of the newsletter \$55 (\$25 for the newsletter and \$30 for the annual dues). Sue said you should tell Helen Osteen if you want to continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter. Pat Wiener moved to charge \$25 to any member who wants to receive a mailed copy of our monthly newsletter (the \$25 would be added to our annual dues of \$30 making the total \$55 for the member choosing the mailed copy option). This would be effective starting with our 6/20/2018 newsletter. Susan Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sue Blume mentioned that the July meeting falls when several members will be attending the ICES convention. She suggested that we move the July meeting from 7/20 to 7/17. We also mentioned the date of the November meeting. After discussion, it was decided that we would leave the November meeting on 11/27.

Kathy Brinkley asked about the raffle prize for the Christmas party. Kathy Brinkley moved to purchase 2 Spellbinders – 1 for the CDE and 1 for the Christmas party. It would be our 3rd big ticket item for the CDE. Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sue Blume did a recap for our CDE. She said that we have 11 paid vendors, and the food, A/V and venue is all handled. She asked if anyone had anything else to discuss.

Jessie Lopez asked if we had ever considered taking HCC to a different level. She mentioned about having our own place. She mentioned the members who don't attend the meetings. She said that having our own place would allow us to host our own things – get more people involved. Sue Blume said that another place costs money – Larry's doesn't charge us to use the room. Sue also mentioned that a lot of the members work and are unable to attend the monthly meetings. Pat Wiener mentioned about booking higher cost classes and finding more teachers; the hope is to get more outside people to come in to do more.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Maria Di Faria won the raffle.

Minutes recorded by Jan Hutto.

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

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

This month is the club's annual garage sale. Many items were displayed and purchased.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00. Maria Vela was thanked for the delicious refreshments provided for today's meeting.

The Minutes were passed around and read. Susan Shannon made a motion to accept the minutes, and Kathy Brinkley seconded. The motion passed.

Introductions were made and the sign-in book and refreshment list were passed around.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. Kathy Brinkley made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Susan Shannon seconded the Motion. The motion passed.

Old Business

CDE Classes:

There was discussion on Debbie Brown's classes and Sidney Galpern's class. Helen Osteen mentioned that there are still a few spots open in all four of Debbie's classes for people to sign up. At present, there are only 2 people signed up for Sidney's "Magnolia" class.

New Business

Christmas Party:

Sue Blume asked if the members wanted to continue the tradition of having our 'rob your neighbor' game at the Christmas party. With minimal discussion, Kathy Brinkley made a motion to play 'rob your neighbor' at the Christmas party with a limit of a \$15 gift. Sandy Cook seconded. The motion passed. All gifts are welcome.

Raffle to Charity:

Sue Blume said that we needed to decide where the Christmas raffle proceeds would be donated. Lori Gust asked if a portion of our CDE registration is usually donated to a charity.

After a brief discussion, Kathy Brinkley made a motion that 10% of registration proceeds from the CDE in September, and raffle proceeds from our Christmas party in December, be donated to the Ronald McDonald House charity, and added that everyone should bring along a related item to be distributed to the Ronald McDonald House. Mary Nicholas seconded. The motion passed.

CDE Vendors

There are 3 spots left open for Vendors.

Audit

Lori Gust asked if the club's treasury books have ever been audited, and Sue Blume said that they were. Sue Blume has audited the books and asked if the club wanted to pay to have an outside auditor perform an additional audit. No one wanted an outside auditor.

As a reminder, because of the ICES Convention, the July meeting will be on the 17th, the ***third*** Tuesday, instead of the usual fourth Tuesday of the month.

Our Christmas party is Tuesday, December 4, at 11 AM, at the Monument Inn.

Happy Birthday wishes were given for those members born in June, as well as Happy Anniversary wishes!

There was a last call for the raffle. The winning ticket was drawn and congratulations go to Eileen Pena who held the winning ticket!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

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

This month's demonstration on the Fyuse 3D Photo phone app was given by JoeAnne Renteira.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00, and JoeAnne was thanked for her informative and interesting demo.

Sue Blume was thanked for bringing all the delicious refreshments provided for today's meeting.

Introductions were made and the sign-in-book and refreshment list were passed around. There were 15 members in attendance and 3 guests.

Minutes were passed out and read. Susan Shannon made a motion to accept the minutes, and Cindy Deen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. Susan Shannon made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Cindy Deen seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

Sidney Galpern Classes:

There is still space available in Sidney's classes and people can sign up. Sidney is teaching the Magnolia Isomalt flower and the class will be from 11-3. The class should be over before the set-up time for our CDE.

CDE Preparation:

Susan Shannon graciously volunteered to go to the venue on Saturday afternoon to see when set-up could begin. Sue Blume said she would like us to get into the venue by 4 PM to begin setting up. Susan will check with Carmen on the time.

Vendors:

There are two spots left for vendors.

Debbie Brown Classes:

Debbie's classes are getting pretty full and will be held September 10, 11, 12, and 13. The Unicorn will be Monday, the Wizard on Tuesday, the Devil on Wednesday, and the Bookworm on Thursday. The Unicorn is a larger cake topper.

CDE Lunch:

Gabby's will cater the lunch for CDE. It was asked that everyone bring a favorite dish or items for our breakfast.

New Business

Play Day:

Susan Shannon has graciously agreed to host a Play Day after she returns from the ICES Convention in July to teach something new that she learned.

Other Items

It was suggested by Sue Blume that everybody read the newsletter.

Happy Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Wishes were extended to all the members.

There was a last call for the raffle. Congratulations go to Susan Shannon for holding the winning ticket!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

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

This month's demonstration on the decorative flower cake topper was given by Jessie Lopez.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15, and Jessie was thanked for her beautiful and interesting demo.

Sue Blume thanked everyone for coming, introductions were made and the sign-in-book and refreshment list were passed around. There were 16 members in attendance.

Bonnell Templet, Margaux Mann, Jessie Lopez, and Mariana Lopez were all thanked for bringing the delicious refreshments provided for today's meeting.

The Treasurer's Report and the Minutes were passed out and read. Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept the minutes, and Susan Shannon seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's Report. Jessie Lopez made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Cindy Deen seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Pat Wiener, our current Vice President, is resigning from her position due to current medical issues. To fill the vacancy, a new Vice President will be nominated. Bonnell Template nominated Susan Shannon, and Susan accepted the nomination. Celia Diaz nominated Jessie Lopez, and Jessie declined the nomination. There were no other nominations. Susan Shannon is the sole nomination for Vice President and will be voted on at the September meeting.

Old Business

Sidney Galpern's Class:

The Magnolia Isomalt flower will be taught by Sidney on Saturday, September 8, from 11-3. If anyone is interested in taking this class, there is still room, provided that Sidney has the materials and knows in advance.

Lunches for Debbie Brown Classes:

Monday, September 10, Unicorn Class.
Jessie Lopez will provide lunch. There will be 16 in attendance.

Tuesday, September 11, Wizard Class. Kathy Brinkley will provide lunch. There will be 18 in attendance.

Wednesday, September 12, Devil class. Mariana Lopez will provide lunch. There will be 14 in attendance.

Thursday, September 13, Bookworm class. Susan Shannon will provide lunch. There will be 18 in attendance.

CDE Venue:

Sue Blume informed us that we cannot get into the Venue on Saturday because of a prior event booking. Whoever is going to help set up on Sunday morning needs to be there early. Susan Shannon will open the doors to the Venue at 6:30 AM Sunday, and the Vendors will arrive at 7 AM.

CDE Lunches:

Susie Jahn is going to check on Gabby's to make sure that all the lunches are ordered and ready. We are having the same food as we did last year and it is estimated that we need at least 175 regular lunches, and 8 vegetarian lunches. Susan Shannon is in charge of drinks.

New Business

Club Shirts:

If anyone needs Houston Cake Club shirts, they will need to let Sue Blume know.

Debbie Brown:

Lori Gust will take Debbie Brown out to dinner on Thursday, September 12 and drive her back home to Humble. If anyone else would like to take Debbie out to dinner, she is available.

Donations for the CDE:

Sue Blume asked that Margaux Mann go out to Cake Craft Shoppe to pick up CDE donations from Sheila Brooks. Sheila generously donated over \$100 in merchandise, including cake pan molds, PME crimpers, dusting colors, and more. Thank you to Sheila.

Jessie Lopez is generously donating an airbrush and will bring it to the CDE. Thank you to Jessie.

For early VIP Registration, there were 129 paid total who will receive a VIP goodie bag, Additionally, there are 15 Vendors who will receive the VIP bags.

Other Items:

Happy Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Wishes were extended to all the members.

There was a last call for the raffle. Congratulations go to Margaux Mann for holding the winning ticket!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

HOUSTON CAKE CLUB MINUTES

September 25, 2018

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

The demonstration this month was given by Mariana Lopez. She demonstrated how to make various sports team logos out of fondant/gumpaste.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. Introductions were made around the room. There were 14 members and no guests present. Sue asked if anyone was interested in doing a demonstration in October. Pat Weiner was signed up but will not be able to participate due to health reasons. Lori Gust volunteered to do a demonstration on marzipan.

The August meeting minutes were presented and reviewed. Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Susie Jahn seconded the motion and the minutes were approved on vote.

The Treasurer's report for August was presented by Helen Osteen. Helen stated she believed the majority of the CDE expenses had been turned in. She included a breakdown of the revenue and expenses for the CDE. The net revenue from the CDE was \$4,210.23 with 187 attendees. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the report as presented and Joanne Renteria seconded the motion. The motion passed on vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Election – It was announced at the August meeting that Pat Weiner had resigned as Vice President due to health issues. Susan Shannon is the sole nominee for the position. A vote was taken to confirm the nomination and it was approved.

Christmas Party – the Club has previously voted to have the party on December 4th from 11 AM – 2 PM at the Monument Inn. It was confirmed that our annual charitable contribution will once again go to Ronald McDonald House. We will have the "Rob Your Neighbor" gift exchange at the party and the gifts should be capped at \$15. RSVP to Helen.

Classes – Joanne Renteria reminded everyone that she has arranged classes for October 5-7th in Clear Lake. The class will be "pull apart" cupcake cakes with airbrushing of characters on the cake. The teacher is coming from Mexico to teach and her name is Pati Romero. The October 5th class will be in Spanish and there are

two spaces remaining. The English class will be two days and will be October 6-7th and that class is full.

The ICES Day Of Sharing is October 28th and the theme this year is "Make It Sweet". There will be a lot of good classes offered. Also, Sue reminded everyone that Kathy will be talking to us soon about the Texas ICES Day of Sharing that takes place every February.

Kathy Brinkley is hosting some classes at her studio in Conroe in October. The first is October 6 & 7th. It will be taught by Greg Cleary and will be "Autumn Gumpaste Flowers". The cost of the class is \$450 and supplies will be provided. There are spaces available.

On October 20 & 21st Jorg Amsler is teaching "Octoberfest Beer Barrel" from 9AM – 5 PM. The cost is \$450. There are spaces available.

October 22nd Jorg will be teaching "Holiday Cookie Workshop" with several different decorated cookies taught. The class will be from 9 AM – 5 PM and the cost is \$250. There are spaces available.

NEW BUSINESS

CDE – Sue asked everyone to be looking at alternative venues for next year and to provide the club with the pertinent information if members had any viable leads. Lori suggested we return to San Jacinto College – North Campus since our numbers are down and it makes that option feasible again. Sue asked Lori to touch base with the college and ascertain the needed information.

Sue also asked that people put out inquiries regarding a new caterer for next year and to bring the info to a meeting or let a board member know if they have any suggestions.

Play Days – Sue asked if anyone had suggestions for future play days and if so to let a board member know.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

The raffle drawing was won by Mariana Lopez

Minutes were recorded by Bonnell Templet.

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

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

This month's demonstration on how to make marzipan figures was presented by Lori Gust.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05, and Lori was thanked for her informative and interesting demonstration.

Susan Shannon, Celia Diaz, and Maria Ordonez were thanked for the delicious refreshments provided for today's meeting. Sue Blume reminded us that November's refreshments will be provided by herself, Jesse Lopez, and Jennifer Kim. Susan Shannon will be giving the demonstration.

Introductions were made and the sign-in book and new refreshment list for 2019 were passed around. There were 18 members in attendance and 1 guest.

The Minutes and Treasurer's report were passed around and read. Helen Osteen made a motion to accept the minutes. Kathy Brinkley seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's report. Susan Shannon made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, and Kathy Brinkley seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

November meeting:

Our meeting for November will be held on the regular scheduled 4th Tuesday of the month, November 27th, as this Tuesday falls on the week after Thanksgiving.

Christmas Party:

Sue Blume reminded everyone of the December Christmas party that will be held at the Monument Inn on Tuesday, December 4. RSVPs need to be given ASAP to Helen Osteen.

New Business

New Venue for the 2019 CDE:

Sue Blume has asked that the members start looking for new venues for the 2019 CDE, including new caterers, and has put this on Facebook, as well. Sue would like for the members to give their suggestions to the Club. JoeAnne Renteria is checking on a venue.

Play Days:

Sue Blume and Helen Osteen discussed having a Cookie Swap Play Day to be held on a Sunday afternoon, December 9, 2018, from 1PM to 4:30 PM. Every attendee would pay Helen, and submit a printed recipe to Helen *before* the Play Day. Each attendee would bring with them a set number of finished cookies, and, in turn, go home with an equal number of finished cookies by every other attendee. Each person would also receive a compiled printed copy of every cookie recipe which they had previously provided to Helen. Depending on the number of people attending, each participant will receive either one dozen or half a dozen cookies of each recipe.

In addition, Helen and Sue will provide cookies for everyone to play with and decorate, with royal icing and flooding and air brushing. The participants will bring these cookies home with them. Members will pay \$10 and non-members will pay \$15.

A lively discussion was held and it was unanimously voted to hold the Cookie Swap Play Day on December 9, from 1 to 4:30 PM.

Other Items:

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary wishes were given to those members celebrating in October!

There was a last call for the raffle. Congratulations go to Maria Ordonez who won the Raffle!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

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

This month's demonstration was a cookie demo presented by Susan Shannon.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00, and Susan was thanked for her beautiful and informative demo.

Sue Blume thanked everyone for coming, introductions were made, and the sign-in book and refreshment list were passed around. There were 12 members in attendance.

Jennifer Kim and Sue Blume were thanked for bringing the delicious refreshments provided for today's meeting.

The Treasurer's Report and the Minutes were passed out and read. Susie Jahn made a motion to accept the minutes, and Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's Report. Susie Jahn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Sandra Hughes seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

Old Business

Christmas Party:

The Christmas Party will be next week, December 4, from 11-2, at the Monument Inn. There will be a 'rob your neighbor' gift exchange, and those who want to participate should bring a gift valued around \$15-20. If members are planning on going to the Christmas Party and have not yet told Helen, the deadline to do so is Friday, November 30. The restaurant needs a head count by that date. So far, there are only 12 people on the list.

Claudia Prati Classes:

Discussion was held for Claudia Prati classes for the Houston Cake Club following the CDE in September. Claudia Prati would give a demo at the CDE and teach on the four following days. Students will furnish fondant covered cake dummies and boards for each cake, and Claudia will provide paintbrushes and colors for class. The Cake Club will provide the royal icing in class.

Kathy Brinkley made a Motion that Claudia Prati come to demo at the CDE in September and to teach for 3 or 4 days after the CDE. Jessie Lopez seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.

CDE Venue:

Sue Blume asked if anyone could help with providing a new venue for the CDE for September, 2019. She asked that all members please look and let her know, or think about going back to The

Gardens. The Cake Club is paying \$1,000 for The Gardens. Sue also wants everyone to start thinking about new caterers.

New Business

Raffles:

There was discussion of the monthly raffle and Sue Blume said that for October's meeting the Club collected about \$27 for the raffle, and about \$30 for the November meeting. She said that a motion was made a long time ago to have \$50 raffles, but now, even with a full house, club members are not buying raffle tickets. Kathy Brinkley said the reason for the \$50 raffles was because everyone wanted good raffle items and not 'crap', so a motion was made to increase the raffle basket.

Kathy said to wait to January to discuss this, get better raffle items, and bring the raffles back up. Maria Vela wanted to suggest that we have a 'good' raffle and see how it goes. Kathy said there should be no 'crappy' raffles. Sue said she puts her \$5 in whether a raffle is 'crappy' or not. Discussion was tabled.

Cookie Exchange Play Day:

Sue Blume and Helen Osteen were going to host a cookie exchange play day on December 9. Sue said it didn't make due to lack of interest and it was canceled.

There will be a play day in January, though, and Sue Blume says there will be at least one play day a month. The play day in January will be in reference to Valentine's Day, and it might be cookies or something made with chocolate. Maria Vela has volunteered to do the play day on January 13, from 1-4:30.

Sue Blume made a motion that Maria Vela will do chocolate filled pops as a play day. The cost will be \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members. Helen Osteen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Demos:

It was suggested that a demo be done on Meringue.

Other Items:

Happy Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Wishes were extended to all the members celebrating.

There was a last call for the raffle. Congratulations go to Eva Aguilar for holding the winning ticket!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

**December Christmas Party
Held at Monument Inn
December 4, 2018**

Helen Osteen said that we had collected \$265 for the December raffle. 10% of the CDE registration was \$646. The total for these two came to \$911. The proceeds of these combined items are to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Lori Gust made a Motion that we donate \$1000 to the Ronald McDonald House. Sandra Hughes seconded this. The Motion passed.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann