

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

The meeting was held at Larry's Arts and Crafts, Pasadena, Texas. This month's demonstration was presented by Maria Vela on the new Russian Piping tips. The Treasurer's report and Minutes were passed out and the meeting was called to order at 10:55.

Sue Blume thanked everyone for coming, introductions were made, and the sign-in book and refreshment list were passed around. There were 19 members in attendance.

Maria Vela was thanked for her informative demo and her beautiful presentation. Bonnell Templet was thanked for bringing the delicious refreshments.

The members read the minutes and Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept the minutes. Susie Jahn seconded, and the motion passed.

Helen Osteen went over the expenses of the club and there were no questions on the Treasurer's report. Susan Shannon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, Cindy Deen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Old Business

CDE:

Sue Blume brought up discussion about changing the venue for the annual Cake Decorating Extravaganza. Among the concerns brought up by members were size of the venue, parking, price, and placement of the vendor booths.

Sue Blume said that the Gardens was not good this past year. North Harris County College was suggested as an alternative. Sue announced that she and Helen would visit suggested venues and report back to the club. Catering options were also discussed.

Sue Blume reminded everyone that the CDE is typically held the second Sunday in September, which would be September 8 in 2019. Maria Vela made a motion that we set our date for the CDE for September 8, 2019, and if the venue is not available, an alternate date would be September 15, 2019. Jesse Lopez seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

For this year's CDE, Sue Blume reported that Peggy Tucker says she is coming, Claudia Prati is giving a demo on Sunday and teaching the three days following the CDE, and that we may have a couple of others in attendance. Sue asked if some of our own people would do something at the CDE, but that there should only be 4 demos so people have time to shop.

Monthly Raffles:

Responding to complaints about the raffle baskets, Sue Blume said that the raffle baskets consistently cost more than the proceeds from the tickets sold. It was noted that we cannot control the number of people who come to the meeting. It was also noted that the reason that the

club started a raffle in the first place was to raise money. Now, we have \$14,000 in the Bank, so we don't have to be so frugal on the raffle. Marlene Hollier and Lori Gust said we do the raffle for fun and we should keep doing the raffle. Discussion was finished.

New Business

Play Days:

Helen Osteen said that only 2 people signed up for the Play Day in January on cake pops, so it was cancelled.

Maria Vela will do a Valentine cookie Play Day on February 10. Lori Gust suggested we plan more than one Play Day ahead, and suggested we have a Play Day on Russian piping tips in March, which Lori agreed to host. Jessie Lopez made a motion that Lori do a Russian piping tips play day on March 10th, and Maria Vela seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Larry's Appreciation Month/Garage Sale:

Sue Blume said that February is Larry's Appreciation Month where we all bring a covered dish and June is the Garage Sale and 'it will be here before you know it'.

Domain name:

Sue Blume said that we need to renew our internet domain provider, which expires in March and has hosting until May. Prices were discussed, and consideration was given to the discount available for renewing for more than one year at a time. Maria Vela made a motion that we do hosting with the current website for two years instead of one. Susan Shannon seconded. The motion passed.

Facebook Page:

There was discussion on the club's Facebook page, and Sue Blume said that we have a 'members only' group, and a 'regular' group. Discussion was had whether the regular group was now going to be a closed group, with no resolution being reached.

Lengthy discussion was also had on the club's policies regarding advertising on the Facebook page. The members agreed that the club should not be a platform for individual members to advertise their goods, services, and classes for free. Various pricing structures, including a monthly fee of \$25 to \$50, were discussed, and Sue Blume said this is something that we should definitely discuss at the next meeting.

Sue Blume made a last call for raffle tickets. Congratulations go to Mariana Lopez for winning the raffle.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The meeting was held at Larry's Arts and Crafts, Pasadena, Texas. This month's demonstration was a last minute surprise demo, arranged by Margaux Mann, with Claudia Prati demonstrating her royal icing 3D techniques of painting flowers on cake. Jennifer Kim graciously agreed to postpone her demo for a future month. The Treasurer's report and Minutes were passed out and the meeting was called to order at 11:10.

Sue Blume thanked everyone for coming, introductions were made, and the sign-in book and refreshment list were passed around. There were 18 members in attendance and 1 guest.

Claudia Prati was thanked for her beautiful demo and Margaux Mann was thanked for inviting Claudia to the meeting and arranging the demo. Since February is Larry's Appreciation Luncheon, Sue Blume thanked everyone for bringing the food for today's luncheon.

The members read the minutes and Susan Shannon made a motion to accept the minutes, and JoeAnne Renteria seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Helen Osteen explained the Treasurer's report and there were no questions. Pat Wiener made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, Cindy Deen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Old Business

CDE:

Discussion was held on the venue for the CDE this September. Sue, Susan and Helen went to San Jacinto College to check out the facilities. They learned that additional funds would be required for police patrol, AV equipment, and more. After further discussion, the total cost of San Jacinto College was decided to be more than the Club wanted to spend. The \$1000 rental for the Gardens seemed to be more reasonable and in line with what the club wanted. Following a brief discussion, **Kathy Brinkley made a motion to go back to the Gardens.** Susan Shannon seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

With further discussion on AV equipment, Susan Shannon made a motion to **use Phoenix Company** for the CDE on September 8, and Susie Jahn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

There was discussion on catering and it was concluded that although Gabby's is good, we don't have to eat barbecue. Susie Jahn suggested Kelly's, and will check into their pricing and report back at the March meeting.

Play Days:

The Russian Piping Tips Play Day hosted by Lori Gust for March 10 was changed to March 24 due to Spring Break. The Play Day for February 10, which was to be hosted by Maria Vela, was canceled.

New Business

Winnie Day of Sharing:

The Winnie Day of Sharing will be Sunday, March 31, 2019.

Pricing for Claudia Prati's Classes:

Claudia Prati has agreed to teach each of her classes for \$125 per person, with a maximum 18 students in the Day One and Day Two classes, and a maximum 12 students in the advanced Day Three class.

Consistent with the club's regular pricing practices, Susan Shannon made a motion that a member would pay \$105 per day, a member less than 6 months would pay \$130 per day, and a non-member would pay \$155 per day. There will be no discount for taking all 3 classes. Mariana Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Members wishing to take classes were asked to send an email to Helen, and Helen would send them a PayPal invoice. A member could also pay by check. Classes would not be listed on the website until members first had a chance to register. It was suggested that a deposit of \$100 be required at registration.

Charging for class advertisements on FB/Newsletter:

Discussion was held whether or not members and/or non-members should be charged for placing their class ads on Facebook or in the Newsletter. Discussion went both ways, and JoeAnne Renteria made a motion that for now, the club not charge for placing ads for classes on Facebook or in the Newsletter. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Lost Backpack

At the area IV Texas ICES in Conroe, a Navy Blue Backpack was lost. If someone has any idea of its whereabouts, please contact Sue Blume.

Raffle:

Sue Blume made a last call for raffle tickets. Congratulations go to **so-and-so** for winning the raffle.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

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

This month's demonstration was presented by Enco. They demonstrated their color line, cake mixers and meringue, and everyone got to taste the iced cakes.

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM. There were 16 members and 3 guests.

Introductions were made and Sue Blume thanked Enco for coming and demonstrating. The sign-in book and demonstration sheet were passed around the room.

Sue Blume thanked Jessie Lopez for bringing the refreshments, and everyone enjoyed them.

The Houston Cake Club purchased two sets of 9 colors from Enco, including two small containers of meringue powder, so there will be two raffles today.

The February Minutes were presented for review and approval. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the Minutes, and Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Old Business

CDE:

Helen said that all of Claudia Prati's classes are full, and we have a wait-list of 4 people for the first day class, and 8 people for the last one.

Sue Blume reported that she confirmed the price – under \$1,000 – with the Phoenix Group for the AV equipment. Sue also said that she confirmed our CDE date with The Gardens and would be putting down the deposit later that day.

Susie Jahn was checking on the caterers, and Kathy Brinkley reported to the club in her absence. Gabby's proposal for "full service" includes 2 meats, beans, cole slaw, and potato salad for \$10.50 per plate. The Vegetarian alternative will be a Texas baked potato, and salad. The total would be around \$1800 for 180 servings. Discussion followed. A second proposal from Kelley's Barbecue, featuring chicken fried steak, was also considered.

Helen Osteen moved to have Gabby's cater the CDE and Pat Wiener seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

Christmas Party

After brief discussion, Kathy Brinkley made a motion that the Christmas Party for 2019 be held at the Monument Inn on December 10, subject to confirmation from the restaurant, with December 3 as the alternate. Susan Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

July Meeting

Due to conflicts surrounding the ICES Convention, discussion was held regarding alternate dates for the July meeting, and it was decided that the meeting would be on Tuesday, July 30. Pat Wiener made the motion and JoeAnne Renteria seconded. The motion passed.

Raffle Tickets

Margaux Mann opened discussion and made a motion that anyone who wore their green Houston Cake Club shirt to the meeting would get a free raffle ticket for that day's drawing. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Play Days

This past Saturday, Pat Wiener gave a cookie class at Larry's. Margaux Mann attended and mentioned some of the cute cookies that Pat had made, and suggested that Pat may want to host another Play Day on cookies similar to these. After discussion, Margaux Mann made a motion that Pat Wiener host a Springtime/Mother's Day Cookie Play Day on April 28. Susan Shannon seconded. The motion passed. There will be a short 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.

Other

Sue Blume gave the members their April Anniversary and Birthday wishes! The Southeast Texas Cake Club in Winnie is having their Day of Sharing on March 31st. Mariana Lopez will be doing a great cookie class on March 30th in Winnie, and the price is \$100.

The ICES Convention will be in Little Rock, Arkansas in July.

Our Houston Cake Club garage sale will be held at our June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Congratulations go to Kathy Brinkley and to Yaya for winning today's raffle!

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

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

This month's demonstration was presented by Marlene Hollier on the DaFont website and calligraphy. Helen Osteen passed out the Treasurer's report and Margaux Mann passed out the minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 10:55.

Sue Blume thanked everyone for coming, introductions were made, and the sign-in book and refreshment list were passed around. There were 17 members in attendance.

Marlene Hollier was thanked for her informative demo and presentation on the DaFont website. JoeAnne Renteria and Jennifer Kim were thanked for bringing the delicious refreshments.

The members read the minutes and Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept the minutes. JoeAnne Renteria seconded, and the motion passed.

Helen Osteen went over the expenses of the club and there were no questions on the Treasurer's report. Pat Wiener made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Old Business

CDE

Sue Blume said that we have secured the AV equipment, the Gardens, the caterers, and now we need to discuss the raffles.

Susan Shannon made a motion that we purchase the 3 big ticket items, the Kitchen Aid mixer, an Agby, and the third that we leave open for suggestions, plus we spend \$150 for the small raffle items for the CDE, plus \$600 for the raffle for our monthly items, and she would like this motion to go on forever until there is another motion that absolves it, so we don't have to do this motion every year.

Susan went on to explain that we have done this motion before, but it was limited until the next year. This way, we could get a sale for the mixer, etc., as it comes up.

This would be \$1500 for the CDE and \$600 for the Club Raffles. Kathy Brinkley seconded the motion. Discussion was brought up on the Christmas raffle, and Susan amended her first motion to add an additional sentence.

Susan's amended motion is that we purchase the 3 big ticket items, the Kitchen Aid mixer, an Agby, and the third that we leave open for suggestions, plus we spend \$150 for the small raffle items for the CDE, plus \$600 for the raffle for our monthly items, and bring the total up to around

\$3000, which includes the raffle prize for the Christmas party, and she would like this motion to go on forever until there is another motion that absolves it so we don't have to do this motion every year.

Pat Wiener seconded the amended motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Discussion was held on what the Christmas raffle item would be. An Agby was voted down, since many had one, and an Arkon mount was suggested and had interest, along with a Pico projector.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that we buy the Arkon video phone mount and the Pico projector for the Christmas party raffle. There will be two separate raffles. Pat Wiener seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CDE Instructors

Sue Blume said Claudia Prati will be an instructor, possibly Peggy Tucker, and Dianne Gruenberg. Discussion was held on whether Dianne would do quilling or flowers and, after discussion, Sue will ask Dianne to do the quilling.

Charity for Christmas Party Funds and CDE

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that we again give a portion of our Christmas raffle proceeds to Ronald McDonald House. Jan Hutto seconded the motion and the motion passed.

New Business

ICES

There was discussion on who will be going to ICES this year in Little Rock, Arkansas. Everyone needs to remember that online registration closes in June.

Club Shirts

Sue Blume asked if anyone wanted Club shirts. The prices are \$25, and, if you want your name on it, it is \$30. They are available in green. Discussion was held on both material and color, and Anita Esco likes the wicking material, but this would be more expensive. Jan Hutto brought up the fact that no other club has this color, and the green distinguishes us as the Houston Cake Club.

Sue Blume made a last call for raffle tickets.

Congratulations go to Cindy Deen who won the raffle with lucky ticket #4939.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

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

This month's demonstration was presented by Migdalia Nuñez "Yaya", and was on gelatin flowers used as decorations on cakes. Helen Osteen passed out the Treasurer's report and Margaux Mann passed out the minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 10:55.

Sue Blume thanked everyone for coming, introductions were made, and the sign-in book and refreshment list were passed around. There were 14 members in attendance.

Yaya was thanked for her beautiful and informative demo and presentation on her gelatin flowers and cakes, and everyone loved tasting a piece of the finished cake. Sue Blume and Susan Shannon were thanked for bringing the delicious and last-minute refreshments.

The members read the minutes. Pat Wiener made a motion to accept the minutes, and Kathy Brinkley seconded. The motion passed.

Helen Osteen reviewed the expenses of the club to date and answered any questions. Pat Wiener made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, and Kathy Brinkley seconded. The motion passed.

Old Business

CDE

Sue Blume announced that we have the CDE venue reserved and a deposit put down for September 8 at the Gardens. Also reserved for the day is the AV provided by Phoenix, and the catering by Gabby's. The Demo instructors for the CDE will be Claudia Prati, Elizabeth Dickson, Gina Rios, and Mariana Beltran.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party has been booked and is reserved at the Monument Inn.

New Business

Elizabeth Dickson

Elizabeth Dickson would like to teach two classes on Saturday, September 7, 2019, before the CDE. The morning class would be a Bas relief class from 9-Noon. Prices for members are \$80, New Members for fewer than 6 months is \$100, and non-Members are \$125.

Liz's afternoon class would be a petit four class, from 1-3. The price for this 2 hour class would be \$60 for members, \$75 for members less than 6 months, and \$90 for non-members. If anyone takes both classes, there would be a \$5 additional charge for lunch.

Pat Wiener made a motion to have Elizabeth Dickson teach her Bas relief class at the rate of \$80 for members, \$100 for new members less than 6 months, and \$125 for non-members; and her Petit Four class at the rate of \$60 for members, \$75 for members less than 6 months, and \$90 for non-members. Susan Shannon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Yaya classes on Gelatin Flowers

The Cake Club would like for Yaya to teach a 2-day class on Gelatin flowers as decorations on a cake. Yaya will check her schedule with the Club and get back with dates.

Minutes now Online

The Houston Cake Club Minutes are now online and can be viewed by all.

After she was finally located, Congratulations officially went to Anita Schurle who won the raffle with lucky ticket #4899!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

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

The June meeting is the Garage Sale meeting so there was no demonstration. There were many items of interest for sale at great prices, and this was an opportunity not to be missed!

Helen Osteen passed out the Treasurer's Report, and Margaux Mann passed out the Minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 10:55.

Sue Blume thanked everyone for coming out in the rain, and there were 7 members in attendance. Because all 7 members braved the rainy weather to attend the meeting, Margaux Mann made a motion to give everyone in attendance a raffle ticket for coming. Susan Shannon seconded, the motion passed, and Susan gave everyone a raffle ticket.

Susan Shannon was thanked for the beautiful luncheon that she prepared of two sliced pork roasts and a wonderful custard and crumbly dessert. It was very delicious and enjoyed by all. It was a lovely meal.

The members read the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report, and there were no questions. Susan Shannon made a motion to accept the Minutes and Treasurer's Report, and JoeAnne Renteria seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

Old Business

Sue Blume reminded everyone that we have The Gardens scheduled for our CDE for September 8. Additionally, the AV Equipment is secured and the catering is in place.

Claudia Prati will be teaching the classes after the CDE on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 9, 10, and 11, and Elizabeth Dickson will be having a class on Bas Relief from 9-Noon, and Petit Fours from 1-3 on Saturday, September 7.

There was also the reminder that the Christmas Party is at the Monument Inn on December 10.

New Business

Christmas Party Games

There was discussion on the Christmas Party and Susan Shannon made a Motion that we play the Rob Your Neighbor gift game during the party. Anita Schurle seconded the Motion. The Motion passed.

Celebrations

Sue Blume gave sincerest Congratulations to all those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries during the month of June, including Yolanda Diaz, who was present! Happy Birthday, Yolanda!

Volunteers

Helen Osteen asked if there were any volunteers to go early to The Gardens on September 8 to set up. Susan Shannon made a Motion that Kathy Brinkley do the setup. JoeAnne Renteria seconded the Motion, and the motion passed.

With nothing further to discuss, JoeAnne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Susan Shannon seconded. The motion passed.

Margaux Mann was asked to pull the ticket out of the container for the raffle, and Sue Blume held the winning ticket number! Congratulations to Sue on winning the great DrageeKiss!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

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

Susan Shannon demonstrated a cloisonné inspired plaque she learned at the ICES Convention. I loved the technique, and Susan did a great job teaching us how to create our own project.

The Minutes were passed out.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am. Sue thanked everyone for coming. Sue is the one that furnished refreshments.

The members read the Minutes, and there were no questions. Helen Osteen made a motion to accept the Minutes, and Susan Shannon seconded. The motion passed.

There was no Treasurer's Report, but we will have reports for the two months in the August meeting.

Old Business

Sue Blume reminded everyone that we have The Gardens scheduled for our CDE for September 8. Additionally, the AV Equipment is secured and the catering is in place.

Claudia Prati will be teaching the classes after the CDE on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 9, 10, and 11, and Elizabeth Dickson will be having a class on Bas Relief from 9-Noon, and Petit Fours from 1-3 on Saturday, September 7.

There was also the reminder that the Christmas Party is at the Monument Inn on December 10.

New Business

We discussed this year's charity. We had already voted to give Ronald McDonald the proceeds of the Christmas raffle. There was no motion to give 10% of the CDE registration to anyone. Susan Shannon made a motion that we donate the 10% from the CDE registration to Ronald McDonald House, and that we bring items from their Want List to the Christmas Party for their pantry. Helen Osteen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was no further business to discuss, and a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The raffle was a \$50 gift certificate to Larry's Arts & Crafts. I failed to make a note of the winner.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Minutes were recorded by Helen Osteen

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

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

Susan Shannon gave a detailed and informative demo on mixing chocolate candy melts with peanut butter and other ingredients to make delicious chocolate treats. Everyone enjoyed Susan's demo.

The Minutes were passed out.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM. Sue Blume thanked everyone for coming and thanked Susan Shannon for giving a good demo.

Bonnell Templet and Margaux Mann were thanked for bringing the refreshments.

The members read the Minutes, and there were no questions. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the Minutes, and Pat Wiener seconded. The motion passed.

Helen Osteen gave the Treasurer's Report for July and for August, since there was no Treasurer's Report given in July. Helen said that Claudia Prati's classes did very well, with a total registered of 18 on Monday, 17 on Tuesday, and 12 on Wednesday. Elizabeth Dickson's classes did not do as well, with a total of 4 enrolled. Because it is so small, her class will be held at Sue Blume's house. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Susie Jahn seconded.

Old Business

Discussion on the Christmas luncheon was brought up regarding incentives being given by restaurants for organizations bringing their groups to their restaurants during the Christmas season. Sometimes this was for \$100 or more, depending upon the number of people, including a per person rate much less than what the club is paying at the Monument Inn. Some members did not like the idea of voting in February for a Christmas party that would be held 10 months later, but no motion was made or voted upon. Discussion was tabled. Maggiano's Restaurant was mentioned as an alternative, or even different Mexican restaurants.

The CDE is in two weeks. Susie Jahn has not talked to Gabby's any further because the club is booked. Registration for this year's CDE is lower than in previous years, possibly because the IBIE is being held at the same time. There are only 110 registered for this year's CDE as compared to last year when there were 189 registered.

New Business

Sue Blume opened discussion on what the club would give the demonstrators as gifts. It was decided that the demonstrators would receive a beautiful embroidered bag, or possibly aprons. Kathy Brinkley made the motion and Pat Wiener seconded. The motion passed.

JoeAnne Renteria will take home the leftovers from the CDE and bring them to class to feed 18 people for Claudia Prati's Monday class.

Kathy Brinkley will bring the food for 17 people for Tuesday's class.

Anita Schurle will bring the food for the 12 people for Wednesday's class, and it will be pizza.

A gift for the teacher was discussed and it was decided that the teacher would get something of Sue Blume's choosing after she saw what she had and what was appropriate. Possibly a bag but Sue would decide.

For the Sunday morning event, it was suggested that members arrive about 7 AM if they are able. Volunteers were asked to bring breakfast items and desserts. PJ will be there to help serve and do the breakfast cleanup, and also help with lunch. Setup will be in the back.

There was no further business to discuss, and Pat Wiener made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane McCoy seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Congratulations go to JoeAnne Renteria for winning the raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Meeting minutes were passed out by Sue Blume.

Meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Raffle tickets available was announced.

Sue Blume thanked Celia Diaz for her demo. Next month's demo by Jessie Lopez.

Pat Wiener made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Clarita.

Minutes accepted.

Helen went over treasurer's report for August. CDE did very well. 117 registered and 13 vendors. 7 paid at the door. 137 people. Net was 2,219.03.

That means our check to Ronald McDonald would be \$423.50.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to round it up our donation to Ronald McDonald to \$450. Pat Wiener seconded it. Motion carried.

Pat Wiener made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Kathy Brinkley seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Christmas Party

If you plan to go to the Christmas Party, please RSVP with Helen. If you tell us you are going, and do not show up, you will have to pay \$29 for your lunch.

Rob your neighbor has a \$20 limit. Please bring donations for Ronald McDonald.

Play Days

Pat Wiener suggested a wafer paper play day. She can do flowers, bows, and cover a dummy. Date? October 6th from 1 to 5 pm at Larry's. Class has to have 5 people registered the week before (September 29th) or the play day is cancelled.

Sandy made a motion to accept the Play Day. Susan Shannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sandy made a motion to adjourn. Pat Wiener seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were recorded by Sandy Cook

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Our October meeting was held at our regular location of Larry's Arts & Crafts in Pasadena. The meeting was casual and enjoyed by everyone.

There were 18 Members in attendance, with no guests.

Maria Vela was thanked for the green salad, as well as other members who brought items and furnished us with wonderful refreshments. The tuna salad was excellent and a thank you is given to everyone for all the food.

Susan Shannon presented our demo of working with Buttermilk Pralines. They were sampled & enjoyed by everyone.

Due to illness, our President, Sue Blume, and our Treasurer, Helen Osteen, were unable to attend the October meeting.

The Minutes & Treasurer's report for September will be presented at the November meeting. Due to our Secretary being out of the country, Sandy Cook helped out in September by taking the September minutes and these should be available at the November meeting since Sandy was not in attendance for this meeting.

Old Business

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held at the Monument Inn on Tuesday, December 10, at 11 AM. Susan Shannon reminded everyone that the Christmas party is in place of the December meeting. If any member plans on attending, please notify Helen Osteen. Anyone that notifies Helen that they will attend the Christmas party, but then does not show up, will be required to pay the meal fee.

Pat Wiener encouraged everyone to bring non-perishable items to donate to the Ronald McDonald house. The Ronald McDonald house sent a helpful list which is printed in the club newsletter. There will also be an item raffled off with the proceeds of the raffle going to the Ronald McDonald House.

Kathy Brinkley reminded everyone that we will play the Secret Santa game. Everyone that wants to participate is to bring a gift between \$15.00-\$20.00.

Play Days

The Wafer Paper Play Days led by Pat Wiener were discussed and said to be enjoyed by everyone. With the number of members interested, it became necessary to have two Play Days. On October 6 we had 18 paid members, and on October 13 there were 10 paid members. Pat said she would continue to teach Play Days and appreciated all the members that came out and got together in a fun environment to support the Club.

New Business

Club Meeting Demos

Pat Wiener was asked to present the November demo and specifically to do part of the Wafer Paper Play Day for those that were not able to attend either class. Pat agreed to demo.

Other play days were discussed and Maria Vela said she will teach a cake decorated with Russian tips on Sunday, January 12, 2020. Pat Wiener volunteered to help Maria promote the Russian Tip Play Day.

Since our Play Days are helpful in acquiring new members, there was discussion on trying to find ways to promote our Play Days so that those who are not members might become interested in attending and then possibly join our club.

Our permanent Play Day fees are \$10.00 for club members and \$15.00 for non-members. This encourages non-members to come out, participate, and see what the Houston Cake Club is about.

November meeting

Because the Thanksgiving holidays fall during the week of our regularly scheduled meeting, Kathy Brinkley made a motion to move the November meeting up one week, to Tuesday November 19, and the motion was seconded by Pat Wiener. The motion passed.

Raffle

There was not a raffle item. Margaux Mann made a motion that everyone that wore their club shirt to the October meeting should receive an extra ticket at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Susan Shannon and the motion passed. Those wearing their shirts were Ya Ya Nuñez, Pat Wiener, Maria Vela, Cindy Cone, Elizabeth Beregszaszy, and Margaux Mann.

There was no further business to discuss. The demo was finished shortly before 11 AM. Margaux Mann made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Cindy Cone seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

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

Pat Wiener gave a detailed demo of different wafer paper flower bow designs on cakes, and everyone enjoyed Pat's demo. The wonderful refreshments were provided by Celia Diaz and Hermelanda Garcia.

The Minutes of the October meeting were passed out and the meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM. Sue Blume thanked everyone for coming, thanked Pat for giving such a great demo, and thanked Celia and Hermelanda for bringing the refreshments.

The members read the Minutes, and there were no questions. Because Sandy Cook recorded the September minutes, but was not present at the October meeting, they were passed out at the November meeting. Susie Jahn made a motion to accept the Minutes for both September and October, and Pat Wiener seconded. The motion carried.

Helen Osteen gave the Treasurer's Report for October. There was discussion, and Lori Gust observed that because the Treasurer's reports were spread out over several months, it was unclear whether the CDE classes made any money. Lori asked if it would be possible for Helen to provide, for each teacher, a breakdown of the fees taken in and expenses paid out to determine how much money was made or lost. Helen said she could easily provide this but that there was no money made on either of the Liz Dickson classes since no one really signed up. Lori said this was fine but she thought it would be nice to have the details on how much was actually paid out.

Helen also said that on Pat Wiener's two wafer paper classes, the club made \$75 because she had 15 people who each paid \$5 for the class, which rarely happens, but the class was very popular. Helen said that Lori was correct and that she would provide a better breakdown on the Elizabeth Dickson class and the CDE classes for the next monthly meeting.

With no more questions, and because the Treasurer's Report for September and October were combined, Pat Wiener made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report for September and October, and Kathy Brinkley seconded it. The motion carried.

Old Business

Sue Blume reminded everyone about the Christmas party and to bring gifts if there were participating in the gift exchange, and also to remember to bring supplies for the Ronald McDonald House. Dues for the Cake Club membership are also due by January 31st of 2020 and are \$30. In January we will be taking nominations for the new board members.

Maria Vela's Russian Play Day will be on January 12, and members were encouraged to sign up.

New Business

Lori Gust is generously donating many Styrofoam cake dummies that she has, and said that if any of our club members would like to have them, to give her a call her at 281-733-6080. Lori said she would work out arrangements for pick-up of these dummies and would also give anyone the sizes if they were interested.

Nominations for officers will be held at the January meeting, and elections for new officers will be held at the scheduled club meeting on February 25, 2020. Sue also encouraged members to sign up for cake club demos and refreshments. The Texas ICES DOS will be on February 2, and Sue said the information pertaining to this will be in the newsletter.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

The raffle was happily won by Kathy Brinkley. Congratulations!

Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

December Christmas Party Held at Monument Inn December 4, 2018

Helen Osteen said that we had collected \$_____ for the December raffle. 10% of the CDE registration was \$_____ and the cake club decided to round the number to \$_____ for the donation. The total for these two came to \$_____. The proceeds of these combined items are to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Did anyone make a Motion that we donate \$_____ to the Ronald McDonald House. Did anyone second this? Was this even mentioned? If not, we can do this at the January meeting.