

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

The meeting was held at Larry's Arts & Crafts, Pasadena, Texas. There were 17 people in attendance.

A demo on flower molds was given by Kathy Brinkley and she showed everyone how easy it was to do. Refreshments were brought to the meeting by Susan Shannon and Sue Blume and enjoyed by all.

The Minutes of the November meeting and December luncheon were passed out by Margaux Mann, and the treasurer's report was passed out by Helen Osteen. The meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM. Sue Blume thanked everyone for coming, thanked Kathy for the demo and thanked herself and Susan for providing the refreshments.

The members read the Minutes and no one had any questions. Pat Wiener made a motion to accept the minutes, and Cindy Cone seconded. The motion carried.

Helen Osteen gave the Treasurer's Report and answered questions from the November meeting on the CDE expenses. Helen went on to say that there is money in the Houston Cake Club bank account from checks deposited from ICES and Texas ICES and she will move that money to the correct bank account. Susan Shannon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Pat Wiener seconded it. The motion carried.

Old Business

Sue Blume said that everyone had fun at the Christmas party.

Maria Vela's Russian piping tip play day for January 12 was canceled due to lack of participants and Helen refunded the money to those members that had already paid.

New Business

Sue Blume informed the members that, as of December, 2019, the Houston Cake Club could no longer use the room at Larry's Arts & Crafts for their regular monthly meetings free of charge. Larry's would now be charging the cake club a fee of \$50 a month to rent out that room, or another back room if the larger room is already rented, for a one-time meeting space each month for 2 hours. The club is required to return the room in its original, clean condition.

There was discussion on the many places that members called to see about the cake club not having to pay each month to have a meeting space, but no one had found a place, yet, and everyone was encouraged to continue to look. Diane McCoy texted the Mayor of Pasadena and his wife to see if they knew of a place where the club could meet and not have to pay each month.

Lori Gust made a motion to wait to vote to move the cake club meeting space to another location and discuss this again in February, and Pat Wiener seconded it. Lori Gust made another motion that the Houston Cake Club pay Larry's \$50 to use a room each month for the club meeting, and Pat Wiener seconded it. The motion carried.

Sue Blume said that since the meetings are getting smaller, with fewer people attending, that maybe the cake club should change its monthly meeting to now meet every other month, instead of every month since there are only about 63 members in the club. Sue felt that having a meeting every other month might encourage people to come to more meetings. It was further discussed about having meetings at night or on Saturdays.

This suggestion was met with members' thoughts as to why it was better to keep the meetings every month, one reason is that it is stated in the club's Bylaws that we will meet one time a month, and to keep them on a weekday when most people can attend. Kathy Brinkley felt that if meetings were changed to every other month, then people would get confused as to what month the meeting actually was and where it might be held, so she thought we should keep it to every month.

Suggestions were also given as to how the club could attract new members and increase the size from its current 63 members. Diane McCoy suggested having a booth at a local strawberry festival, but Sue Blume and Maria Vela said that it cost \$300 for a booth and this was not worth it. Celia Diaz said that Margaux Mann encourages members to come out to the monthly meetings, and Margaux said that she did do this.

Sue Blume said the Area IV DOS will be held on Sunday, February 2, in Spring, and there will be 4 demonstrators and many vendors. In order to be eligible for a plate lunch as well as a goodie bag, Kathy Brinkley said that attendees must register before 5 PM on Thursday, January 30. Sue said it will be a fun day.

Sue Blume announced that nominations for officers were going to be at this January meeting, and nominations were given very quickly for all the offices at once.

Sue Blume was nominated for president and accepted.

Margaux Mann was nominated for secretary again, for which she respectfully declined.

Diane McCoy, Bonnell Templet, and Susan Shannon were also nominated for secretary.

Diane and Bonnell declined.

Susan Shannon said she did not want to be secretary but that she would be vice president.

Maria Vela said that she would be secretary.

Helen Osteen was nominated and agreed to be treasurer again.

When all the nominations had subsided, the final tally, for people running for a board position, was:

Sue Blume, president

Susan Shannon, vice president
Helen Osteen, treasurer
Maria Vela, secretary

Declined:

Margaux Mann, secretary
Diane McCoy, secretary
Bonnell Templet, secretary
Susan Shannon, secretary

Since the four offices to be held were unopposed, Pat Wiener made the motion to accept the new board as the ones to take the position, Margaux Mann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Continuing on with the meeting, there was discussion on the 12 folding chairs in the storeroom, and Pat Wiener said that she would like to purchase these. Sue Blume said she would contact Pat so she could purchase these.

Sue Blume gave Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary greetings to all.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Margaux Mann pulled the winning raffle ticket which was held by Dani Biess. Congrats, to Dani on winning a beautiful raffle basket!

The Minutes were recorded by Margaux Mann

Houston Cake Club Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

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

Kathy Brinkley demonstrated making hydrangeas with Nicholas Lodge's Flower Pro, and some other cutters and veiners. She also demonstrated daffodils, and showed deer antlers she made from a mold.

Next month, Migdalia (YaYa) Nunez will demo a bunny cake using sugar sheets.

Next month, Jennifer Kim and Eva Aguilar.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am. Sue thanked everyone for coming.

The Minutes were passed out. Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the minutes. Helen Osteen seconded. Motion passed.

Helen Osteen presented the Treasurer's Report. We have 32 active members as of January 31, 2020. Maria Vela made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Susan Shannon seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

We need to find a place for our monthly meetings. Kathy Brinkley made a motion we stay at Larry's and pay \$50/month. Helen Osteen seconded. Motion passed.

We have 12 chairs that are in storage. Kathy Brinkley moved that we donate them to Larry's. Cindy Cone seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that we hold the Christmas Party at the Monument Inn on December 8. She called to make sure that date was available. Susan seconded. Motion passed.

Kathy Brinkley moved that we have the Cake Decorating Extravaganza at a new location, Angel Oaks Events, 314-A Pruitt Rd, Spring TX 77380. Susan Shannon seconded. Motion passed.

Sue Blume asked the club what large prizes they would like for the Extravaganza. People suggested an Agbay, Kitchen Aid, cake carrier from Sugar Works, air brush, and a bakers rack.

The drawing was made for the raffle.

The meeting was adjourned.

Meeting for March is cancelled.

We want to be mindful of the health and safety of our members. We are closely monitoring corona virus developments. We feel it is in the best interest of all our members to cancel this month's meeting.

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Meeting for May2020 05 is cancelled.

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Meeting for June 2020 is cancelled.

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Minutes from July 28, 2020 meeting

Sue Blume thanked Susan Shannon for doing the demo, and thanked everyone for joining us today.

We were unable to show a copy of the minutes so Sue Blume read the minutes from the February 25, 2020 meeting.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the minutes. Ibitayo Ogundare seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Helen Osteen presented a verbal treasurer's report. At the beginning of June, we had \$14,478.51 in the bank. Our only expense was \$51 for the storeroom. We are paying that by bank draft each month because they stopped giving us a free month for paying the year in advance. At June 30th, we had a cash balance of \$14,427.51. We have 39 members and 33 active members.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Sue Blume explained that we can no longer hold our meetings at Larry's. They are downsizing and don't have room for us. Sue had sent an email to all our members, and everyone that responded was agreeable to hold the meetings with Zoom.

Sue talked about the motion made in February to donate the 12 chairs we have in storage to Larry's. They no longer have room for them.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to rescind the motion. Helen Osteen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Several people have expressed an interest in buying the chairs. We feel that \$5 each would be a fair price. Bonnell Templet asked if we knew what we paid for them. Sue did not. We have had them for years. We looked at them at Sam's and they are not that expensive.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to sell the chairs to Susan Shannon for \$5 each. Anita Schurle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We moved our Cake Decorating Extravaganza to September 12, 2021. Sue had polled the members and everyone that responded was agreeable to cancel the CDE for 2020.

As far as we know the Christmas Party will be held at the Monument Inn on December 8th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue discussed the need for Bylaws changes. We will have to make a change to where we meet.

Here is the Section we must change:

Article 3, Section 2 - Meetings shall be primarily based at Larry's Arts and Crafts, 1510 Richey Road, Pasadena, TX. The primary meeting place shall remain the same unless changed by a two-thirds vote of the membership. The vote will occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow for notification of all members.

Members not able to attend the next meeting may submit their vote via U.S. mail or e-mail.

Here is the proposed change:

Article 3, Section 2 – Meetings shall be primarily held through Zoom. Each member will get notification and a link to join in on the demos and meetings. If any one person choses to, they can meet at the President's (President at that time) home to watch the meeting. The primary meeting place (Zoom) shall remain the same unless changed by a two-thirds vote of the membership. All votes will be counted by the end of the following business day.

There is another section we wish to change:

Article 1, Section 4 – All members will earn a discount card after attending two Houston Cake Club sponsored events within the previous twelve (12) months. Events include: meetings, Days of Sharing, classes, Play Days, and any other Club sponsored event.

Here is the proposed change:

Article 1, Section 4 - All members will receive a discount card when membership dues are paid.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion that we change Article 3, Section 2, and Article 1, Section 4 as presented. Susan Shannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We cannot vote on the Bylaws changes today. We will vote on them at the regular scheduled meeting August 25th.

Our raffle today is a \$25 gift card to Amazon. The notification went out by email and members bought tickets online. We have tickets from 1 to 40, and Sue asked Marlene Hollier to pick a number. Her pick was 29. And the winner was Kathy Brinkley.

Our raffle for the August meeting will be a \$50 gift card to Amazon. You do not have to be present to win.

Anita Schurle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Shannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes were transcribed by Helen Osteen

Minutes from August 25, 2020

Sue Blume thanked **Kathy Brinkley** for doing the demonstration on gumpaste poppies, using Nicholas Lodge's Flower Pro.

Sue asked everyone to read the minutes of the July meeting.

Bonnell Templet made a motion to accept the minutes. **Kathy Brinkley** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Helen Osteen did not have the Treasurer's Report, so we will provide a Treasurer's Report for both July and August at the September meeting.

For the bylaws to pass, we have to have a minimum of 2/3rds to change the location of the meetings.

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At our present membership, we need 26 votes. We don't have that many votes now, so Sue will call members to get them to email a vote.

Hopefully COVID-19 won't keep us from having the Christmas Party at the Monument Inn in December.

Sue asked **Ibatayo Ogundare "Tayo"** to pick a number between 1 and 40. The winning number was 25 which belonged to **Betty Hernandez**. She was not at the meeting, so Sue will mail the gift card to her.

Bonnell Templet made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Susan Shannon** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Minutes from September 22, 2020

Sue Blume thanked **Jessie Lopez** for doing the Buttercream Techniques.

Sue asked everyone to read the minutes of the August meeting.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the minutes. **Susan Shannon** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Helen Osteen presented a verbal Treasurer's Report for both July and August. Our bank balance at the end of **June was \$14,366.51**. We had raffle income of \$90 and sale of the chairs for \$60, membership dues \$45; void stale dated checks, so our total income was \$525.94. We purchased raffle prizes for our CDE; 2 months of Zoom fees; PayPal Fees; 2 Amazon gift cards; and 2 months of storeroom, for total expenses of \$221.10, leaving a balance at the **end of August of \$14,538.80**.

Susan Shannon made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. **Kathy Brinkley** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bylaws: Sue wound up having to call some members to make sure we got 1 more than the 2/3rds required to change the location of our meetings each month. We had to have 26 votes in favor, and wound up with 27 votes in favor. None opposed.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to give the Christmas Raffle money to Ronald McDonald House. **Susan Shannon** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hopefully COVID-19 won't keep us from having the Christmas Party at the Monument Inn in December.

Sue asked **Celia Diaz** to pick a number between 1 and 45. The winning number was 15 which belonged to **Sue Blume**. She was very surprised.

Susan Shannon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Kathy Brinkley** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Minutes from October 27, 2020

Maria Vela was supposed to do the demonstration from her home. However, she was never able to log into Zoom to join the meeting.

Sue asked everyone to read the minutes of the September meeting.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the minutes. **Marlene Hollier** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Helen Osteen presented a verbal Treasurer's Report for September. Our bank balance at the end of **August was \$14,538.80**. We had raffle income of \$45. One month of Zoom fees (\$15.92), PayPal fees (\$2.67), Amazon gift card for raffle (\$50), and storeroom (\$51), for total expenses of \$119.59. leaving a balance at the **end of September of \$14,474.21**.

Bonnell Templet made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. **Tayo Ogundare** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sue asked **Marlene Hollier** to pick a number between 1 and 50. The winning number was 28 which belonged to **Betty Hernandez**. That is the second time Betty has won the raffle! You do not have to be present to win.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to change the November meeting to 17th. **Cindy Deen** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Bonnell Templet** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Minutes from November 17, 2020.

Sue Blume thanked **Kathy Brinkley** for doing the demonstration on a gumpaste poinsettia, using Nicholas Lodge's Flower Pro.

Sue asked everyone to read the minutes of the October meeting, but Helen forgot to send the minutes out to the members. Sue read the minutes.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the minutes. **Tayo Ogundare** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Helen Osteen gave a verbal Treasurer's Report for October. Our ending balance \$14,139.96.

Kathy Brinkley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Susan Shannon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hopefully COVID-19 won't keep us from having the Christmas Party at the Monument Inn on December 8th. We will play "rob your neighbor", \$20 value limit. All proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

The Wish List was not in the November newsletter, so Helen will send it to Sue to send out this evening.

Retta Pryor asked how we will handle the social distancing. She has a 3-week-old grandson, and she does not want to take any chances.

Sue asked **Retta Pryor** to pick a number between 1 and 50. The winning number was 25 which belonged to **Kathy Brinkley**.

Susan Shannon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Retta Pryor** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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