



# Central Texas Chapter

March 27, 2010  
Castroville

AATF Central Texas Chapter Meeting  
Minutes

The meeting began at 10:00 with breakfast served at the Landmark Inn, a Texas State Historical site, in Castroville, west of San Antonio. The following attended:

Nicole De Falcis	Heather Alonso	Rita Mckee
Betty Clough	Bonnie Shanks	Frances Samsan (orth?)
Michelle Shadwick	Jacki Thomas	Zhen Ji
Karin Sloan	Jennie Chao	Jeanne Johnson
Talal Zineddine	Betty Monson	Judy Sasaridis
Anne Cirella-Urrutia	Janet Lumley	Joel Mayer
Helen Guillory	Rosemary Clark	

At 10 :45 we learned the history of the Landmark Inn, which was followed by a brief tour of the beautiful grounds, and the buildings on this site, which is located next to the Medina River.

Afterwards, we walked to the Steinbach House, a 17<sup>th</sup> century Alsatian house. Under the auspices of the Conseil Regional d'Alsace, it was disassembled in Alsace, shipped to Castroville, and reassembled slowly here (in 1998) by a combined effort of craftsmen from Alsace and from Castroville.

At 12:15, Dr. Anne Cirella-Urrutia of Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, gave a presentation about the work of an Alsatian writer/artist, Tomi Ungerer. She and Heather Alonso read aloud the French and English version of his children's book, *Trémolo*.

Lunch was served at 1:00. It was catered by the Medina Valley Café. Joel Mayer and Rosemary Clark provided wine and dessert.

After lunch, the Chapter held its business meeting, chaired by President Janet Lumley. The minutes of the previous meeting (fall 2009) were read, corrected and approved.

Anne Cirella-Urrutia graciously accepted nomination to run for the office of president, and she was elected by acclamation. Many, many thanks are due to Janet Lumley for her able leadership of the chapter during the past 4 years!

Helen Guillory, treasurer, announced that the chapter currently has \$2,031.00 in its treasury.

Jacki Thomas reminded us that the next annual convention of the AATF will be in Philadelphia, from July 3-7, and encouraged members to attend. The chapter voted to subsidize the trip of up to 2 members who attend the convention, each to receive \$250, to help defray their costs. Rosemary Clark stated that she is interested in going. Janet Lumley reminded the members that all requests for reimbursement must be made in advance of attendance at the convention. The member(s) wishing to go must apply to the officers by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Whoever does go will be a delegate from our chapter, and will make a report about the meeting to the chapter membership at the fall meeting 2010.

After discussion, the decision was made to hold our fall 2010 meeting in San Marcos, at Texas State University. Anne Cirella-Urrutia and Helen Guillory both have contacts there, and will work on the logistics of the future meeting. The officers will decide on the date. It was agreed that September 25<sup>th</sup> or October 2<sup>nd</sup> would be the best choice, in order to avoid a conflict with other language meetings in the fall.

After the business meeting ended, Joel Mayer took some of the attendees on a short walking tour of the historical center of Castroville.

We would like to thank all those who gave up their Saturday to attend the meeting, and we were delighted to see some new teachers. Merci beaucoup à tous et à toutes!

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary P-Z. Clark  
Secretary

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