Food Safety Advisory Council of Orange County	*"To promote food safety in Orange County through industry and regulatory agency cooperation."*
	Meeting Notes
	February 1, 2012
	10:00 am to 11:45 am
2012 Board:	**Angela Sanchez, Chair – (CKE Restaurants Inc.)** Sia Haghighi, Vice-Chair • Jennifer Garza, Past Chair • Janet Yaldezian, Treasurer • Mary Lynn Walsh, Secretary

Orange County Environmental Health
1241 E. Dyer Road, Santa Ana, 92705
2nd Floor, Crystal Cove Conference Room
(Exit Dyer off 55 Fwy, behind Embassy Suites off Tech Center Dr.)
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Angela Sanchez Chair-elect 2012 called the meeting to order at 10:15am

All attendees present did self-introductions.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Sanchez (Janet Yaldezian was unable to attend)
Lisa collected $5.00 fee from attendees; anyone requesting a receipt will receive it via email.
Balance on hand: $1,670.15
***Reminder: Meeting Dues - $5.00 from each attendee is greatly appreciated.**

Open Positions:
Co-chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Voting for 2012 positions was deferred until the end of the meeting.

September 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes: **Approved with amendment/clarification:** Treasurer Report $1670.15 not $1.00
Note: The December meeting was the Holiday Luncheon and get together so there is no meeting minutes to approve.

Consumer Education Subcommittee Report: Mike Haller (Robbie Curtis out on assignment). Orange County Fair FSAC Day will be expanded to FSAC hours on more days with a free floating schedule to ensure everyone gets a chance to work and spread the Food Safety message. No specific dates have been determined yet but in general the OC Fair runs from the middle of July through the first week of August. Monday and Tuesdays are blackout dates. Mike encouraged everyone to participate because it is so much fun; the only caveat is that there is a limit to the number of people who can "man" the booth (usually 4 people only). However, volunteers can work the crowd. The BAC suit is a huge hit and last year the BAC person worked the crowd and directed fair goers to the booth.

Idea: Create our own suit for Orange County instead of renting it from the FDA. A discussion ensued about designing our own suit. Anyone can submit an idea and there will be a prize awarded plus bragging rights! A cutoff date for submissions will be announced.

Idea: The previous coloring contest several years ago at the grammar schools was a huge hit! Mike Haler, Pat Copps and other members of the Consumer Educational Subcommittee (CESC) thoroughly enjoyed presenting the prizes to the

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schools/students who won the prizes. Many schools made a really big deal about the presentation of the prizes. Instead of providing the paper to color; the CESC is considering having the kids create their own germs or superhero with the restriction that it must be free hand; no computers used. The CESC will need to decide the medium used (chalk, pen, paint, etc.) and also the categories for entries (ex. K through 5, middle and high school).

Question: What is the end result of the coloring contest: entries and winners are displayed on the FSAC webpage; considering making some of the winning pictures into posters and displaying them at the OC Fair FSAC booth. Also having the winners present to talk about their winning entry. Discussion ensued with much excitement.

Health Department Report: Karen Newe & Mike Haller. Mobil Food Division has been dealing quite a bit with illegal carts and has decided to take a new approach i.e. doing more education rather just having the illegal cart move to the next block. This is a long term project and HD continues to hope to make more progress. There is a technology project regarding plan check—all information will be available on the website-this should decrease the number of phone calls plus people will be more informed about the plan check status of their requests.

Norovirus is on the rise due to the winter months.

Update on the Award of Excellence: In order for a unit to receive the Award of Excellence the unit must be free of major violations; have a certified Food Safety Manager and have received no more than 6 minor violations. It is really an award for above and beyond in Food Safety excellence. There will be a slight increase in the number of units receiving the award. The ETA for the units to be announced is the end of February or the beginning of March—play this award up; it really is a great acknowledgement. Approximately 30% of the facilities will receive the excellence award. It is a very difficult award to receive.

Balanced score card: The balanced score card really lets the OCHD know if their education programs and processes are working. There is a reduction in closures as well as a reduction in major violations. The balanced score card includes: 1) closures/permit suspensions and 2) # of major violations (goal is to reduce the # of major violations.

Mike Haler had requested via email information about power outage procedures. He was very pleased at the response and how closely aligned everyone was in their procedures during a power outage to protect the consumers.

Developing more education bulletins about how to do the right thing; the inspectors are not handing them out during inspections. The education bulletins are being posted on the website.

Budget: There are 3 openings for HD positions; submission date for consideration ends February 29, 2012. Note: 79 REHS applied for one open position. There is a lot going on within the state and Mike wants to ensure that the very best people are hired; people who are helpful with an educational/training focus.

Fee package: probably a slight increase in fees; it would be the first in 3 years; or it may be another year of doing more with less.

Question regarding emails: Inspection reports are emailed to the units as well as recalled information. Emails to units really involve something very specific.

Presenter: Angela Sanchez
Cal-Code & CRFSC: California Retail Food Safety Coalition

- Lisa is the co-chair of CRFSC.
- Currently an issue with the cottage food industry legislation. The CRFSC tries to get out in front of issues.
- Infant formula/baby food became effective 1/1/12; cannot sell it past the expiration date; fines
- See the attached PowerPoint of the presentation

Presenters: Angela Sanchez and Mike Haler
FDA: Model Food Code

- See attached PowerPoint
- Discussion re: bare hand contact with RTE foods; CFP standard no bare hand contact; was vetoed in Ca; will come up again.

Nomination and Voting for the 2012 Board

- Explanation that Co-Chair is a two year commitment as Co-Chair becomes the Chair the following year. The duties of the Co-Chair were explained to help the Chair with the agenda and chair the meeting if the Chair is unable to attend. This year OC is sponsoring the Holiday meeting so the Chair and Co-chair will investigate and select a venue for the Holiday meeting.
- There were no nominations. Sia Haghighi volunteered; his nomination was seconded and he was voted in as 2012 Co-Chair.
- Secretary: Mary Lynn Walsh was nominated and seconded. She accepted as Secretary for 2012.
- Treasurer: no one volunteered. Even though Janet was not present she had indicated she would continue to act as Treasure if no one else was interested. Janet was nominated and seconded as 2012 Treasurer.

Discussion of direction FSAC should take in addition to meetings; suggestions for topics:

- Presentation on CFP since the conference will have been held in Indy in April
- Botulism in Joshua tree; homemade jams and jellies
- Experts to provide information but no sales pitches
- What's new in Academia research
- FSMA affecting the Food Code?
- More of a workshop format vs. meeting format
- More networking time
- Email additional suggestions to asanchez@ckr.com

Tentative 2012 Meeting Schedule:

- **May 2, 2012 Consumer Education Meeting at 9:00 am—everyone welcome**
- **September 12, 2012 Consumer Education Meeting at 9:00 am—everyone welcome**
- **December 7, 2012 Holiday Meeting OCFSAC Hosting Location tba (no Consumer Education Meeting)**

Meeting Adjourned: 12:10 pm

A big thank you to Mike Learakos for the beverages and treats!