

District Executive Council Meeting

San Marcos, Texas

March 6, 2010

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by District Governor Margaret Cathey, DTM. Linda Williams, DTM, offered an opening prayer. Grace Jennings, DTM, read the District Mission.

Welcome and Recognition – District Governor Margaret Cathey, DTM, recognized DEC members who had achieved new Communication and Leadership designations since the last DEC meeting in January.

Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – District Secretary Tim Williams, ACS ALB, called roll. Thirty-two of 43 DEC members were present. Twenty-two members being required for a quorum, the quorum was met. Two additional members arrived after roll call.

Adoption of Agenda – Moved and seconded. The agenda was adopted.

Approval of the Minutes – Minutes of previous meeting had been distributed by email. It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

Treasurer's Report, June 2009 – District Treasurer Tonia Norman, DTM reported that the treasurer's report has been posted on the District 55 web site. The District currently has approximately \$21,000.00 available for budgeted expenditures this fiscal year.

Mid-Year Audit Report – Due to time constraints, Gypsy Ramsey, DTM, gave the Mid-Year Audit Report earlier in the meeting than originally scheduled. The report has been posted on the District 55 web site. There were no questions from the floor and no changes suggested. The report will be submitted to the District Council for approval in April.

Reports by Senior District Officers –

Lieutenant Governor Marketing Linda Williams, DTM, reported that one third of the Area Governor reports are in. March will be the last month for Talk Up Toastmasters, Three Months for Three Members, and The Early Bird Gets the Recognition incentives.

Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Grace Jennings, DTM reported that officer training is complete, there being 97 clubs with four officers trained.

District Governor Margaret Cathey, DTM reported success in posting club dues. Thirteen clubs have already paid their dues. The district is also currently four clubs ahead of its goal for new clubs.

Division and Area Governor Reports – division and area governor reports were presented in the following order:

Division G – Gerry Wyant, ACS ALB, accompanied by AG's Nancy Wyant, CC, Johnna Krawietz, CC CL, Amy Espinoza, ACS CL, Rafael Malo, ATMG, and Heather Diehl, ACS ALB.

Division H, – Humberto Vela, ACB CL, accompanied by AG's David Fritzlen, ACS CL, and M.H. Levine, ACG CL.

Division I – Ren Liner, DTM, accompanied by AG's Blanche Pape, ACS CL, Jan Davis, ACS, Aart Millicam, ACG CL, and Linda Stough, CC CL.

Division J – Trey Gramann, ACS ALS, accompanied by AG's Janie Coy, CC CL, Tony Grasso, CC CL, Lisa Park, ACB ALB, Taline Manassian, CC, and Betty McDaniel, ACB ALB.

Division K- Report by Jerry Barrett, ATM ALS, (in absence of John Schmidt, DTM) accompanied by AG's Garrett Onderdonk III, ACS CL, Scott Killen, ACS ALB, and Ron Sheaffer, ATMG.

Division L – Sharon Brown, ACB ALB, accompanied by AG's Tim Hackler, CC, and Karen Sikes, ACS ALB.

Other Committee Reports –

Spring 2010 Conference – conference chair, Lupe Roy, DTM, reported that the Spring Conference is on track for April 30-May 2, 2010 at the YO Ranch Conference Center in Kerrville, Texas.

Nominations Committee – IPDG Stan See, DTM, reported that the Nominations Committee had finished their deliberations and that the committee's nominations had been published by e-mail. It was noted that DEC members are not permitted to campaign for or to endorse a candidate.

Realignment Committee – Barbara Smith, DTM, reported that the proposed district realignment has been posted on the District 55 website. She acknowledged the contributions of David Fritzlen, ACS CL, who has devised an objective means of rating a club's relative strength.

There was discussion concerning the possibility of adding one or two new divisions to the district. Motions were made and seconded to add one new division and two new divisions. Both motions failed at the vote.

A motion was passed to accept the realignment as presented. This realignment will be presented for a vote at the District Council meeting on May 1, 2010.

Procedures Committee – Harry Truman, DTM, presented proposed changes to the District 55 Procedures manual. Most of the changes involved reimbursement for travel expenses and the changes necessitated by Toastmasters International elimination of the regional conferences.

DG Margaret Cathey, DTM, went through the procedures section by section highlighting the proposed necessary changes. The DEC discussed, voted on and passed each section as it was presented. During the discussions Tonia Norman, DTM, moved that only qualified leadership be reimbursed for travel outside the district. Motion seconded and passed.

The revised District Procedures will be posted on the District 55 website.

Website Committee – Jerry Barrett, ATM ALS, reported on the current progress and goals of the District 55 website redesign.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – none

Announcements –

IPDG Stanley See, DTM, announced that he has volunteered to be the Fall Conference chair. In other business he mentioned he would be discussing with TI's International Directors as to why districts are not allowed to help contest and award winners with travel expenses to the International Convention.

LGM Linda Williams, DTM, announced that Heather Diehl, ACS ALB, will be conference chair for the 2011 spring conference.

LGET Grace Jennings, DTM, asked that all area governors willing to repeat for next year please communicate that to her.

Time and Place of Next Meeting – May 1, 2010, YO Ranch Conference Center, Kerrville, Texas.

Talk Around the Tables – DG Margaret Cathey, DTM, chose to adjourn due to time constraints.

Adjournment – 1:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Tim Williams, ACS ALB, District 55 Secretary