

**Toastmasters District 55**  
**District Executive Committee Meeting**  
**First Lutheran Church, San Marcos, Texas**

**January 14, 2012**

**Call to Order and Welcome Message** – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by District Governor Linda Williams, DTM.

**Inspirational Opening** – Area F21 Governor Dina Puleo, ACB, ALB, presented an inspirational opening.

**Reading of District Mission** – Read by all members of DEC.

**Roll Call/Certification of Quorum** – District Secretary Carol Clark, ACB, ALB, called roll. Thirty- one members were present, sufficient number for a quorum (twenty-seven being required).

**Recognition of Awards** – DG Linda Williams, DTM, read the names of DEC members who have completed Educational Awards since the last DEC meeting in September.

**Adoption of Agenda** – The agenda was unanimously adopted. **Secretary's Report** – The minutes posted on the District 55 website of the DC meeting of September 10, 2011 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Heather-Diehl, DTM, presented the current treasurer's report and it will be filed on the District 55 website.

**Confirmation of appointment of Area Governor for M 31 & M33** – Hussain Hashim for Area M31 and Cindy Tarsi, CC, for Area M33 were unanimously confirmed as Area Governors for their respective Areas.

**Spring Conference Committee Report** – Sharon Brown, DTM announced that the Spring Conference will be held in Corpus Christi, April 27-29, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Emerald Beach. Elections for District Officers will be held at that conference. Clubs need to have representatives present to vote at the District Council meeting on April 28th.

**Reports by Senior District Officers – Public Relations Officer Dwayne Windham, DTM, (Absent)** DG Linda Williams, DTM, presented his report. Support for FreeToastHost1.0 will not be available after February 14<sup>th</sup>. FreeToastHost1.0 can be replaced with FreeToastHost2.0. Congratulations were extended to everyone who participated in the Bring Darren LaCroix to Austin Facebook competition. We won, and he is coming, both to Austin and to San Antonio. Dates and locations are posted on the website.

**Lieutenant Governor Marketing Bill Greenham, DTM,** detailed the membership drive incentives and prizes to be awarded. There are five new clubs in progress. We now have a total of 176 paid clubs to date; only one club short of our District goal. We are currently # 1 in the Region, and # 13 in the World on Membership payments.

**Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Sharon Brown, DTM,** reported on the success of officer training and incentives. She presented a handout on upcoming training events and a list of contest resources which are available on the website. Contest trophies were available for pickup. She projected that goals will be met.

**District Governor Linda Williams, DTM**, noted that the DEC has posted 63 education awards this year. We are well on the way to being a Distinguished District again as we have been for the past 5 years. Her challenge is for us to go beyond “Distinguished” this year. The goal is to be distinguished by the Spring Conference, April 27<sup>th</sup> leaving us 2 months to move up to “Select” or even to “President’s Distinguished.”

**Preparation for Area Reports** – Presentation by David Fritzlen, ACG, ALB, on what is necessary for an area to be Distinguished.

**Division/Area Governor Reports/Brainstorming Sessions** – DEC members from all Divisions were divided into four groups in order to report what they feel are their greatest challenges and then brainstorm ideas on how to meet these challenges. Reports were compiled and will be posted on the website at a future date.

**Chartering/Mentoring Process** John Hastie presented his proposal for marketing, chartering, and mentoring new Distinguished clubs.

**Announcements** – Michael Joseph explained the process for redeeming District 55 Gift Certificates.

**Winners of Most Helpful Suggestion Awards** – DG Linda Williams, DTM, announced the winners of the Division suggestions: L & M – Corporate Video Presentations; F H & I – Exciting, enthusiastic meetings; G – Create a vision club, be passionate, build leaders, and have quality meetings; and J & K – open house.

**Time and Place of Next DEC Meeting** – March 3, 2012, San Marcos, Texas.

**Time and Place of Next District Council Meeting – April 28, 2012–** in Corpus Christi at the Holiday Inn Emerald Beach.

**Adjournment:** 1:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Carol Clark, ACB, ALB, District 55 Secretary

Amended 1/22/12