

District Executive Committee Meeting

San Marcos, Texas

July 10, 2010

Call to Order and Welcome Message - The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by District Governor Grace Jennings, DTM. District Secretary Tim Williams, ACG ALS, gave an inspirational opening, and Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Linda Williams, DTM, read the district mission.

Roll Call and Certification of Quorum – District Secretary Tim Williams, ACG ALS, called roll. Twenty-nine of 45 DEC members were present. Twenty-three 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 the 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 – District Treasurer Roger Storer, ATMB, reported that the treasurer's report for May 2010 has been posted on the District 55 web site. The report was approved as posted. The Treasurer gave a short briefing on the use of reimbursement forms and on the sales tax exemption for District business.

Approval of District Governor Recommendations for Area Governors - District Governor Grace Jennings, DTM, asked for approval of the appointments of area governors, district treasurer, district secretary, parliamentarian, public relations officer, and sergeant-at-arms. These were approved unanimously. The DG inducted and presented district name badges to Phani Kandula, CC, Lyly Fisher, CC, Johnna Krawietz, ACS ALB, District Treasurer, Roger Storer, ATMB, and the District Parliamentarian, Dan Jackson, DTM.

Approval of District Governor Recommendations for Contests – The recommendations made by District Governor Grace Jennings, DTM, to hold Table Topics and Humorous Speech contests in the fall and to hold Evaluation and International Speech Contest competitions in the spring were approved by the DEC.

Reports by Senior District Officers –

Immediate Past District Governor Margaret Cathey, DTM, presented the Distinguished District banner that would be carried by District 55 members at the Toastmasters International convention in August. She cited the district's accomplishments in distinguished divisions, areas, and clubs.

Lieutenant Governor Marketing Sharon Brown, ACS ALS, presented incentives for adding new members and for building new clubs during the new Toastmaster year.

Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Linda Williams, DTM, urged members to concentrate on the DCP program and explained the new Club Success banner ribbon. Later in the meeting she gave a report on the plans for the fall District Conference and urged members to promote the conference to their clubs.

District Governor Grace Jennings, DTM, reported that District 55 is currently #17 in the worldwide district rankings and may move up some once the final statistics are tallied. She discussed district goals for the coming year and the need for club proxies at the International Convention in August. She further recognized Phani Kandula, CC, a computer engineer who has volunteered to work on the design of the district website.

District parliamentarian Dan Jackson, PDG DTM PRP, gave a presentation *Having Fun With Parliamentary Procedures*.

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

Division I – Blanche Pape, ACS CL, accompanied by AG's Deborah Borden, DTM, Chad Schultz, ACS ALB, Drew Crosby, Michael Voulgaris, ACB ALB, and Cheryl Ramirez, CL.

Division K – Kathryn Johnson, CC, reporting for Division Governor Betty McDaniel, ACB ALS, accompanied by AG's Lyly Fisher, CC, Laura Schleicher, ATMG CL, and Jill Onderdonk, ACS CL.

Division G – Johnna Krawietz, ACS ALB.

Division L – Jeanell Menyweather, ACS ALB, accompanied by AG's Kenneth Estes, DTM, Phani Kandula, CC, and Jean Ramsey, CC ALB.

Division J – Jane Coy, ACB CL, accompanied by AG's Paul Wilson, ACS ALB, Joe Jarrett, CC CL, and Jennifer Donley, CC CL.

Division H – Steve Hodgson, ACS CL, reporting for David Fritzlen, ACS ALB, accompanied by AG's David Borden, DTM, Bill Greenham, CC ALB, Veronica Godley, ACB CL, and Nick Rawlings, CC.

Marketing Training Session – LGM Sharon Brown, ACS ALS, gave a presentation on *Prospective Clubs: From Initial Contact to Sample Meeting*.

Final Announcements – DG Grace Jennings, DTM. Next meeting September 11, 2010, San Marcos, Texas.

Adjournment: 2:30 PM