

## **District Executive Council Meeting**

**San Marcos, Texas**

**September 12, 2009**

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by District Governor Margaret Cathey, DTM. Linda Williams, DTM offered an opening prayer. Margaret Cathey, DTM, led the pledge of allegiance. Heather Diehl, ACB, read the District Mission.

**Welcome and Recognition** – District Governor Margaret Cathey, DTM, noted that the DEC had a new Sergeant-at-Arms, Joe Jarrett, CC. The DG also recognized eight DEC members who had achieved new Communication and Leadership designations since the last DEC meeting in July.

**Roll Call and Certification of Quorum** – District Secretary Tim Williams, ACS ALB, called roll. Twenty-six of 43 DEC members were present. Twenty-two members being required for a quorum, the quorum was met. Seven 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.

**Approval of District Governor's Recommendation for Staff** – Recommendation to accept Joe Jarrett, CC, as new District 55 Sergeant-at-arms was approved without objection.

Recommendation was made and accepted by all present to consider the Year-end Audit Report, 2009-10 District Budget, and the Treasurer's Report later in the meeting due to the Treasurer not being present.

### **Reports by Senior District Officers** –

**Immediate Past District Governor Stanley See, DTM**, remarked that District 55 received notable awards at the International Conference in Connecticut and that District 55 is a Select Distinguished District.

**Lieutenant Governor Marketing Linda Williams, DTM**, noted that new clubs are in process of formation in every area. The Smedley program is going well, and it is time for dues to be collected.

**Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Grace Jennings, DTM**, was absent for personal reasons. District Governor Margaret Cathey, DTM, reported for her that 37 clubs had all officers trained – a phenomenal performance.

**District Governor Margaret Cathey, DTM** read positive e-mails to the DEC from Blanche Pape, ACS CL, and Janie Coy, CC CL. She also announced a \$1000 grant from IBM for a district copy machine and supplies, and called attention to the fact that too many district e-mail addresses were currently out of date and need to be revised.

**Year-end Audit Report for 2008-2009** – Tonia Norman, DTM, District 55 Treasurer, summarized the report submitted by the audit committee and published on the District 55 web site. The report reflected a greater than expected surplus from last year due to increased membership and income from the district conferences.

**Approval of 2009-10 District Budget** - Tonia Norman, DTM, District 55 Treasurer, submitted the 2009-10 District 55 budget for approval. The budget was previously posted on the DEC web site. Approval was not immediately forthcoming.

Trey Gramann, ACB ALS, moved that \$500 be moved from budget Line item 644 and be added to budget line item 612. Seconded. Motion passed.

Trey Gramann, ACB ALS, moved that budget line item 612 be raised from \$500 to \$5,000. Seconded. Discussion. Trey Gramann, ACB ALS, moved to amend the motion currently on the floor and that line item 612 be increased to \$2200 and line item 611 be reduced to zero. Amendment seconded. Discussion.

David Fritzlen, ACS CL, moved that the motion and its proposed amendment currently on the floor be moved to the “New Business” portion of the agenda and be considered at that time. Seconded and passed.

John Schmidt, DTM, moved that money be budgeted for refreshments at contests and training. Motion seconded but failed to pass.

**Treasurer’s Report, June 2009** – District Treasurer Tonia Norman, DTM reported that the district is currently solvent and that the treasurer’s report will be posted on the District 55 web site.

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

*Division L – Sharon Brown, ACB ALB, accompanied by AG’s Karan Sikes, ACB, Jeanell Menyweather, ACS, Tim Hackler,CC, and Linda Atkins, ACG CL.*

*Division K- John Schmidt, DTM, accompanied by AG’s Garrett Onderdonk III, ACS CL, Scott Killen, ACS ALB, and Jerry Barrett, ACS.*

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

**Following his division report Trey Gramann, ACS ALS, moved that university clubs be given specialized training for their officers on their location at their meeting times. Motion seconded and passed.**

*Division I – Ren Liner, DTM accompanied by AG’s Blanche Pape, ACS CL, Jan Davis, ACS, and Aart Millecam, ACG CL.*

*Division H – David Fritzlen, ACS CL, substituting for AG Humberto Vela, ACB CL, accompanied by Al Schwab, CC, Amy Stough, ACB CL, and Ron Graves, ACB CL.*

*Division G – Report made by Gerry Wyant, ACS ALB, accompanied by AG's Nancy Wyant, CC, Johnna Krawietz, CC CL, Amy Espinoza, ACB CL, and Heather Diehl, ACB.*

**Other Committee Reports**

Gerry Wyant, ACS ALB, and Nancy Wyant, CC, reported that 88 people have registered so far for the fall conference in Corpus Christi.

**Unfinished Business** – none

**New Business** – Discussion continued on the District 55 budget from earlier in the meeting.

Motion was made to vote on the proposed budget amendment made earlier in the meeting. It was recommended that the motion be defeated so that a new proposed amendment could be considered. Motion defeated.

Trey Gramann, ACS ALS, moved that line item 612 be increased from \$500 to \$4200 by decreasing line item 611 from \$1700 to \$950, line item 570 from \$3000 to \$2500, line item 602 from \$6100 to \$4100 by eliminating the Son of Jack and decreasing the overage by \$450. Seventeen members voted in favor. Motion passes.

The 2009-2010 District budget was approved as amended.

**Announcements** – Announcements were made by Margaret Cathey, DTM, Linda Williams, DTM, Jan Davis, ACS, Heather Diehl, ACB, and Tonia Norman, DTM.

**Time and Place of Next Meeting** – November 7, 2009 Fall Conference, Corpus Christi.

**Talk Around the Tables** – District Governor Margaret Cathey, DTM, elicited suggestions from DEC members.

**Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

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