

## **District Council Meeting**

September 8, 2012

First Lutheran Church

San Marcos, TX 78666

**Call to Order and Welcome Message** -- The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by District Governor Sharon Brown, DTM.

**Inspirational Message** – provided by Division G Governor Mary Pat Johns, ACS, ALB.

**Reading of District Mission** – Presented by Division H Governor Marie Pier-Clarke, ACB, ALB.

**Roll Call, Certification of Quorum** – District Secretary Debi Christensen, ACB, CL, called roll. 36 members were present, and it was a sufficient number for a quorum (29 being required).

**Adoption of Agenda** – The agenda was unanimously adopted.

**Secretary's Report** – The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – District Treasurer Susan McClure, ACS, ALS, presented the Treasurer's Report. The complete report will be filed on the District 55 website. McClure reminded everyone that original receipts are necessary for reimbursement.

**Confirmation of District Governor Recommendations for Appointed Officers**— DG Sharon Brown, DTM, read the recommended appointed positions posted on the website for 2012 -2013. The recommendation was confirmed unanimously.

**Year End Audit Report** – David Fritzlen, ACG, ALB, summarized the Auditor's Report and recommendations. The Auditor's Report was unanimously adopted.

**Presentation and Approval of the District Budget** -- District Treasurer Susan McClure, ACS, ALS, presented the 2012-2013 Budget for District 55. The District Budget was unanimously adopted.

**Presentation and Approval of Recommended Changes to District 55 Procedures** -- David Estrada, DTM, presented the recommended District procedures changes and answered questions from the floor regarding the recommendations. The amendments were considered *en grosse* and were unanimously adopted.

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

**Public Relations Officer** -- Mike Johnston ACG, ALB, reminded the DEC of opportunities to promote Toastmasters without expense to the District,

including presenting to companies. He announced the District will be represented at the Texas Book Fair on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Austin. There is an opportunity to showcase the documentary *Speak* at the Austin and San Antonio Draffhouses, and Johnston reminded the DEC of his focus on helping clubs build better websites.

**Lt. Governor Marketing – Crystal Dyer, ACS, ALB**, announced marketing opportunities such as Dues Renewal Chair, demonstration meetings, marketing and membership incentives, and reminded Area Governor to get their reports sent in on time.

**Lt. Governor Education & Training – Bill Greenham, DTM**, reported on club officer training, and congratulated Divisions M, G, H, and L for their work in training officers. TLI trainings will take place on December 1, 2012, in Austin and San Antonio. Greenham requested that all contest results be sent to Division Governors who will forward the information to him. Fall Conference fees are \$125 for full registration and there is a First-Timer's special. Greenham presented the TLI training report and announced that he is seeking Division Assistants. Thirty-one clubs met club officer training requirements.

**District Governor – Sharon Brown, DTM**, recognized the District 55 DEC and those who completed personal awards. Brown announced that contest information is available on website as well as information regarding incentives, and promotions.

**New Officer Installation Ceremony** -- Immediate Past District Gov Linda Williams, DTM, inducted new Division and Area Governors.

**Fall Conference Committee Report** -- Sharon Brown, DTM, requested that this announcement be waived since Greenham discussed it in his report and the Fall Conference Committee is not present.

#### **Division/Area Governor Reports --**

**Division M** – Anna Jaworksi, ACG, ALB, asked her team of Area Governors to present date and needs for their upcoming contests; she also reported on TLI success and offered to return the favor of helping with contests.

**Division L** – John Hastie, CC, reported on Division progress and Area Governors reported on their progress.

**Division K** – Area governors reported for the absent Division K Governor Maria Lopez Sharp, announcing contests, progress and goals.

**Division J** – Laura Schleicher ACS, ALB, reported for the absent Division J Governor Nadia King, CC, CL. The area governors reported on their contests, and requested judges and volunteers.

**Division I** – Phil Garcia, ACB, CL, asked his Area Governors to report on club progress in their areas and some of the new initiatives clubs have begun. Garcia reported that they have held two Division-wide council team meetings in addition to regular meetings.

**Division H** – Marie Pier Clarke, ACB, ALB, reported on meeting challenges by helping each other out, providing training to fulfill the District mission. Her area governors reported on the progress of clubs in their areas and promoting club success.

**Division G** – Mary Pat Johns, ACS, ALB, announced club and contest progress in her Division, and one area governor presented club progress toward meeting goals and initiatives they will try.

**Division F** – Alan NcNamee, ACS, ALB, and his Area Governors reported on club progress toward meeting goals and holding contests. They also shared best practices and requested assistance with judging.

**1Q Club Performance Review** – LGET Bill Greenham, DTM, revealed the new Toastmasters International website that has all new district performance reports. He noted that if drop-downs do not work, type in the club number. DG Sharon Brown requested that District Governors hold discussions with their Area Governors to focus on strategies that will help clubs improve.

**Building New Clubs** – LGM Crystal Dyer, ACG, ALB presented a workshop on developing new clubs. Division and area governors met to generate new ideas and find ways to support each other. They reported back to the entire group. Dyer awarded incentives to governors.

**New Business** – DG Sharon Brown, DTM, asked for new business. A request was made for upgrading the sound system. Brown made a note for consideration. Anna Jaworski, ACG, ALB, announced the publication of her training database.

**Announcements and Feedback--** DG Sharon Brown, DTM, announced the next DC meeting will be at the Fall Conference in Austin on November 10, 2012.

**Time and Place of Next District Council Meeting:** The DC meeting will be at the Fall Conference in Austin on November 10, 2012. The next DEC meeting is January 12, 2013.

**Adjournment** – 2:13 p.m.

(Signed) Debi Christensen, ACB, CL, District 55 Secretary