

**District Executive Committee Meeting**  
**March 15, 2014**  
**Toastmasters District 55**  
**First Lutheran Church, 130 W. Holland St.**  
**San Marcos, TX 78666**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by District Governor Bill Greenham, DTM who welcomed all participants.
2. **Inspirational Message:** Lt.-Governor Marketing Marie-Pier Clarke, ACS, ALB delivered the inspirational opening, stating that those who speak from the heart and share their passions will inspire others.
3. **Reading of District Mission:** DEC members recited in unison the District 55 Mission Statement: *"We build new clubs and we support all clubs in achieving excellence."*
4. **Roll Call:** District Secretary, Carol Davis, ACS, ALB called the roll of the 59 voting members of the District Executive Committee. The 30 members present constituted a quorum.
5. **Adoption of Agenda:** District Governor Bill Greenham, DTM asked for adoption of the agenda. The agenda was adopted unanimously.
6. **Secretary's Report:** District Governor Bill Greenham asked for changes or corrections to the District Executive Committee minutes of January 11, 2014. There were no changes or corrections and the minutes were approved.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Judy Lackritz, ACS, CL District 55 Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. She stated that, as of January 31, 2014, District 55 unaudited account balances were as follows:

RBFCU Regular Account:	\$11,229.40
RBFCU Savings Account:	\$5.00
RBFCU Conference Account:	\$23,317.80
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Paypal Account:	\$260.06
District Reserve Account:	\$46,602.25

There were no questions in regard to the Treasurer's report. It will be filed and March financials will be posted online.
8. **Recognition:** At the request of District Governor Bill Greenham, all DEC members present who have received education awards during this Toastmasters' year stood and were recognized.
9. **Mid-Year Audit Report:** In the absence of Tonia Norman, DTM, PDG, Chairman of the Audit Committee, Susan McClure presented the mid-year audit report. She answered questions regarding mileage and gift certificates. The Audit Committee report was recommended for adoption.
10. **Realignment Committee:** Chaired by Lieutenant-Governor of Education and Training Crystal Dyer, DTM, this committee assessed the strength of all clubs in the District and made changes in areas and divisions to help revitalize weak clubs and thus strengthen the District. A major change is that the committee recommends that the District be reduced to

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six divisions instead of eight and all areas now have 6 clubs. All details of the realignment are posted on the website. The DEC recommended approval of the report.

11. **Nominations Committee Report:** In the absence of Harry Truman, DTM, PDG, Deborah Borden, DTM presented this report. She stated that the Nominations Committee met on March 1, 2014 and worked all day to choose the following best-qualified nominees:
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| District Governor             | Crystal Dyer, DTM           |
| Lt. Gov. Education & Training | Marie-Pier Clarke, ACS, ALB |
| Division F Governor           | Gwendolyn Fuller, CC, CL    |
| Division G Governor           | <i>Vacant</i>               |
| Division H Governor           | Edward Biggers, ATMB, ALB   |
| Division I Governor           | Nasser Shukayr, ACS, ALB    |
| Division J Governor           | Irma Martinez, CTM, CL      |
| Division K Governor           | Bart Loeser, CC             |
| Division L Governor           | Mercedes Bali, DTM, PDG     |
| Division M Governor           | <i>Vacant</i>               |
- Deborah noted that other candidates may run from the floor at the May District Council meeting in San Antonio.
12. **Procedures Committee Report:** David Estrada, DTM, PDG chair of the Procedures Committee, presented the committee's report. The committee revised several sections of District Policy regarding travel expense reimbursement which is now budgeted at 12.4%. This will bring next year's District budget in line with Toastmasters International guidelines and give area and division governors greater financial benefits. DG Bill Greenham, with the concurrence of the LGET and approval of the DEC, passed the gavel to District Parliamentarian Dan Jackson, DTM who presided and asked that the committee's proposed amendments be recommended for adoption by the District Council. It was so recommended.
13. **Spring Conference Committee Report:** Susan McClure, DTM, Spring Conference Committee Chair, reported that plans are progressing well, though she still needs several helpers. Current registration stands at 71, and includes only two First Timers. Details appear on the District website. Susan asked DEC members to promote the conference at every opportunity and also to solicit program ads from their home clubs.
14. **Reports by Senior District Officers:**
- a) Public Relations Officer: Jerry Barrett, DTM stated that all information relating to the District can be found on the District website.
  - b) Lt.-Gov. Marketing: Marie-Pier Clarke asked DEC members for assistance in getting dues paid by April 1<sup>st</sup>. She stated that five clubs are currently forming and she hopes all five will be chartered by the end of her term.
  - c) Lt.-Gov. Education and Training: Crystal Dyer asked how many DEC members are currently working towards DTM status. She congratulated those who have received educational awards this year. Currently, she is working to streamline reporting for

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Club Officer Trainings. Also, she is looking for a Chair for the 2015 spring conference.

- d) District Governor: Bill Greenham reported that the District *will* be “distinguished” this year but he would like to see clubs, areas, and divisions achieve that status by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. He needs help from all DEC members and another 1000 membership payments by the end of May.

**Announcements:**

- 1) LGM Marie-Pier Clarke announced that she has registration forms for the spring conference and invited DEC members to pick some up and distribute them to their club members.
- 2) DG Bill Greenham announced that the next meeting of the District Executive—IF REQUIRED—will be held on May 17, 2014 at the Spring Conference.

**Adjournment:** District Governor Bill Greenham, DTM adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by Carol J. Davis, ACS, ALB  
District 55 Secretary