

**District Executive Committee Meeting
Toastmasters District 55
First Lutheran Church, 130 W. Holland St.
San Marcos, TX 78666
September 14, 2013**

Call to Order and Welcome Message: District Governor Bill Greenham, DTM called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. and welcomed the members present.

Inspirational Message: Crystal Dyer, DTM gave the Inspirational Opening.

Reading of District Mission Statement: DEC members present read in unison the District 55 mission statement: *"We build new clubs and we support all clubs in achieving excellence."*

Roll Call: District Secretary Carol Davis, ACB, ALB called the roll of the 61 voting members of the District Executive Committee. 39 members were present, well over the number required for a quorum.

Adoption of Agenda: DG Bill Greenham, DTM asked for adoption of the September 14, 2013 corrected meeting agenda. The agenda was unanimously adopted.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the meetings of May 18, 2013 and July 13, 2013 were approved unanimously with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of District Treasurer Judy Lackritz, ACS,CL, DG Bill Greenham, DTM gave the highlights of the Treasurer's report. The complete report will be filed on the District 55 website.

Approval of Appointed District Officers: DG Bill Greenham announced three new appointments to the District Executive Committee: John Wayne Uecker, ACS,CL (Area F-25); Ruth Stock, ACB (Area G-94); Jason Nielsen, CTM (Area H-82). In addition, he noted that J-65 Area Governor, Laura Schleicher, DTM has resigned and that this position is now being filled by Larry Dunlap, ACG, CL.

Year-end Audit Report: On behalf of Past Audit Chair Albert Gallatin, DTM, Doug Kelly, DTM, PDG presented the audit report stating that the committee had no adverse findings and made no recommendations. He expressed thanks to Susan McClure, DTM for an outstanding job last year and in preparation of the report. No questions were raised and the report was adopted unanimously.

Presentation and Approval of 2013-2014 Budget: In the absence of District Secretary Judy Lackritz, ACS,CL, DG Bill Greenham, DTM presented the budget for 2013-2014. It was adopted unanimously. Bill stated that the detailed budget will be posted online early next week and will remain on the website until the District Council meeting in November.

Reports by Senior District Officers:

- A. Public Relations Officer: PRO John Hastie, CC stated that he needs volunteers to help with the Book Fair in late October, as well as a Chairperson for the Speakers Bureau. He stated that he is working on a project to get people with disabilities involved in Toastmasters. A family commitment requires that John move to Pennsylvania in January. At that time Jerry Barrett will take over as Public Relations Officer.
- B. Lt. Governor Marketing: Marie Pier Clarke, ACS,ALB reported that three clubs in Austin and one in Laredo will be chartering in the next month. There are also five new active clubs in San Antonio. She requested that seasoned members volunteer to mentor existing clubs.

- C. Lt. Governor Education and Training: Crystal Dyer, DTM stated that three Training Events lists are still outstanding. She presented an update on the Fall Conference to be held November 8-10, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Arboretum in Austin; Tonia Norman, DTM, PDG is the new conference chair. Crystal further reported that this year to date four members have achieved Distinguished Toastmaster status. She asked area governors to hold area council meetings soon. She also stated that six training events will be held in the spring.
- D. District Governor: Bill Greenham, DTM stressed the importance of Division Governors working together; holding combined contests is a good example of this: fewer resources are used and finding judges is simplified. Bill stated that he, Crystal, and Marie-Pier attended the International Convention where District 55 International Speech Contestant Mike Carr placed second in the semi-finals, and where Bill was presented with an Educational Excellence award. He noted also that a PowerPoint presentation with the theme, "Leading the Way", will be on the District website very soon. In addition to the Division Governor award, Bill will be conferring the beautiful new Lone Star award that celebrates excellence in leadership, training, technology, and working together.

New Officer Installation Ceremony: Stan See, DTM, PDG installed the four new Area Governors.

Overview of Revitalized Education Program: Stan See, DTM, PDG stated that this dynamic new program will begin July 1, 2014. Toastmasters around the world (including five from District 55) are helping to design it. We are being asked to answer survey questions that will provide feedback to those building the program. Detailed information concerning the new program is available on the TI website: <http://www.toastmasters.org/Members/RevitalizedEducationProgram.aspx>.

New Business: There was no new business.

Announcements: Several Division Governors announced the dates and venues of their upcoming contests. Dates and venues of all upcoming Division Contests are listed on the Calendar and in the Calendar & Events section of the District website.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.