

Toastmasters District 55
District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2018

1. Business Meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by District Director Linda Oliver, DTM
2. Brief announcements:
 - a. Dinner with Rob Christeson, DTM, PDG, RA this evening
 - b. Keep Fernando Hernandez, ACG, ALB, and Nichelle Guadalupe, ACS, ALB, in your prayers
3. Inspirational thought for the day was given by Rick Collins, CC CL
4. The District Mission was read by Rudy Morales Miranda, ACS ALB
5. Roll was called by Amy O'Neil ACS, ALB – quorum declared
6. Agenda was presented for adoption by Linda Oliver, DTM – adopted
7. The minutes from the November 18, 2017, District Council meeting were presented by Amy O'Neil, ACS ALB – adopted & filed
8. Financial report was given by Don Sesler, ACS, ALB, for the District Financial Officer Daniel Garces, ACB CL – report filed
9. New District Officers the following District Officers were appointed:
 - a. Janice Wright, E13 Area Director
 - b. Darla Peek, ACS CL G32 Area Director
 - c. Tim Hackler, DTM, J61 Area Director
10. District 55 Spring Conference Committee Report was given by Rikkita Hughes, DTM
11. Pathways update given by Doug Kelly, DTM, PDDG
12. Division Director Reports
 - a. Division E report given by Blanca Kelley, DTM
 - i. No clubs lost, but having a challenge with one club. Looking for ideas & suggestions.
 - b. Division F report given by Kathy Moore, DTM
 - i. One new club, one struggling club,
 - ii. Combined COT with Division G on January 17th
 - c. Division G report given by Jason Wold, DTM
 - i. Challenged his AD and others to Talk Up Toastmasters
 - ii. Has a challenge with a University club, that starts meeting again in February, in getting their membership drive up and running
 - d. Division H report – No report given
 - e. Division I report given by Rick Collins, CC, CL
 - i. ADs got their reports in on time and handled contest well
 - ii. Added one new club, two clubs struggling
 - iii. ADs have plans to help their clubs to focus on meeting their goals
 - iv. COT on February 10th
 - f. Division J report given by Tim Hackler, DTM
 - i. Last Thursday had a very well attended COT
 - g. Division K report given by Brian O'Connor, AC
 - i. One new club and several other clubs to be distinguished
 - h. Division L report given by Calvin Cissel, ACS, ALB
 - i. Several clubs need coaches, several prospective clubs
 - ii. COT January 20th Round Rock, and another COT in Killeen/Temple area
 - iii. Division L contest is set for April 28th
13. Senior District Officer Reports
 - a. Public Relations Manager report given by Stephanie King, ACB, ALB
 - i. 2nd Quarter PR Promotion Award goes to New Braunfels Toastmasters Club Blanche Pape, DTM
 - ii. Updated on past PR on special events and new events coming
 - iii. Request for help with media coverage for future events

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- b. Club Growth Director report given by Wafae Owen, DTM
 - i. Update on club growth
 - ii. Update on club retention
 - c. Program Quality Director report given by Melody Moore, DTM
 - i. Updates from December on TLIs
 - ii. Reviewed education awards district wide
 - iii. Update on Pathways and Pathways promotion
 - d. District Director report given by Linda Oliver, DTM
 - i. Reminded all DEC members that they can't openly endorse a candidate
 - ii. Division Directors please turn in reports on their ADs
 - iii. Power of One district wide membership drive
 - iv. Members in Motion Club Presidents Promotion
14. New Business – No New Business
15. Excellence Ribbons:
- a. Wafae Owen, DTM, awarded Tina Renee D'Souza, ACB, ALB
 - i. The AD drawing of \$50 cash that is sponsored by Amy Espinoza, DTM, was won by Channing Cook
 - b. Melody Moore, DTM, awarded Liz Monaghan, ACB, ALB
 - c. Linda Oliver, DTM, awarded Craig Sprout, CC
 - d. Kathy Moore, DTM, awarded Holly McKenna; Rudy Morales-Miranda, ACS, ALB; Trey Cammack, ACB; and Bill Hensley, ACG, CL
16. Door Prizes winners: Rick Collins, CC, CL; Fernando Hernandez, ACG, ALB; Blanca Kelley,DTM; GK Willman, CC,CL; VJ, CC, CL; Jen Soto, CC, CL; Holly Mckenna; Dan Jackson, DTM; Calvin Cissell, ACS, ALB; Blanche Pape, DTM; Amy O'Neil, ACS, ALB; Tina Renee D'Sousa, ACB, ALB; Kathy Moore, DTM; Wafae Owen, DTM; Amy Espinoza, DTM; Chelsea Griffo, ACB, ALB; Melody Moore, DTM; Rick Collins, CC, CL; Doug Kelly, DTM; Desmond Calloway, ACB, ALB; Rudy Morales-Miranda, ACS, ALB; Darla Peek, ACS, CL; Mark Estrada, CC, ALB; Liz Monaghan, ACB, ALB; Trey Cammack, ACB; Rikitta Hughes, DTM
17. Announcements:
- a. Next DEC meeting will be held on March 10, 2018, at the First Lutheran Church, 130 W Holland Street, San Marcos
 - b. Next DC meeting will be held on May 20, 2018, at the District 55 Spring Conference
18. Business meeting adjourned at 12:20pm by District Director Linda Oliver, DTM
19. Training sessions convened at 1:00 pm by Linda Oliver, DTM
20. Encouragement from Valerie Chavez, ACB, ALB, to using the Lance Miller CDs
21. Training session "Supporting Clubs in Achieving Excellence" was given by Rob Christeson, DTM, PDG, RA
22. Training session "Rocking Your Reports" was given by Melody Moore, DTM, PQD
23. Training session "Cold Leads for Club Growth" was given by Wafae Owen, DTM, CGD
24. Final comments given by Linda Oliver, DTM, District Director
25. Training sessions were adjourned at 4:14 pm by Linda Oliver, DTM

Amy M. O'Neil, District 55 Administration Manager
January 14, 2018