

District 55 Spring District Council Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2016

1. Call to order by Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM at 1538hrs.
2. Inspirational opening was given by Region 3 Advisor Monnica Rose, DTM.
3. Reading of the District Mission by Shannon Brown, CC, CL.
4. Welcome/Introductory remarks were made by Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM. She introduced the head table, she also acknowledged the dignitaries in attendance. Marie-Pier instructed the attendees on the proper procedure to submit a motion and to speak as a delegate with a ballot.
5. Credentials Committee report was given by Chair Linda Williams, DTM. She introduced her team and thanked them for their service. The report was adopted as presented.
6. The Agenda was presented by Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM as it was made available online and copies were made available to the attendees and adopted with change to the date of the June DEC meeting to June 4th, 2016. The agenda was adopted as corrected.
7. Secretary's Report: Shannon Brown, CC, CL presented the minutes of the March 12, 2016 were made available on the TMD55 Website. There is no objection and we dispensed with the reading of the minutes. Are there any corrections to the District Executive Committee Minutes of March 12, 2016? There are no corrections, the minutes stand approved.
8. Confirmation of Appointed District Officers: Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM presented and confirmed Bill Friedrich, ACS, ALB as the Public Relations Manager; Stephen Hall, ACB, ALB as the Area K65 Director; Farrah Simmons, ACG, ALB as the Area H32 Director without objection.
9. Audit Committee Report- Mid Year Audit (2015-2016): Chair Margaret Cathey, DTM presented the Mid-Year Audit results that had been posted on TMD55 Website for review prior to conference. She thanked her committee members. They took 6 hours to review the finances of the District and she reports that 99% of the information was found to be in good order. The reviewed all transactions as required by TI. Marie-Pier moved for the adoption of the mid-year audit report. The report was adopted as presented.
10. Treasurer's Report: Mary Seminario, ACS, ALB presented the balances as posted on the TMD55 Website. See attached Balance Sheet, Income Statements, and Variance reports through March 31st, 2016. She explained the largest variances in the budget. \$4000 ahead of membership income. Conference revenue from fall conference was a negative difference of approx. \$8000 due to low ticket sales. TLI revenue was approx. \$5000 planned for 2 TLIs and one has not occurred yet. Bookstore revenue is increased. We are currently only approx. \$3000 behind and to make up for it we have not performed some activities or purchases. There are some D55 Bucks that have not been redeemed. The report will be filed as presented.
11. Procedures Committee Report was presented by Chair Tim Williams, DTM. He thanked his committee for their hard work. There were some changes to how we chose conference locations within

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the District and the times so as to be fair. He moved that the procedures be adopted as presented. Marie-Pier presented how the discussion and voting on the procedures would proceed section by section.

A. The table of contents adopted as presented

B. Section I was adopted as presented

C. Section III was adopted as presented

D. Section IV Debra Arrington moved to insert a new paragraph under Section IV, B. Meeting Procedures, 1. District Council (DC) Meeting procedures, paragraph e to read: a. Time Limits for Committee Reports: Reports shall be limited to a maximum of ten minutes, and change the letter "e" to "f" in paragraph "e. Her rationale is that there are no limits on committee reports which could go on all afternoon. The motion was adopted as presented.

E. In section IV C 2 Cindy Tarsi moved to remove "in writing". It was seconded. The rationale was so it would match the next section. There was discussion about removing the requirement and how that would complicate audits. For 137, Opposed 34. The motion was adopted as amended.

F. Section V was adopted as presented.

G. Section IV was adopted as presented.

H. Section VIII was adopted as presented.

I. Section IX was adopted as presented.

J. Section X E a motion was made by Jerry Barrett as follows: "Each conference location will be decided by the District Director at least two years (twenty-four months) prior to the event with the approval of the District Council. The Spring conference location shall be rotated between the Austin metropolitan area and the San Antonio metropolitan area, starting with the Spring 2017 Conference in the Austin metropolitan area. No more than two Conferences in a row may be held in the Austin metropolitan area. No more than two Conferences in a row may be held in the San Antonio area." The motion was seconded. There was discussion for and against. There was a point of information by Michael Joseph wanted to clarify what would happen if there was a natural disaster? It was concern about the Valley and Corpus Christi being excluded. There was a substitute motion to replace the original motion that in X G, Spring Conference shall not be held within 50 miles in two consecutive terms. The substitute motion was defeated. There was another concern that the Valley and the Coastal areas because the language is exclusive. There was a discussion that travelling costing more money to travel and more people are here in these areas. There was a statement that we need show support to continue the growth. Tim Williams DTM clarified the intent of the committee. The question was called the adoption of the motion. The motion was defeated.

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K. Section X E was adopted as presented.

L. Section XI was adopted as presented.

M. Section XII was adopted as presented.

N. Section XIII was adopted as presented.

O. Section XIV was adopted as presented.

P. Section XV was adopted as presented.

Q. Section XVI was adopted as presented.

R. Section XVII was adopted as presented.

S. Section XVIII was adopted as presented.

The procedures report was adopted as amended.

12. Realignment Committee Report was presented by Chair Linda Oliver, DTM. Linda presented her report to include historical data. She reported that the District has grown and recommends the addition of Division E. She reviewed the requirements for realignment by TI and she reviewed the map District by District and a detail of areas. The realignment report was submitted for adoption. There was a clarification on why there are requirement at the TI level.

A. Motion was made by Crystal Allbritton DTM that "in order to comply with TM International Governing documents, Area J60 be disbanded with the following club reassignments: Club 2000937 AGLCC to J61 (giving it 5 clubs), Club 3314919 the Holy Mackerels Catholic TM to J63 (to 5 clubs), Club 6379 West Austin II TM to J64 (to 5 clubs), Furthermore, that the areas be renumbered to reflect the change- J61 to J60, J62 to J61, J63 to J62, J64 to J63, J65 to J64." The committee is in favor of the motion. The motion was adopted as presented.

The question was called to adopt the realignment report as amended. The realignment was adopted as amended.

13. Leadership Nominations Committee Report was presented by Chair Linda Williams, DTM. She reports that each Division was represented and she thanked the committee for their hard work. She reviewed the process of vetting and nominated. She reviewed the slate of officer candidates. The report was presented and the question called to accept the nominations of the committee.

14. Election of Officers was conducted by Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM. Marie-Pier reviewed the ballot process. The teller committee was appointed. Laura Redfern, Jean Ramsey, and Blanche Pape will be tellers. The nominations were called:

A. Amy Espinoza DTM as District Director

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- B. Linda Oliver DTM as Program Quality Director
- C. Michael Joseph, DTM and Melody Moore, DTM were nominated as Club Growth Director
- E. For Div E Director, Khalif Mulholland, ACS, CL
- F. For Div F Director, Stephanie Beasley, ACS, CL
- G. For Div G Director, Deb Arrington, DTM
- H. For Div H Director, Pebby Garner, ACB, ALB
- I. For Div I, Brent De Moss, ACB, ALB
- J. For Div J Director, Cathy Huang ACB, ALB
- K. For Div K Director, Erica Lockwood, ACS, ALB
- L. For Div L Director, Wafae Owen, DTM

15. Reports by Senior District Officers:

A. Public Relations Manager Bill Friedrich, ACS, ALB. He presented some new tools using social media to recruit and support club growth. We will build a solid public relations program and educating clubs and officers in public relations in ways we have not previously.

B. Club Growth Director Linda Oliver, DTM. She presented on club and membership building with 14 new clubs. As of July 2015 there were 189 and we are currently at 186. There are 8-12 clubs in the pipeline and we may be able to make President's Distinguished. We have 1286 graded members and we are using a 90 day qualify beat the clock promotion to increase membership.

C. Program Quality Director Amy Espinoza, DTM was not able to be present. Marie-Pier presented for Amy the awards summary for the District. She also presented the training summary. Upcoming Training sessions were announced for Austin, San Antonio, Corpus and the Valley. There will not be a charge for training next year.

D. District Director Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM. She presented that we have 186 clubs, 8376 membership payments, reviewing the District Dashboard. She reviewed what we need to be Distinguished.

16. Announcements were made by Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM. She made the announcements for the good of the District. Dan Jackson DTM requested that all of the DTMs present will meet him outside the Ballroom at 6:05pm.

The elections were held. The following officers were elected:

- A. Amy Espinoza DTM as District Director

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- B. Linda Oliver DTM as Program Quality Director
- C. Melody Moore DTM as Club Growth Director with 166 votes (Michael Joseph DTM 15 votes)
- E. Div E Director, Khalif Mulholland, ACS, CL
- F. Div F Director, Stephanie Beasley, ACS, CL
- G. Div G Director, Deb Arrington, DTM
- H. Div H Director, Pebby Garner, ACB, ALB
- I. Div I, Brent De Moss, ACB, ALB
- J. Div J Director, Cathy Huang ACB, ALB
- K. Div K Director, Erica Lockwood, ACS, ALB
- L. Div L Director, Wafae Owen, DTM

The results will be displayed at the registration area.

17. Unfinished Business and General Orders were presented by Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM. There was no unfinished business.

18. New business was discussed the Fall Conference will be November 11-13, 2016 in Corpus Christi TX. The Spring 2017 Conference will be May 5th-7th, 2017

18. Time and Place of Next DC Meeting- November 12, 2016 Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM

A. Next DEC Meeting (Transition)- June 4, 2016

B. 2016-2017 First DEC Meeting- July 16, 2016

19. Adjournment by Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM at 1759hrs.