

Virtual District Executive Committee Meeting

January 10th, 2015

Toastmasters District 55

Call to Order: Due to icy road conditions, the District Executive Council convened virtually via webinar. The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by District Governor Crystal (Dyer) Allbritton, DTM who welcomed all participants.

Inspirational Opening: Public Relations Officer Stan See, DTM delivered the inspirational opening.

Reading of the District Mission: District Secretary Jennifer Wolf, ACS/ALB read the District Mission statement: "We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence."

Roll Call/ Certification of Quorum: District Secretary Jennifer Wolf, ACS/ALB called the roll of the 48 voting members of the District Executive Committee. The 30 members present constituted a quorum.

Adoption of Agenda: District Governor Crystal (Dyer) Allbritton, DTM called for the adoption of the agenda. The agenda was adopted.

Secretary's Report: The reading of the minutes of November 15, 2014, was dispensed with. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Cindy Cross, DTM presented the Treasurer's Report which has been published on the district website. The District has a balance as of September 30, 2014 \$37,388.84, receipts, \$30,121.83, disbursements, \$30,250.76, balance as of November 30, 2014, of \$37,259.91.

Confirmation of recent appointments: District Governor Crystal (Dyer) Allbritton, DTM stated that there were no recent appointments.

Recognition: Lieutenant Governor Marketing Amy Espinoza, DTM recognized Club Extension Chair Linda Oliver, DTM and Club Sponsor/Mentor/Coach Chair Michelle Harper, DTM for their dedication to building strong clubs. Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM recognized those who were instrumental in setting up officer training: Hal Brown, CC/CL, John Griffin, all the Division Governors, Fred Pena, CC/ALB, Millie Hernandez and Tim Manson, DTM. District Governor Crystal (Dyer) Allbritton, DTM recognized Melody Moore, ACB/ALB, Hal Brown, CC/CL, Santana Basham, ACB/ALB and Fred Pena, CC/ALB for the exemplary leadership they have shown as Area Governors. Also, District Governor Crystal (Dyer) Allbritton, DTM recognized the division governors and key assistants for their excellence in serving the district.

Spring Conference Committee Report: Nominations Committee Chair Susan McClure, DTM reported that she has received four nomination packets. She stated that the deadline for those packets to be turned in is at the end of the month and she will conduct interviews with the candidates on February 28th at the library in San Marcos.

Spring Conference Report: Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM said it was time to start registering for the Spring Conference on the district website.

Area Council Review: ACB/ALB Melody Moore spoke about the particulars of her successful Area Councils that encouraged the participation and comradery of the club officers for the benefit of Toastmasters in her area.

Reports by Senior District Officers:

Public Relations Officer: Public Relations Officer Stan See, DTM, PDG, PRA stated that the purpose of public relations was to promote the brand and to promote Toastmasters. He would like to promote open houses within the district, as well as outside the district, like in the Chamber of Commerce. Also, he will promote Toastmasters week, February 22 to 28th.

Lieutenant Governor Marketing: Lieutenant Governor Marketing Amy Espinoza, DTM encouraged club quality and building up our membership. She mentioned various incentives that are listed on the district website. Also, she informed the District Executive Committee of the Town Hall Hotline/Online Meeting where toastmasters with questions can call in and speak to a trio member and a division governor every Monday from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Lastly, she stated there will be a Toastmasters week from February 22nd to February 28th that will be heavily promoted and represented by district leaders at Open Houses and Contests throughout the district.

Lieutenant Governor Education and Training: Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Marie-Pier Clarke, DTM mentioned all the training events coming up that are listed on the district website. She asked for those interested in joining the Realignment Committee to let her know. Lastly, she stated that for those interested in district leadership for the next toastmaster year, now is the time to contact her and submit their nomination packet, if one is required for the position they desire.

District Governor: District Governor Crystal (Dyer) Allbritton, DTM expressed her gratitude for having an amazing team of district leaders. She stated her vision for the district for the next six months was to become a president's distinguished district by building 25 new clubs, many of which are about to charter and are in the pipeline already. She would like full participation from all clubs in Toastmasters Week. She stated that ultimately she wanted to walk across the stage with her incredible team as a president's distinguished district at the International Convention in Las Vegas.

New Business: No new business.

Announcements:

Club Extension Chair Linda Oliver, DTM mentioned that any club lead that ends in a chartered club by March 31st, gets a free Spring Conference ticket.

Division G Governor Jim Barshop, DTM informed the District Executive Committee of the benefits of CRM, which is a Client Relation Management tool that will be implemented in District 55.

Club Sponsor/Mentor/Coach Chair Michelle Harper, DTM encouraged the toastmasters of District 55 to be living testimonials of the benefits of Toastmasters.

TLI Chair Hal Brown, CC/CL gave an update on the upcoming TLI in San Antonio. Also, he called for support from fellow toastmasters to come to a newly formed Toastmasters club on February 12th at 6:30 p.m. in San Antonio during Dreamweek; Dreamweek is a week dedicated to promoting diversity.

District Governor Crystal (Dyer) Allbritton, DTM requested that the members of the District Executive Committee wear their white or red district shirts to the upcoming training events.

Division K Governor Bart Loeser, CC announced an open house taking place in Austin on January 13th at 6:00 p.m. He stated this open house will promote the Toastmasters International program in Brazil, with 50 Brazilians expected in attendance.

District Governor Crystal (Dyer) Allbritton, DTM opened the floor to any Area Governors to share their concerns and challenges.

District Governor Crystal (Dyer) Allbritton, DTM shared that she wanted to do what the district team set out to do, which was be a president's distinguished district despite her cancer. She expressed gratitude for all the prayers and support she has received.

Next Meeting Location: The District Executive Committee will next convene at the Lutheran Church in San Marcos on Saturday, March 14th at 10:00 p.m.

Adjournment: District Governor Crystal (Dyer) Allbritton, DTM adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Wolf".

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