

**Toastmasters District 55**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**First Lutheran Church, 130 W. Holland, San Marcos, Texas**  
**May 12, 2012, 9:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order and Welcome** – Meeting was called to order by District Governor Linda Williams, DTM.

**Inspirational Opening** – Tim Williams, DTM presented the inspirational opening and led the pledge of allegiance.

**The District Mission** was read by all DEC members.

**Roll Call/Certification of Quorum** – Executive Assistant Blanche Pape, DTM called the current DEC roll. Twenty nine members were present, a sufficient number for a quorum (twenty-seven being required). Incoming District Secretary Debi Christensen, CC called the incoming DEC roll.

**Adoption of Agenda** – The agenda was unanimously adopted.

**Secretary's Report** – The minutes posted on the District 55 website of the DEC meeting on March 3, 2012 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – District Treasurer Heather Diehl, DTM presented the current Treasurer's report which is now posted on the District 55 website.

**Reports by Senior District Officers:**

**Public Relations Officer Dwayne Windham, DTM** reported that the District website has been launched. Dwayne thanked Mario Flores and Jerry Barrett for all they did to make this happen. He also thanked the District Trio for their prompt release of newsletters throughout the year. Dwayne reported that the Facebook campaign is underway. Volunteers for judges are needed for the Future Business Leaders of America Conference in San Antonio June 25-26, & June 30-July 1. Events planned and budget for the Spring of 2012 for trade shows have not come through as expected. Job fairs have been outside our budgeted amounts and inflexible with pricing, and no trade-show events have been identified in the San Antonio area in sufficient time to acquire booth space. Dwayne requested to have additional funds remaining in the budget used to pre-pay for booth space at the Texas Book Festival during the 2012-2013 operating year, as registration is open and early reservation allows for selection of booth location.

Dwayne thanked the District for the leadership opportunity given him in serving as the District Public Relations Officer and to grow in the aspect of team-building and delegation.

**Lieutenant Governor Marketing Bill Greenham, DTM** reported that the District has 18 new clubs and more in the process of chartering. He thanked all who helped him this year with chartering these clubs. There will be a big push in membership for the remainder of the Toastmasters' year. While serving as Lieutenant Governor Marketing, Bill has learned that delegation is the key, trust that those asked to serve will do what is asked of them, and then follow up with them. His advice to incoming officers is to ask for help early; to delegate; and have patience and perseverance.

**Lieutenant Governor of Education and Training Sharon Brown, DTM** reported that the District has exceeded our goal of AC's for the year with 115 submitted, and with 206 leadership awards submitted. We still need 17 Competent Communicator awards. We have a new incentive for earning a Competent Communicator award before the end of the year. This information will be posted on the District website. Our first TLI (officer training) will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio. Alan McNamee is chair. Watch the District website for information about TLI's. Co-chairs for the Fall Conference in Austin are Linda Oliver, ACS, ALB and Jimmy Flannigan. Volunteers are needed to serve in various roles. Please contact Linda or Jimmy to assist. The winner of the club banner in the IRS Incentive was the Zachry Club. Sharon said that this year, while serving as Lieutenant Governor Education & Training, she has learned to work with all personality types, and that not everyone thinks the same way.

**District Governor Linda Williams, DTM** recognized the officers present who have attended every DEC meeting. She also recognized Area Governors who have posted all club visits, and all their clubs had at least four officers trained. Also called on, were those District officers who have posted at least one leadership and one communication award this year. Deborah Arrington, ACG, ALB was presented with a "*Toastmasters, Where Leaders are Made*" pin for achieving President's Distinguished Area.

Linda asked that Area Governors check club reports to see which clubs have the required members, but not DCP goals met, and clubs that have goals met, but need members to be distinguished. She reminded everyone that club officers' lists need to be submitted for the next year to earn that goal towards the DCP.

Linda said she has leaned that "it's not all about me, it's teamwork. The District has thrived this year, and it's because of YOU!

### **Division/Area Governor Reports**

Division J – Laura Schleicher, DTM, accompanied by Adam Schwartz, ACG, CL, and giving reports for Mack Lindsey, DTM, Marben Bland, ACG, ALB, Scott Brookhart, ACG, ALB, and Sonya Faivre, ACS, CL.

Division I – Amy Espinoza, DTM, accompanied by Linda Oliver, ACS, ALB, Mark Crider, ACG, ALB, and Clint Hahn, ACB, CL, and giving reports for Cindy Cross ACG, ALB, and Deborah Arrington, ACG, ALB.

Division L – Tim Hackler, DTM, accompanied by Chris Villafano, ACG, ALB, and John Boyden, ACB, CL.

Division G – Mickey Steib, ACS, accompanied by Mary Pat Johns, ACS, ALB.

Division F – Barbara Smith, DTM, accompanied by Gregg Sansome ACS, ALB, Tim Williams, DTM, and Alan McNamee, ACS, ALB, and reporting for Dina Puleo, ACB, ALB, and Jim O’Connell, CTM, CL.

Division M – Crystal Dyer, ACG, ALB reported for Division Governor Linda Atkins, DTM, and Ivan Gray, ACS. Area Governor reports were given by Crystal Dyer, ACS, ALB, Hussain Hashim, Loraine Boyden, ACB, CL, and Cindy Tarsi, CC.

Division H – Susan McClure, ACB, ALS, accompanied by Michael Joseph, DTM, and Marie-Pier Clarke, ACB, ALB.

Division K – Jean Ramsey, ACB, ALB, accompanied by Mick Normington, ACG, ALB, and Adam Preble, ACB, CL.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements and Feedback:** The next DEC meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be for the incoming DEC members and will be held in San Marcos. This will be a training session for the new officers.

After lunch today, incoming Division Governors and current Division Governors will meet with District Governor Linda Williams and Incoming District Governor Sharon Brown.

District Treasurer Heather Diehl announced that members are reminded to cash reimbursement checks prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Heather also thanked everyone for all the support through her husband’s accident and recovery process.

Incoming Lieutenant Governor Marketing Crystal Dyer asked that officers talk to her now about troubled clubs.

**District Governor Linda Williams announced the winner of most helpful suggestion by an Area Governor** is awarded to Marie-Pier Clarke, with honorable mention to Crystal Dyer and Mick Normington.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m. followed by a working lunch between current and incoming District officers.

Minutes submitted by Executive Assistant Blanche Pape, DTM.