

District Council Meeting

Spring Conference 2012

Holiday Inn, Emerald Beach, Corpus Christi, Texas

April 28, 2012

Call to Order and Welcome Message – The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by District Governor Linda Williams, DTM.

Inspirational Opening – Amy Espinoza, DTM, presented an inspirational opening.

Reading of District Mission – Read by all members of DEC.

Welcome/Introductory Remarks – District Governor Linda Williams, DTM, introduced distinguished guests/DEC members, thanked all present for their attendance, and presented the proxy and voting procedures for the meeting.

Credentials Committee Report – Chair, Tonia Norman, DTM, thanked her committee and submitted a Powerpoint slide which electronically tallied the credentials required and received. She reported that a quorum was present. The report was unanimously adopted.

Adoption of Agenda – The report was unanimously adopted.

Secretary's Report – The minutes posted on the District 55 website of the District Council meeting of November 19, 2011 and the March 3, 2012, District Executive Committee Meeting were both approved.

Confirmation of Appointed District Officers – Previously appointed AGs Cindy Tarsi, CC, Area M33 and Hussain Hashim, Area M31, were confirmed and approved.

Audit Committee Report – Mid-Year Audit – PDG Harry Truman, DTM, presented the mid-year audit report for Chairman David Fritzlen, ACG, ALB. The report was unanimously adopted.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Heather Diehl, DTM, presented her Third Quarter treasurer's report via Skype. The treasurer's report will be filed and posted on the District 55 website.

Realignment Committee Report – Lieutenant Governor Education and Training, Sharon Brown, DTM, presented the realignment report and thanked her committee. The report was unanimously adopted.

Procedures Committee Report – Chair and PDG Stan See, DTM, and incoming Region 3 Advisor, presented the proposed changes to the procedures. Changes were made in the reimbursement policy for International Convention and the travel policy for DEC members. It was proposed that Incoming Dec members should receive travel reimbursement for training. The proposed changes were unanimously adopted.

Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers – District Governor Linda Williams, DTM, presented the parliamentary procedures for nominating and electing officers.

Committee Member and PDG Atheria Scott, DTM, presented the names of the committee members and the nominations for each office.

The following Toastmasters were elected to office:

District Governor, Sharon Brown, DTM
Lt Governor Education and Training, Bill Greenham, DTM
Lt Governor Marketing, Crystal Dyer, ACS, ALB
Division F Governor, Alan McNamee, ACB, ALB
Division G Governor, Mary Pat Johns, ACS, ALB
Division H Governor, Marie-Pier Clark, ACB, ALB
Division I Governor, Phil Garcia, ACB, CL
Division J Governor, Nadia King, CC CL (nominated from the floor)
Division K Governor, Maria Lopez-Sharp, ACB, ALB
Division L Governor, John Hastie, CC
Division M Governor, Anna Jaworski, ACB, ALB

Reports by Senior District Officers –

Public Relations Officer Dwayne Windham, DTM, showed a screenshot of the new District web site highlighting the newly elected officers, thanked all who helped with displaying the new branding banners throughout the room, and thanked all who participated in the Open House Incentive. He congratulated District 55 for winning the “Like Darren La Croix” contest. As a result, Darren spoke both in Austin and in San Antonio. Dwayne is looking for volunteers to be judges and evaluators at a Future Business Leaders event in late June and early July.

Lieutenant Governor Marketing Bill Greenham, DTM, thanked and introduced his marketing team, thanked and had all members stand that sponsored or mentored new clubs, acknowledged all who helped and paid membership dues. We are less than 500 members short of this year’s membership goal. He is confident that we will exceed the 28 clubs needed to achieve his expectations for new clubs this year.

Lieutenant Governor Education and Training Sharon Brown, DTM, acknowledged and congratulated everyone who has received an educational award or will achieve an award this year. She expressed joy that the goals for AC and leadership awards have exceeded her expectations, and we currently need only 23 more CCs to complete our TI goal of 259 for the year. The Fall Conference will be held on November 9-11 in Austin. NOTE: A conference chair is needed.

District Governor Linda Williams, DTM, acknowledged and congratulated all clubs which have reached Distinguished or will be Distinguished by June 30th. She requested that everyone check out the new web site that Mario designed with rotating photo display, recent posts, top 10 links, google search, and improved navigation, and give feedback as soon as possible so that Jerry and Mario can finalize their work on it. She also mentioned that Chad Schultz is currently working on designing the Facebook Page and needs help. Volunteers are requested for various roles such as clicking on the “likes” button and also providing a couple of lines in the comments section on any successes you have experienced as a result of Toastmasters. Volunteers are also needed to email or make calls to interested pre-Toastmasters and answer their questions. The URL for this site is <http://bitily/d55campaign>. She gave kudos to Michael Joseph for adding the credit card payment access to the bookstore. She stressed the importance of club presidents and treasurers making sure that they have filed the IRS 990-N to keep our tax exempt status. The deadline for filing is May 15th.

Unfinished Business and General Orders – None.

New Business – District Governor, Linda Williams, DTM, presented the following rotation schedule for hosting the District Conferences: Fall 2012 – Division J; Spring 2013 – Division H; Fall 2013 – Division M; Spring 2014 – Division F; Fall 2014 – Division K; Fall 2015 – Division I; Fall 2015 – Division L.

The Council voted for Division F to host the Fall 2014 District 55 conference.

Announcements –

Time and Place for next District Council Meeting – November 10, 2012, in Austin.

Next Executive Committee Meeting – May 12, 2012, 9:00 AM, First Lutheran Church, San Marcos, Texas.

Adjournment: 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
(signed) Carol Clark, ACS, ALB,
District 55 Secretary