

**Called to order**

Reading of the District Mission by **Rosemary Wilson, District Sergeant at Arms**

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion was made by Lora Mather, Division A Governor to adopt agenda as written; seconded by Lawson Calhoun, Area 12 Governor

**Quorum Report by *Dori Drummond, IPDG***

22 voting members present; quorum was met

**Secretary Report by *Kat Mokriakow***

Debra Morrissey, Area 8 Governor moved to accept minutes as amended; Pam Melloway Area 7 Governor seconded.

**Treasurer Report by *Terry Rolan***

December report: Filed as is

January report: Filed as is

This is the last responsibility for Terry Rolan as District Treasurer with her move to Texas. Frank Yates has been appointed as District Treasurer for the remaining 2010-2011 year.

**Public Relations Report by *Jeanette Lynch***

Jeanette Lynch, PRO has changed her email address. The Working Women's Survival Show (WWSS) was a success. There were 15 women who were interested in finding out more about Toastmasters. The names were submitted to the District Governor. A small group showed up for the St Patrick's Day Parade, but the weather was nice and all who attended had fun. For the Spring Conference, Jeanette will be scheduling media visits for George Yen, Second Vice President of Toastmasters International. The Strawberry Festival [Kimmswick, MO] will be held in June. This event is expected to be attended by about 50,000 people. Brochures and extra Toastmasters magazines are available for anyone who needs them.

**Division A Report *Lora Mather, Division A Governor***

Division A is on target with AC's to date. All club visits are scheduled. In Area 2, the Chesterfield club has been contacted by John Murphy, District Club Coach Chair, to revitalize the club. The Monsanto [Noontime] Club had an open house where 30 guests attended on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Area 4, the Twin Rivers WORD Masters Club will be receiving the President's Distinguished Club Award. The Jeffco Challengers Toastmasters Club will be spearheading the Strawberry Festival on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Toastmasters will have a booth at the Strawberry Festival. In Area 5, Poplar Bluff has been trying to charter a club for a few years. Dori Drummond, IPDG and Darlene Suter, Area 5 Governor held a discussion to combine the Sikeston Smooth Talkers Club with the potential members in Poplar Bluff to create a satellite club. Both club parties have accepted this proposal. Area 9 held their contest [on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011].

**Division B Report *Jacquie Vick, Division B Governor***

In Area 3, two of the six clubs have achieved five points or more on the Distinguished Club Program. Membership has not been confirmed as yet. Script Masters has received 22 new members to date this

Toastmaster year. Area 16, three of the five clubs have achieved five or more points on the Distinguished Club Program and all club visits have been made. Area 13, Creve Coeur and Wry Toastmasters Clubs have 10 new members this Toastmasters year. Area 18 are corporate clubs and Albert Fields, Area 18 Governor has been having difficulty with getting responses from club officers to be able to present reports to the DEC. Albert will be making his club visits to ensure all clubs in Area 18 are reaching their goals on the Distinguished Club Program. In Area 20 three of the clubs have reached five or more points on the Distinguished Club Program. All club officers in Area 20 are responsive to reporting and eagerly participate in Area Council Meetings.

**Division C Report *Larry Hemingway, Division C Governor***

Don Bricker, Area 10 Governor reporting. All three areas in Division C will be distinguished or better. In Area 6 Brian Parson, Area 6 Governor has made all unofficial club visits and will be scheduling the official visits shortly. Chandan Unchageri, Area 1 Governor has made and posted on the TI website all six club visits. In Area 10, six out of eight official club visits have been made and posted on the TI website. There are two charter parties scheduled. On March 12<sup>th</sup>, the McBrian-Lincoln Douglas Club held their anniversary party. O'Fallon Toastmasters club will be holding their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Fairview Heights.

**Division E Report *Cynthia Scroggins, Division E Governor***

Division E Contest location and time has changed. It will now be held at the Page Library in the Lincoln University, 11:15 am briefing, 11:30 contest begins on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Division E will be selecting a Toastmaster of the Year and the cutoff date for nominations is March 25<sup>th</sup>. There are several open houses scheduled in the month of March and April. Pam Melloway, Area 7 Governor recruited all clubs in Area 7 bring their club banners to the area contest. All club visits have been made and posted on the TI website. Columbia Toastmasters will be celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm to 8 pm. Frank Yates, Area 14 Governor, went to each of his clubs in Area 14 to train all the officers-even though official credit would not be received for the training. Frank has completed four out of the five club visits. Fort Leonard Wood Club has created a newsletter for their club and the local newspaper has agreed to put the newsletter in the newspaper for free. The meeting time will be changed to the first Wednesday of the month to attract new members. Delbert Creed, Area 21 Governor held the Area 21 contest on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Delbert is ill and unable to attend the Talu prison club, but Dottie Carlson, of the Columbia Toastmasters club, is attending the visits at the prison in his absence to ensure they are continuing to meet.

**Division F Report *Raymond Allen, Division F Governor***

Debra Morrissey, Area 8 Governor, has participated in 13 contests this Toastmaster year. All club visits have been made and posted on the TI website. Open Line Club continues to struggle-only eight members, club officers have not been trained and even with a coach, the club is not turning around for the better as yet. Missouri Toast of the Town has come back to life with the interaction of Debra, who is also their coach. In Area 8, three out of five clubs will be distinguished or better. Lawson Calhoun, Area 12 Governor, is in the process of scheduling all club visits. Commerce Club only has 11 members, but the club has added four new members this Toastmasters year. City Academy is attempting to be developed into a gavel club, but it has been postponed until the end of the [calendar] year. Bryan Davenport, Area 15 Governor has not scheduled any of his club visits as yet. The Area 15 contest is

scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>. There are several contests scheduled on the same day, so Bryan is having difficulty in scheduling functionaries. Wells-Fargo has received 15 new members this Toastmaster year. Speech Masters Club is down to 12 members and will be in need of a club coach soon. Sigma Aldrich has dropped from 20 to 13 members. Sandy Kardis, Area 19 Governor has eight clubs and has made all club visits. Most clubs in Area 19 have 16 or more members and are working diligently to reach 20. Moneta Club may not be renewing the club membership. The district leadership is aware of the situation and is working to resolve the issues involved.

**New Club Extension Coach Report by John Barry and Carole Breckner**

There are five new clubs chartered this Toastmaster year. Truman State University has 20 members and is in the process of completing charter paperwork. Grace Community Chapel in St Peters, MO has 17 or 18 members to date and is close to chartering. Sedgewick Claims is an insurance agency based in Northwest Plaza held a demo meeting where 17 guests attended. There will be an organizational meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Graduate Studies Group in University City didn't have enough potential members to charter, so John Barry, Club Extension Coach directed the guests to Primary Conversations Toastmasters Club to visit. There are many other potential leads in the process of being contacted.

**Club Coach Report by John Murphy**

Lora Mather, Division A Governor reporting. Promote: there will be a club coaching table at the Spring Conference; volunteers will be needed to serve. Recruit: Cynthia Warren of Cable Talk has requested a coach. Efforts have been made to solicit a coach for Cable Talk, but no one has volunteered as yet. Mentor: Club Coach Weekly has role models that can be used to make a club coach more successful. Mentoring sessions are being offered to each club coach. John Murphy, Club Coach Chair will be visiting Missouri Toast of the Town on April 1<sup>st</sup>. John is also working with various clubs throughout the district to bring the clubs to charter strength.

**Procedures Committee Report by Debra Morrissey**

The Procedures Manual was revised by Debra, Area 8 Governor, Tom Coscia, LGET and Mary Kerwin, Past District Governor. This manual was previously called Standards and Procedures manual. The manual will be sent to TI for approval and there will be a vote held at the District 8 Council Meeting to accept as amended. Lora Mather, Division A Governor, made the motion to accept the Procedures Manual as written to be presented on the agenda at the District 8 Council Meeting; Frank Yates, Area 14 Governor seconded. Discussion as follows: a copy of the procedures manual will be placed on the district website and the area governors will need to contact their clubs and direct them to the website to view prior to the district council meeting.

**Realignment and Nomination Committee Report by Dori Drummond**

Dori Drummond, Realignment Chair is working on forming the realignment Committee. There was one volunteer so far. Realignment will be discussed, revised and emailed to the Top Three for approval shortly. The entire plan will be presented to the entire district council by April 15<sup>th</sup>, which is two weeks prior to the district council meeting.

Nominations for district offices have been selected as follows:

District Governor: Tom Coscia

Lt Governor Education and Training: Curtis Scroggins

Lt Governor Marketing: Larry Hemingway and Lora Mather

Division A Governor: Debra Morrissey  
Division B Governor: Dossie 'DJ' Randle  
Division C Governor: Larry Hemingway  
Division E Governor: Pam Melloway  
Division F Governor: Sandy Kardis

The Nominating Committee has elected not to search for additional candidates for any of the offices, except Division C. This is being considered because if Larry Hemingway is elected to LGM, he will not be potentially serving as LGM and Division C Governor concurrently. Dori requested the nominations remain open until March 31<sup>st</sup> in order to have time to find another candidate for the Division C Governor. Tim Spezia, District Governor has granted this extension. A written report will be presented to the District Governor for approval and then sent to the Communic~8 to be published.

**Conference Committee Chair Report by Carole Breckner**

Friday night will be costume contest and trivia contest. On Saturday, George Yen, Second Vice President of Toastmasters International, who is visiting District 8, will be giving a keynote speech and will be presenting an educational session. Credit card options will be offered for the first time in District 8. Discussion was held on how to give the credit card information while maintaining security. The bookstore will also be taking credit cards, but all sales will be final. No refunds on credit cards will be accepted. All conference planning is under way and will be finalized soon. Deadline for the hotel reservations and conference reservations were discussed.

**Youth Leadership Report by Greg Phillips**

A youth leadership class was taught at the fall conference. Greg Phillips, Youth Leadership Chair has trained four instructors on youth leadership programs and taught several classes on youth leadership. Three clubs have attended Greg's youth leadership sessions to get ideas on how to conduct sessions for their clubs. MasterCard has donated \$500.00 to the Youth Leadership Program two years in a row. Greg is available to assist anyone interested in conducting a Youth Leadership Program in their club.

**Marketing Report Curtis Scroggins, Lt Governor Marketing**

Membership: to date-2,667 Goal: 4,513 Short: 1900. Membership dues are still being submitted. No new club leads have been sent from TI in the past few months. All club leads that are currently on the books have been generated from the District 8 Executive Committee. There are extra Communic~8's for anyone interested in distributing them at open houses. The deadline for the next Communic~8 will be on March 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be an electronic distribution.

**Education and Training Report Tom Coscia, Lt Governor Education and Training**

Tom Coscia, LGET reports that the district has the following educational goals achieved so far this Toastmaster year: 102 CC, 29 ACB, 17 ACS, 10 ACG, 58 CL, 22 ALB, 5 ALS, 3 DTM's and 4 Leadership in Excellence Awards (HPL). Tom is still working on the club officers trained list for the mid-year club officer training. Tom reports that the posting of the list is taking additional time to complete due to club officers listed on the sign in sheet do not match the TI listing in many cases. The names on the sign in sheet are required to match the names on the TI list in order for a club to receive credit towards the Distinguished Club Program. The completed officer list will be sent in an email in the next week.

**District Report *Tim Spezia, District 8 Governor***

Tim Spezia, District Governor shared with the area governors the importance of communicating with their prospective clubs. Tim mentioned that he is waiting for the trained club officers list to be posted before presenting the awarded manuals to the clubs who had all 7 officers trained. This is to ensure that the clubs, who had all 7 trained in the spring, have at least 4 trained in the mid-year. Tim stated that membership payments are at 13% to date. Tim cautions against clubs posting only six members to gain the DCP, but to have an enthusiastic leadership and post all memberships promptly. The posting of only six members and then work on the rest is more for clubs that are struggling. The CC's are at 48% and Tim is asking for the membership of District 8 to shoot for the stretch goals of 205 in order to show the growth of the club members. Tim shared the process of the Pay Pal credit card option and how it will be secured. The McBrian-Lincoln Douglas Club is 75 years old and has been in existence longer than District 8. District 8 is 70 years old this Toastmaster year. District 8 was founded July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1940-1941 Toastmaster year. A celebration will be held at the Spring Conference in honor of the district. Tim will be sending out an email to the candidates and area/division governors on the proper way to campaign for the elections.

**No Old Business**

**No New Business**

**No Announcements**

**Training Session: None**

Minutes prepared by *Kat Mokriakow and*  
*approved at Aug 27 2011 meeting.*