

# District 8 Toastmasters DEC Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2016

By **Tim Spezia**, Administration Manager

Date: September 24, 2016

## Meeting called to Order

Time 9:30 am on September 24, 2016 by **David Kincade**, Logistics Manager

Pledge of Allegiance

District Mission: we build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence

Introduces District Director **Lora Mather**, DTM

**Lora** welcomes everyone to meeting. Mentions servant leadership experience gained in meetings before it is needed is a huge benefit of TI. Clubs sometimes needs push from district to get on track.

## Accept Meeting Agenda

A motion is in order to accept the Agenda as presented,

**Cathy Babis, PRM**, moves to accept agenda as presented

**Erin Tucker, Division E Director** seconds the motion

The motion to adopt the agenda is carried

## Accept Last Meeting Minutes

Minutes from last DEC meeting (April 16, 2016) will not be presented today, those minutes will be presented along with today's September 24, 2016 minutes on October 29, 2016.

## Toastmasters Resources Educational Session

**Kat Mokriakow, Program Quality Director, PQD**

Use of District and Toastmaster International resources to find information. Laptop with internet access is required. This session will take about 30 minutes to complete.

## Credentials Report

**Farzana Chohan, IPDG reports there are 19 DEC members present.**

Nineteen (19) members out of thirty three (33) Dec members are present; the quorum is seventeen (17). Any items requiring a vote can be carried out.

A motion is needed to adopt the credentials report as presented by **Farzana Chohan**:

**Farzana Chohan, IPDG** makes a motion that we accept the credential report as presented

The credential report is adopted as presented.

## District Success Plan

This Success Plan document can be adjusted throughout the year.

**June Jefferies, Area Director**: Anything to affect clubs?

How to incentivize clubs to participate?

**Kat Mokriakow, PQD**: Rolling out division Conferences

**Farzana Chohan, IPDD** should be revisited at mid-year

Two district goals to meet: before September 30, 2016

1) Must have a majority of DEC officers trained, we are at 92%

2) The District success plan must be completed and turned in to TI.

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**Art Stanze**, Area Director, page 3 item about membership, Grace period will disappear at next membership renewal, an effort to have renewals done before cutoff begins at the club level.

**Lora Mather, DD**: "One and Done" membership payment program for one full one year renewal offered. Needs to be used.

## District Budget

**Tom Coscia, Finance Manager** to present budget and make motion to accept budget after review:

**Yolanda Woods**, Area 6, was TI dues increase related to possible headquarters move? Off topic

**Lora Mathers**, District Director

**June Jefferies**, Area 13, what assumptions about revenue has been made?

**Lora Mathers**, District Director There are roughly 2400 memberships, 25% of \$45 comes to district (\$11.25 per member)

Budget is set, only categories can be moved around

Marketing can always have more budget funding

**June Jefferies**, Area 13, Is Division Conferences added to the budget?

**Lora Mather, DD** yes \$3000.00

**Tom Coscia, Finance Manager** makes motion to accept budget as presented

**Art Stanze**, Area Director, seconds the motion

The motion is carried

## Club Renovation

**RJ Stratton, Division C Director** Presents

Background on program: Has turned around some clubs. This program has helped people understand their Toastmasters association. Shows where does the member fit in?

Explain Mission of Organization: Understand what the manuals do

Members find their voices and become community leaders. Gains skills in personal life as well as professional life. A much bigger spectrum than thought of before. Get the message out what members are part of.

Delivered by Tools and processes that elevates member's interest.

Club meeting roles make the meeting.

Presenter asks: How to stay on track with personal program?

C-Suites confidence

8% of new members earn award in first year

25% of C-Suites members get their Triple Crown, important distinction

Why? Members do not understand the importance of program

Question: **Cathy Babis, PRM**, Is C-Suites sponsored by Toastmasters?

**Kat Mokriakow, PQD**: TI is aware of program and can be presented to members just not allowed to use TI branding.

Document Sheet helps keep track of exactly where a member is

Discussion going long

**June Jefferies, Area Director**: what is the impact of Pathways on this program?

**Kat Mokriakow, PQD** Current program still viable for 3 years after Pathways starts

**RJ Stratton**: helps to turn around low performing club.

**Farzana Chohan, IPDG**: How to get C-Suites electronically?

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**Cathy Babis**, Thursday October 6, 2016 10:30 am see her to help with open house at her home club

## Club Growth Director

**Elaine Curry, Club Growth Director, CQD**

The **CQD** is responsible for all marketing aspects of district and community outreach

Engage club members to invite guest. Every meeting should have at least one guest present.

Meetings need to be well planned, have agenda ready, roles staffed. Reach out to all members for roles. Speakers are important to interest guests. Make sure at least one good speech presentation at a meeting. Have interesting table topics and offer to guests.

Have a guest member list and persistent follow up with guests

Have two open house meetings per year.

Consider a speech craft by the club.

Make sure roles vary per meeting

Mentors are important to keep new members engaged at meeting

Sponsor, mentor clubs, more coming later.

## Program Quality Director

**Kat Mokriakow, PQD**

Fall conference Presentation

**Seth Jarboe, Fall Conference co Chairman**

On November 18, 19 in Columbia, MO

Would like to have 5 members from every club

The conference is comprised of activities directed for the district members

Erin Tucker, First Timer Attendee Chair, asks each club to send one first timer member.

## District Director

**Lora Mather**, District Director

## Any Unfinished Business

None

## Any New Business

None

## Announcements

**Yolanda Woods, Area Director**, Has tickets available for Rotary club truck show, see her if interested.

## Motion to Adjourn

**Erin Tucker, Division Director** makes motion to adjourn

The motion is carried.

Meeting is adjourned at 11:07 am on September 24, 2016

Minutes of September 24, 2016 District 8 DEC Meeting

Respectfully submitted by **Tim Spezia**, Administration Manager

October 26, 2016