



**District 8 Toastmasters  
DEC Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, June 23, 2018  
11:00 PM –4:30 PM**

**District Mission**

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence

**District Director Vision**

Strengthening the Core of District 8 through Membership Retention

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Kat Mokriakow, Tim Spezia, Elaine Curry, Natalie Meighan, James Childress, Parshu Anantharam, Dan Galarza, Tom Coscia, Lora Mather, Angie Breinin, Monaye Dockett, Karen Leingang, David Kincade, Evelyn Pearman, Nancy King, Vic Mattison, Susan Boley, Rick Hoelscher, David DeVeydt, Mark Bean, Linda Sullivan, Ellen Kirchoerfer, Scott Moore, Patti Howard, Brian Pelikan, Eileen Smith-Murphy, Seth Miller, Richard Porter, June Jeffries, Jennifer Cox, Geoff King, RJ Stratton, Larry Kimbrow, Teresa Stewart, Mohammed Sharad, Mary Merenda, Julius A, Jim Bubash, J. Waylon, Dwayne Miller, Jason Gassert, Melissa Triplett, Tonie Thornhill

**Call to Order**

*Commenced at 11:37 AM*

**District Mission Read – Parshu Anantharam**

**Adoption of the Agenda – Kat Mokriakow**

*Unanimous consent*

**Administrative Policies - Lora Mather**

*20 outgoing officers - Quorum*

*19 incoming officers – Quorum*

*HPL on Vote Tabulation*

*Key Points*

*Voting methods*

*Solicit help*

*Visual voting made every member feel that their vote counted.*

*Leaders share the ownership of the project.*

*99% of the paddles returned*

**Adoption of the Meeting Minutes – Brian Pelikan**

*Minor spelling errors on the first page*

*A motion was made by Tonie Thornhill (New Area 20 Director)*

*Seconded by Rick Hoelscher*

*The meeting minutes have been adopted by universal acclamation.*

*The motion carries*

**Financial Report – Tim Spezia**

*Concur Description*

*Financials Overview*

Storage Locker

\$1100 per year or \$93 per month

Accounting Audit Story

Many did not submit mileage for the year. Skews the results for the coming year.

Concur usage may increase the mileage reimbursements for the upcoming year.

## **Recognitions**

Area Director and Division Director Incentives – Kat Mokriakow

Send feedback to the Trio on how they did throughout the year.

Finance Manager Awards – Tim Spezia

Rick Hoelscher for submitting expenses in Concur

David DeVeydt for extraordinary accuracy in Concur

Area Director Award – Kat Mokriakow

Patti Howard for Master of Innovation – Outstanding Toastmaster Award

Ellen Kirchdoerfer – Master of Decision

John Mark Bean – Master of Perseverance

Scott Moore – Master of Perseverance

Geoff King – Master of Perseverance

Master of Commitment Awards

Evelyn Pearman

Linda Sullivan

Dan Galarza

Natalie Meighan

First Division E representation

Master of Enthusiasm

Monaye Dockett

Master of Commitment

Nancy King

Master of Support

Rick Hoelscher

Karen Leingang

Master of Collaboration

Susan Boley

David DeVeydt

Division A – Select Distinguished

Area 2 - Select Distinguished

Division Director Awards

Division A

Great job to Parshu

Parshu helped Elaine with Survey Monkey – Big Shout Out

Division B – June Jeffries

Great division contest

Every DEC and Strategic Meeting she attended

Big shout out for all the commitment

Division C – David Kincade

Brought vitality to the division.

Help to the Area Directors

Great support for all over the district

Division E – Natalie Meighan

Very involved in her division

Very supportive to strategically save her division.

Did a great job to keep it afloat

Division F – Angie Breinin

Met the challenges of the Division

Big shout out for grace under fire

Division Staff

Tom Coscia

Kept meetings on task

In addition to being Parliamentarian

Was the webmaster as well.

Big shout out for the website. Many kudos received on it.

Also full time in the Boy Scouts

Was also involved with the Long Range Planning Committee

Monaye and Parshu were also on the team.

Big shout out for the dedication with so many other priorities

Finance Person – Tim Spezia

TI has professional accountants look at the expenses.

Ensure we are doing expenses properly.

Requires a lot of vigilance on the part of district.

*Big shout out for hanging in there and doing*  
*Administration Manager – Brian Pelikan*  
*Thanks for the accuracy*  
*Big shout out for Angie Breinin and Parshu for helping out with the minutes when Brian could not attend.*  
*Lora Mather*  
*Big shout out for all the support and help for the district and especially all the help provided to Kat.*  
*Eileen Smith-Murphy – Great Public Relations Manager*  
*Set the bar high for PRM.*  
*Went way above the goal.*  
*Gave us open and closed Facebook Groups*  
*Meet Up.com was also instituted.*  
*Social Media Workshops*  
*Templates for Press Releases*  
*Working Womens Survival Show*  
*Earth Day*  
*Worlds Fair Heritage Festival*  
*Moved to Las Vegas*  
*Back and forth from Las Vegas to support the district*  
*Put out the E-Book for the District*  
*Program Quality Director Recognition – Elaine Curry*  
*The district has been so awesome.*  
*Looking forward to the greatness for this year.*  
*Club Growth Director Recognition – James Childress*  
*Shout Out to Everyone for all their help*  
*Scott Moore – Incredible coaches in Franklin County*  
*Angie and Karen for Central West End TM*  
*David and Karen for Kemper help.*  
*Susan Boley for Centene TM – Got them to charter*  
*Linda for coaching Lindenwood.*  
*Evelyn for new club leads*  
*Eileen, Tim S and Tim C for putting up with James - ☺*  
*Elaine and Kat for all the mentorship. Appreciate all the tough love.*  
*Cecily Hawksworth – Editor for Newsletter*  
*Stuck with the Newsletter with all the challenges.*  
*Great job!!!!!!!*  
*Karen Leingang*  
*Area Director 17*  
*Wonderful year*  
*Shout out to Angie for the help.*  
*Taught her a lot of Toastmasters*  
*There are lot of new ideas out there.*  
*Clubs problems are not unique.*  
*Great solutions on how to help clubs.*  
*Kat, Elaine and James were always there.*  
*Eileen Smith Murphy*  
*This year was full of challenges on the homefront*  
*Despite that, appreciated all the support and all the patience.*  
*Never dropped the ball*  
*Geoff King*  
*Area 4 Director*  
*Shout Out to Parshu for all the help and with his first contest*  
*Thanks to James for all the help with Franklin County*  
*Rewarding experiences.*  
*Franklin County is now distinguished.*  
*Central West End Toastmasters*  
*Number One Community Club*  
*Will now receive President's Distinguished*  
*Just chartered in 2016*  
*Parshu Anantharam*  
*Thank the Trio and the Area Directors*  
*For all the visits and support*  
*Experience of being Area Director was very helpful*  
*New officers note – Lots of support from the trio.*  
*Monaye Dockett*  
*Area 15 Director*  
*No replacement for her yet.*  
*Shout out to Kat and Elaine for all the support*  
*If club leadership is not supportive, recommend to reach out to the members*

*Conversion to other corporate clubs and to other community clubs  
Shout out to Angie for all the positive support*

*Nancy King*

*Thanks to June Jeffries  
Thanks for all the help with the creation of the contests.  
June helped with the binders  
Could not have done this without June's help.*

*Dan Galarza*

*Packet for Area 14  
Evelyn and Linda provided so much support to Dan.  
Theresa filling in for Natalie.  
Thanks for Natalie.  
Kudos on the conferences. They are the best.*

*Rick Hoelscher*

*Kudos for June's help with the contests and mentoring  
Thanks to Richard Porter and with the mentoring. Help with the contests.  
Big thanks.*

*Richard Porter – Audit Supervisor*

*Kat is recognizing Richard for his help.  
Keep us on track with our audits.*

*Evelyn Pearman*

*Thanks for everyone's respect.  
First DTM in the prison.  
Toastmasters means so much to them. It is their life.*

*David DeVeydt*

*Area 9 Director  
Look to left and right  
Thanks to Maura for all the help with Bulls and Bears.  
Collaboration is key.  
Opportunities for clubs to do so much more.  
Big shout out to the Trio !!!!*

*Susan Boley*

*Area 18 Director  
Her club is celebrating 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
She was a chartering member.  
Most rewarding things that she has ever done.  
Attended conference.  
Thanks to June for all the support.  
Never had run a contest.  
HPL was to have a club contest. We were successful.  
Thanks to Elaine for the personal attention to a club that is now select distinguished.  
Thanks to RJ for all the help with the contest.*

*John Mark Bean*

*Area 8 Director  
Lots of help from June.  
Lots of help from the Trio  
Thanks so much for the opportunity.*

*Tim Spezia*

*Appreciate all the patience with the issues with Finance.  
Kudos to Kat for exceeding all expectations.*

## **Transitioning Planning**

### *Division A*

*Some clubs need help.  
Email new director on everything you need  
See feedback from director and from the club  
Will always provide feedback to the Trio  
Should we have a slogan for the Division  
Clubs may have problems since they do not see the joy in Toastmasters  
Division A – Achiever*

### *Division C*

*Ellen K*

*David helpful to share venues and key people that can fill contest roles  
Pulled a map of Illinois and plotted clubs.  
David shared potential problems.*

*New Director*

*How to cast the vision of toastmasters to the club level*

*Division B – June Jeffries*

*Put together three pages of notes  
Club visits  
Contests  
District activities in general  
Training will be provided to the directors  
Larry Kimbrough – Kudos to June  
Excited for the future  
Directors help each other*

*Division E –*

*Spoke about clubs  
Get officers trained  
Planning a vision for the officers  
Great help from the Youtube Videos  
Look at the Dist 8 website and get familiar with what it has.*

*Public Relations*

*There will be a public relations committee with Eileen and the successor. Eileen will still be on board.*

*Pathway Guide*

*One pathway guide present.  
These need to be identified in each division for support.*

**District Director Final Comments/Prizes – Kat Mokriakow**

- *Prizes issue by lot.*
- *Parshu is seeing if he can name the entire district leadership*

**Area Director Training – Elaine Curry**

*This is will occur on July 14<sup>th</sup>  
Location to be determined.  
The calendar will be available then.*

*Monitoring of Postcard Mailers*

*No results known yet. Patti Howard brought this up.*

**Meeting Adjournment**

- *Scott Moore from Area 2 motioned to adjourn.*
- *Rick Hoelscher from Area 13 seconded the motion to adjourn.*
- *Unanimous consent to adjourn*
- *Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 PM.*