



District 8 Spring Council Meeting
Saturday, May 4, 2019
Holiday Inn, Earth City, MO

Call to Order by Teresa Stewart, ACS, CL, Division E Director

- Welcome and Reading of the Mission

- Mission: We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

-Read quote by Ralph Smedley, "Ours is the only organization I know dedicated to the individual, we work together to bring out the best in each of us and then we apply these skills to help others."

Credentials Committee Report and Reporting of Quorum by Kat Mokriakow, DTM, IPDD Chair

- We do have a quorum. There were 94 active, 188 votes, quorum is 62 have 92 * 2 for quorum add in 3*106 votes. Motion to accept unanimous.

Adoption of Agenda – approved by unanimous consent.

District Administrative Report – minutes approved by unanimous consent.

Realignment Final Report/Vote – Realignment Chair, Kat Mokriakow, DTM, IPDD

- Copies of the reports and alignments were included in the credentials packet.
- Divisions A, C, and E are increasing the number of clubs. There has been a concentrated outreach effort.
- There was a question for Division A in regards to whether or not the Mt. Vernon club would be affected. Answer: James Childress will take care of that. Question: With clubs leaving Area 5, what will be the strength of that area? Response: Area 5 is growing and added another club. The new clubs are two hours away. The southern Illinois club is located in Carbondale, IL.
- Motion to adopt: Elizabeth D. club 4492 or 4043....Realignment adopted.

Procedures Manual Final Report/Vote

- Only items listed in TLI and Dist 8 can be in manual. TLI items cannot be disputed. Only things specific to Dist 8 can be changed.
- Changed the timeframe for budget expenses from 45 days to 21 days. There is a handout in the folder.
- Expenses listed are for the storage locker, maintenance of website, pay center, and senior leader travel expenses.
- **(look at arrows in the packet and add sections)**

-motion 673892 Earl provided move to accept

Question: timeframe conference will be announced. Answer: TLI hosts one contest per year. District can have up to 3 contest. Request made that no conferences be held during Easter or Mother's Day weekends.

Question regarding TLI trainings and make up sessions due the weather, there were many cancellations this year.

Answer: We have until February 28 to hold training and makeup sessions.

Training for judges went from two per year to one per year. Conferences were also reduced from two per year to one per year. WE are still working on a process to link old judges to new judges.

There was some excitement surrounding contest training and a request for further explanation. Angie Brenin is the new QPD, she is going to be working on this in the future.

Question: If having a localized contest that is not for everyone, is Toastmasters information available. Answer: The event cannot be called a Toastmasters event or us Toastmasters things. Not considered a promotion. For additional information call and ask TLI.

Adopted procedures manual.

District Leadership Committee Report

2019-2020 District Leader Elections

-candidates spoke and shared their vision, goals and Toastmasters experience.

-list of candidates presented and vote took place.

James Childress –District Director, Angie Breinin – Program Quality Director, and Geoff King – Club Growth Director.

Adrienne Pluss – Division A Director, Suresh Gopalakrishnan - Division B Director, Kamara Owens – Division C Director,

Artie Langston – Division E Director (90-16 votes), Angela Brown – Division F Director (63-44 votes)

District Financial Report – Tim Spezia

- **Report not in packet**
- 2nd Quarter closed on December 31. 3rd Quarter closed on March 31.
- Budget comprised with real figures.
- Revenue is membership. Only donation is the prison fund. The variance amounts (overspending/underspending) should be minimal.
- Report of 2nd quarter closing is on the Dist 8 website. The numbers came from TI finance accounting department. Revenues & expenses are listed. December numbers are lower and we are not collecting as much as we would like to.
- YTD July 1 – December 31, finances are in really good shape. TLI expenses and other training accounted for. “Other expenses” are things that don’t fit anywhere else.
- Wells Fargo covered the entire cost of the December TLI, which freed up money for the budget.
- Leadership Expo, networking among members, marketing incentives, TI/Bookstore are other areas for expenses and revenue.
- 3rd quarter closing, membership revenue increased by \$500. There is a \$540 difference year-to-date.
- \$463 positive revenue.

Mid-Audit Report – Richard Porter

-Included in the packet. Page 10

- Review district expenses incur with District and TLI

-Review of all hard documents provided by the district managers.

- July 1 – December 31, there was a clean report with no audit findings.

-Audit adopted.

Past District Director Advisory Committee Kat Mokriakow

-Page 13 focus on #1 on the page

- long range planning committee

-PDD will work directly with current trio from the beginning.

New Mission – renamed

Allows group to have advice and experience at the very beginning. You don’t know what you don’t know.

Public Relations Manager Report – RJ Stratton

- Two primary focuses (1) formulate communication plan for internal clubs and external with the public. (2) help growth.
- Meetup is doing really well. Facebook has two platforms. 1 closed group for functionary and another Facebook page that is open to the public. Facebook is a little more confusing.

- The STL Business Expo in the St. Charles Center and the event at the Athletic Club generated 50 possible members. Elaine and RJ did a workshop at the Expo.
- Marketing efforts are generating prospects. Would like to see more people join the effort.

Club Growth Director Report – Angie Breinin

- Review of reports on the Dashboard. April hit the district very hard, as many clubs did not turn in their dues.
- We initially needed three more clubs to get to President Distinguished level. Now we need 16.
- 550 dues have not been paid. We need 21 Distinguished clubs, some Select and President Distinguished.
- Chartered Mt. Vernon club in District 5. New corporate club is listed on the website.

District Director Report

- Elaine – per the District Directors report 725 club officers are listed. Only 339/47% were trained. 60 clubs had 4 or more people trained, 15 clubs had no officers trained. We would like to see them at training.
- Pathways adoption rate is at 65. 97%, only two clubs have 100% adoption rate. 80.19% of the officers have adopted Pathways
- 487 overall education awards. 243 awards in Pathways. 15 DTMs.
- 39 clubs are almost Distinguished. There is a membership issue.
- Summer TLI is scheduled for June 22
- There are incentives on the website.
- If signing up for a District Role, do the role because you care about the district and not for the DTM.
- The year started with 21 Area Directors. We are down to 20.
- There is not one Distinguished club yet. Division Directors help your areas out and looking at the Dashboard. Question: TI isn't updating the information until the close of the month. Response: We can call TI.
- Division receives a copy of the visits reports.
- Finish the year working together and on a good foot.

New Business

No new business.

-Unfinished business from April regarding the newsletter cost and size.

- 12 pages, will put to next year.

-Question: option to go electronically. Yes, there is an option. TI sent an email recently.

Council Meeting Wrap-up and Closing Announcements

The meeting ended on time.