



Meeting Minutes of District 8

October 19, 2024

District 8 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes The Great District 8

Members Present: 24

Charice Manor, DD, DTM, Tom Coscia, DTM, Patti Howard, DTM, Lisa Campbell, Sharee Adams-Hall, Burchell McGhee, Tim Scarbrough, Sherry Nelson, Sara Dahm, Elaine Curry, Evelyn Pearman, Joy Womac, Stacey Costin, Linda Mlot, Bret Nicolas, Marianne Erickson, Rhonda Green, DTM, Sara Van Meter, Paula Williams, Netanya Martin, Janet Wyrick, Justin Maedeker, Trisha Gordon, Lawson (Cal) Calhoun, DTM

Opening/Virtual Housekeeping/District Mission Statement. Charice Manor, DD, DTM opened the meeting by reading the mission statement:

“We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence”

Adoption of the Agenda:

The agenda was approved

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

Financial Report

District 8

Profit and Loss Summary

As of September 30, 2024

2024 – 2025

July	August	September	Fiscal YTD	
Revenue				
Membership	\$ 287.50	\$ 1,992.50	\$ 11,635.00	\$ 13,915.00
District store		\$ 639.30		\$ 639.30
Total revenue	\$ 287.50	\$ 2,631.80	\$ 11,635.00	\$ 14,554.30
Expenses				
District store		\$ 46.79		\$ - 46.79
District recognition	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 342.83	\$ 1,895.70	\$ 3,488.53
Public relations	\$ 26.50	\$ 9.65	\$ 42.65	\$ 78.80
Administration -		\$ 239.00	\$ 139.00	\$ 378.00
Food and meals		\$ - 44.35		\$ - 44.35
Travel	\$ 67.90	\$ 115.00	\$ 219.12	\$ 402.02
TI allocation	\$ 133.15	\$ 133.15	\$ 133.15	\$ 399.45
Total expenses	\$ 1,477.55	\$ 930.77	\$ 2,429.62	\$ 4,837.94
Net income	\$(1,190.05)	\$ 1,701.03	\$ 9,205.38	\$ 9,716.36

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Available Funds

At September 30, 2024

Cash – Commerce Bank	\$ 12,693.32
District Reserve	\$ 20,638.36
Total	\$ 33,331.68
Minimum District Reserve required at year end	\$(7,989.26)
Total available funds	\$25,342.42

The report was accepted and placed for audit.

Speech Contest Presentation

Patti Howard, DTM presented this topic. The training was not recorded. You can email Patti directly or see the website for more specifics at www.toastmasters.org There will be a Judges Training held at the TLI.

Club Retention

Trisha Gordon gave a presentation on the proposed club coach program.. A copy will be provided to us once the draft has been finalized.

Leadership Team Updates - Each Director has 2 minutes to brief.

Division A - Sara Dahm

Sarah gave an update of Division A

Division B - Paula Williams

Paula gave a report of Area 3, 13, and 18.

Division C - Tim Scarbrough

We continue to progress in Division C. Like many clubs, we have challenges in membership with a great need for coaches and mentors. Our leadership challenge rests on encouragement and the hope that local club leaders do the local work. I continue to encourage leaders to work outside of the box and grow in speechcraft and other programs.

Over all clubs in Division C we have an Average renewal of due collection of 94% with two areas 100% renewed. In club visits and area reports, Area 6 stands out with the most visits completed in Division C: well done to A6 Director Linda Mlot!

I am also happy to report on educational accomplishments are 5 of Division C clubs are recognized on the Top 10 Highest Educational awards per base membership. 3 in Area 1, and one each in Areas 6 and 11. Mount Vernon Toastmasters is on the top of the list from Area 6.

One issue that continues to be a minor complication is Pathways enrollment. Unfortunately 16% of all Division C club officers are not in Pathways. Total Division C membership enrolled in Pathways is at 89% at this time. I am aware of members that have never joined the new system (and their feelings) but we will continue to encourage enrollment and participation nonetheless.

O'fallon Toastmasters is currently administering a Speechcraft event and I have high hopes for all things coming afterwards in membership and other progress.

Division E - Evelyn Pearman

Evelyn Pearman gave a report for division E.

Division F - Burchell McGhee

Acknowledgment:

I'd like to thank my Area Directors for jumping in and getting to work while learning at the same time.

Thanks to Alexandra Dorton- Area 15, Stacy Offer- Area 19, Lisa Collier- Area 17 and Marianne Erickson- Area 8

Area visits: All Area directors have reached out to their clubs.

- Alexandra completed all area visits and just needs to complete and upload reports
- Lisa has reached out and communicated with all clubs and has set a personal goals for club visit completion
- Stacy has conducted 1 visit and working on the others
- Marianne has reached out to clubs and set up meeting dates

Monthly meetings started on the second Tuesday of the month but we didn't meet in October due to illness. Email correspondence was sent discussing locations and asking the clubs if their meeting place was large enough to host a contest. The club would have bragging rights. The St. Louis County library is a possible location with reservations for 2025 to open on October 5, 2024.

Everyone is making efforts to merge TM club visits and business into already busy schedules. We are slowly making that work.

Program Quality Director- Patti Howard, DTM

Club Visit Report

7 incomplete visit reports
39 with no visit scheduled
6 weeks left – Nov 30th

Fast Five to Distinguished

A club has to achieve 1 goal in each category

Admin Goal – 62 clubs
Training Goal – 61 clubs
Membership Goal – 10 clubs
Education Goal – 25 clubs

Reward= \$50 TI GC

Distinguished or Not

What are your goals?

Which 31 clubs will help us be a distinguished District

Pathways comeback – week of Oct 28th and Nov

4th ~ be available 1 hour during the day and evening

Mentoring – New Member Onboarding Pathways

TLI – Dec 7th

Facilitator Opportunity - Call for Facilitators

TOPIC	FACILITATOR	DAYTIME	FACILITATOR	EVENING TIME
First Impressions/MOT	Annetta Works Salley	10-11am		5:30-6:30pm
M4M - Boosting Membership			Rhonda Green	7-8pm
Pathways New	Andrew Welter	11:30-1pm		
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Pathways New			Andrew Welter	6:30-7:30pm
Speechcraft Coordinators	Annetta Works Salley	10-11am	Annetta Works Salley	5:30-6:30pm
TLI	Jackie Kam Blackard	8-4:00pm		

Reinstatement – The BoDirectors changed Protocol 2.0 and clubs that are inactive for 1 to 4 dues renewal periods (which is 2 years total) can do so by providing signed membership applications for 12 or more individual members (3 need to be returning) and future dues renewal for the same 12. All 12 must pay for at least a year.

Clubs beyond 2 years must be chartered as a new club.

Clubs that reinstate can have up to two club mentors assigned and the mentors are able to join the club, if they desire. Thanks to Patti, PQD for digging deeper into this. For our district, Clubs suspended on October 1, 2024 will have until October 2026 to provide us all of the needed items to reinstate.

Club Growth Director Karen Dew (not present) Report given by Charice Manor.

Report: 1,116 Renewals

Coldwell Banker postponed until November 19 th.

Harris Stowe reestablishing connection and setting up initial meeting.

Few leads that we are responding to.

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Introduce Elaine Curry, PDD, PRA, Club Extension Chair 24-25

Call for help: Ask every Area Director to check with clubs and

themselves to see if they have a club in their workplace. If not, provide a lead to us to follow up. (Best avenue is to get to know someone in the workplace.)
Assignment: AD, please identify where your members are working and provide a supervisor level and up a contact. Elaine will go in and prospect.
Due Nov 1

District Director Charice Manor, DTM

Audit Team – Ira Walker, Cheryl Hammond, David McNeel

Website Changes – Tom and I are working to make the district website structural changes.

New Incentive – Seeking qualified leads – reduce conference – proposed action is a tiered reduction. 1st level -20%off conference - a demo meeting 2nd level -50% off conference - payment submitted and charter process begin 3rd level -free conference - charter complete with 20+members paid. Start the club – become a new Club Sponsor.

Announcements/New Business –

Rhonda Green – DLC Chair

- The Nominations for the 2025/2026 leaders will open on November 1, 2024.

Adjourn- Charice Manor, DD, DTM declared the meeting closed at 11:14am.

Lawson (Cal) Calhoun, Administration Manager, Recorder

DEC/DC Meeting Schedule

(All meetings are from 9am-11am except November, and April)

DEC Saturday, November 16, 2024 in-person at Parkview Library, 8400 Delport, St. Louis, 63114 9:30am-11:30am

DEC	Saturday, January 11, 2025	Virtual
DEC	Saturday, February 1, 2025	Virtual
DEC	Saturday, March 1, 2025	Virtual
DEC	Saturday, April 26, 2025	In-Person
DEC	Saturday, May 17, 2025	Virtual
DEC	Saturday June 14, 2025	Hybrid