



District 8 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2025

The Great District 8 The meeting was convened Virtually

Member's Present: 18

Charice Manor, Karen Dew, Patti Howard, Sharee Adam Hall, Bret Nicoles, Linda Mlot, Lisa Campbell, Sara Dahm, Alexandra Dorton, Sarah Van Meter, Stacey Costin, Evelyn Pearman, Marianne Erickson, Xavier Blackman, Lisa Collier, Rhonda Green, Lawson (CAL) Calhoun

Opening/Virtual Housekeeping

The meeting was opened at 9:02 am, Charice Manor, District Director recited the District Mission Statement: We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

Adopting of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted by adding the District Leadership Committee report by Rhonda Green, DTM after the Finance Report.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of November 16, 2024, was unanimously approved.

Financial Report

Lisa Campbell gave the following report:

District 8 Available Funds

At December 31, 2024

Cash – Commerce Bank \$ 13,373.28

District Reserve \$21,629.68

Total \$35,002.96

Minimum District Reserve required at year end (7,989.26)

Total available funds **\$ 27,013.70**

District 8 P&L

December 2024

Row Labels	December Actual	December Budget	Variance
Revenue	994	1,273	(278)
Membership	338	473	(135)
District store	84	800	(716)
Conference Revenue	573	-	573
Expense	39	(2,092)	2,131
Club Growth Expense	-	(450)	450
Conference Expenses	(488)	-	(488)
District store	(11)	-	(11)
Education and Training Expenses	-	(900)	900
Fundraising Expenses	-	(400)	400
Public Relations Expenses	-	(10)	10
TI allocation	(133)	(133)	-
Travel Expenses	(259)	(50)	(209)
Administration Expenses	(171)	(149)	(22)
Hall of Fame Event (2023-2024 Budget)	1,100	-	1,100

Grand Total	1,033	(819)	1,852
District 8 P&L			
July 2024 - December 2024			

Row Labels	Fiscal YTD	Actual Fiscal YTD	Budget Variance
Revenue	18,637	17,416	1,220
Membership	17,043	15,577	1,466
District store	801	1,439	(638)
Conference Revenue	573	-	573
Fundraising Revenue	-	400	(400)
Other revenue	220	-	220
Expense	(13,205)	(15,384)	2,179
Club Growth Expense	-	(550)	550
Conference Expenses	(488)	-	(488)
District store	(408)	(639)	232
Education and Training Expenses	-	(900)	900
Food and Meal Expense	(242)	(300)	58
Fundraising Expenses	-	(400)	400
Marketing Outside Toastmasters Expenses	(1,161)	(1,850)	689
Public Relations Expenses	-	(110)	110
Recognition Expense	(1,489)	-	(1,489)
TI allocation	(799)	(799)	-
Travel Expenses	(7,067)	(7,939)	872
Administration Expenses	(1,531)	(1,897)	366
Hall of Fame Event (2023-2024 Budget) (20)		-	(20)
Grand Total	5,432	2,032	3,400

District Leadership Committee Report

Rhonda Green reminded the committee of the need to submit applications for officers for next year. Information applications and description were submitted earlier. If there is any additional information needed, please let her know.

Leadership Team Update

Division C - Tim Scarbrough

Two club contests have been completed in our area.

I am checking with my other eligible clubs regarding their contests/winners.

Our Area 1 Contest is scheduled for February 15th (prayers for good weather) and it will be held in Quincy. The Gem City Toastmasters are hosting it. Several club members have volunteered to help but I will also need some judges from outside of our club.

Sherry Nelson - Area 1

Area 6 and 11 Contest will happen on February 8, 2025.

Division E - Everlyn Pearman

Combined Area contest is scheduled for 2/27/25.

Area 14 lost 2 clubs. One club had a speech contest.

Area 20 check to see if they plan to participate in the Area contest.

Division A - Sara Dahm

Division A report from today, for the minutes:

- Membership across the division stands at 290. This is down from our base of 312, but we have added 65 new members this Toastmasters year.

- Six clubs in the division have 20+ members, and two clubs have 40+ members (Sole Influencers and South County Toastmasters).

- All Areas within Division A will hold a combined contest on Monday, February 17th, at St. Joseph's Church in Manchester. Area 5 is not sending any contestants, but Areas 2, 4, and 9 have contestants

for Evaluation and/or International Speech. Bret Nicolas has been instrumental in filling the functional roles for these contests (thank you, Bret!)

- Centene Speaks intends to hold an Open House in March. More information to come (e.g. specific date).

Division F - Burchell McGhee

Acknowledgment:

I'd like to thank my Area Directors for adding this responsibility into their already busy schedule. Thanks to Alexandra Dorton, Lisa Collier and Marianne Erickson

Distinguished Progress:

16 of 17 clubs have met at least 1 goal

1 club – Writer's Ink (Area 15) is already Select Distinguished

272 members

Training:

Only 2 clubs have 4 or more officers trained for this last session. Will share more training opportunities

Speech competition:

Area 8 (Marianne) and Area 19 combined – Wed 2/26 Missouri Athletic Club

Area 15 (Alexandra) – Sat 2/15 Barr Library

Area 17 (Lisa Collier) Cancelled no participation

Division F 3/15

Club visits:

We'll do an informal, fun visit first then go back later for the official club visit. I'll be participating in this process

Concerns:

Communication or lack of... Sometimes we do get a lot of emails but we do need at least an acknowledgement that it was received.

Division B - Paula Williams

Area 13 clubs:

- have all gained the training goals by meeting the minimum of four officers trained in both summer and winter.
- 5/6 area visits have been completed
- Money Talks has 10 members and Aspiring Speakers (advanced club) has 9 members. Currently, I am club coach to Money Talks unofficially while finish up Horace Mann Toastmasters.
- Club Contest was successfully held on 1/29/2025

Club Growth Director Karen Dew

1. Membership Growth and Retention:

- Current membership 67 clubs to date-base 76 numbers vs. goals.
- Membership growth - Currently at 1048 members, which is a 68 member-increase from our last meeting.
- Retention - Club Retention Chair, Cynthia Scroggins will be holding club coach training sessions. Be on the lookout for upcoming dates

2. Club Development:

- On January 15th the CG team held a demo meeting with Coldwell Banker, and it went very well. Waiting on initial charter fee.
- On January 24th we held a demo meeting at SLU with at least 35 students and staff in attendance and it went extremely well. Elaine Curry and I are working with SLU to get this charter done.
- We are still in the process of scheduling a demo meeting with St Charles Community College

3. Marketing and Outreach Initiatives:

- Club New Source Chair, Annetta Works Salley will be holding speech craft sessions starting in February. Dates and times will be posted soon.
- Bring a lead-asking AD's, DD's and anyone else who has a lead to please bring them to the CG team. Teamwork makes the dream work. Thank you all for your help and support. We will finish this term strong.

Program Quality Director

- How are your clubs doing? What is the Club Mission? To help members develop communication and leadership skills in a positive and supportive environment.
- If members are developing their communication skills, what TI tool allows us to measure that?
- Distinguished Club Program Dashboard
- Which goal will reflect development of communication skills?
- Education Goals
- DCP Dashboard
- Communication Skills = Level completions
- 35 clubs have NOT submitted one level completion
- 10 additional clubs have only submitted one level completion
- 45/72 active clubs = 62.5%

Officer Training

Only 29 of 73 active clubs have gotten four officers trained during the winter session. We offered COT at the TLI and Dec/Jan team-teaching sessions

We have through Feb 28th for them to receive DCP credit for attending training.

Several have attended other district training courses.

We will offer another round of training in February, and we need you to help teach.

When you don't see those education goals being submitted, ask. Is it a lack of Pathways usage or is it officers not understanding their roles. Let's help our clubs be successful by working with them and providing them with the tools and information they need.

District Deputy Director

Thank you all for attending and providing information on your divisions. Not everyone in the district knows the level of support that you provide but those that do appreciate you and then others learn about you, they will too.

I forgot to mention the Parliamentary training this month. See link [Training – District 8](#) Toastmasters

The reports are back up. I still attached 30th to this email for record.

March Madness Incentive: All clubs with 80% renewals receive \$20 by March 15 and 100% and receive \$40 Gift Certificates to TI. (Technically, they have little under 45 days to meet the first incentive).

The fundraiser link: <https://forms.gle/urqTBjF9efUcdjW8> The flyer for use to gather fundraisers is attached.

Speech Contest Training Patti Howard. DTM

Speech Contest Review

- Roles
 - Contest Chair
 - Organizer
 - Contest Master
 - Emcee (Toastmasters of the Day)
- Check on these things:
 - Do you have them? Trophies Got them
 - Date, location, time
 - Where is your copy? Rulebook
 - Recommend printing out the rulebook and forms and taking to the contest.
- Contestant Qualifications
 - International Speech Contestants
 - Who is eligible?
 - Paid member of any club in the Area, Division & District
 - Completed 2 Levels
 - DTM
 - Who isn't eligible?
 - None of us (District Level)
 - Immediate Past District Director
 - Candidates for next year elected District positions (Trio, Div Directors)
 - Functionary in the contest they are competing in
- Evaluation Speech Contestants
 - Any paid member of a club in their Area, Division,
 - District that they are competing in may compete
- Contestant Eligibility
 - Where to look? Look them up = Use Membership Report
 - Eligibility of judges
 - Club Level - be a paid member
 - Area, Division or District
 - Paid member for 6 months
 - Completed 2 Pathway levels or 6 speeches in Competent Communicator
 - Be physically present SAA
 - With the evaluation contest, you could use 3 SAA
 - Contest Room you move the evaluation contestants
 - To move contestants from their room back to the contest room
- Evaluation Contest
 - Pattern Speaker – paid Toastmaster
 - Use of official Evaluation Contestant Notes sheet
 - Move to another room where for 5 minutes, they can formulate their speech based on their memory and notes they used.

After 5 minutes, collect Evaluation Contestant Notes sheet

International Speech Contestants

- Type of speech – inspirational, humorous, tall tale
- May stay in the room hearing the other contestants or may opt to stay and not listen to the other contestants.
- If a contestant opts to be out of the room and not listen to the other contestants, the SAA must call the contestant during the period of silence after the previous contestant has concluded their speech.

Speeches are given

Protests - Only contestants & judges can lodge protests

Based on eligibility, originality, reference to another contestant or another contestant's speech 25% or less may be devoted to quoting, paraphrasing. Must reference any quoted or paraphrased material

Contest winners

- Notification of Contest Winner forms to next level Take a picture and post – FB, D8 Members Only,
- LinkedIn, other social media that you use.
- Send it to the local newspaper with a little write-up noting your local club.
- Invite family, friends, colleagues and those you want to introduce to Toastmasters
- Questions?
- If there is a major weather event the date of the contest, it can be rescheduled.
- Areas with 4 or less clubs may send 2 contestants to each Area Contest
- I can't get enough judges – the rules are there to protect against partiality. Do the best you can and move forward.
- Eligibility of judges and contestants can be checked using the Membership Report.
- Combining Area and or Division contests together is permissible and allows the task of getting functionaries
- Any other questions, please refer to the Speech Contest Rulebook.

Announcements/New Business

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 by Karen Dew

DEC/DC Meeting Schedule

DEC	Saturday March 1, 2025	VIRTUAL	
DC	Saturday April 26, 2025	IN-PERSON	
DEC	Saturday May 17, 2025	VIRTUAL	
DEC	Saturday June 14, 2025	HYBRID	(Transition Meeting)

Meeting Minutes recorded by Lawson (CAL) Calhoun, DTM