

District 7 Council Meeting – April 27, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

District Director: John Rodke called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm

READING OF THE DISTRICT MISSION by Donna Stark

OPENING REMARKS

John Rodke Welcomed Members and Guests attending today's District Council Meeting. Introduced and acknowledged dignitaries attending the meeting as well Administration Manager, Bob Pugh and Parliamentarian, Alexis Mason.

Alexis Mason read prepared instruction on the procedures to be followed during the business meeting in regards to voting, motions, debates.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (Establishment of a Quorum)

Credentials Committee Chair, Jerry Kleffner.

The Credentials Chair reported on the number of clubs represented, and a quorum was reached. A quorum would one-third of the 227 club Presidents and VPEs. There were 119 ballots issued today meeting the 92 club ballots needed. In addition, 26 members of the District Executive Committee are in attendance. John Rodke acknowledged the Credentials report will be filed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

John Rodke requested a motion to accept the agenda as published.

- Motion made by Abraham Alfaro, Downtown Public Speakers moved to accept published agenda and seconded Crystal Pugh, Gateway Toastmasters
- Motioned Passed

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER REPORT (APPROVAL OF MINUTES)

John Rodke requested a motion for the approval of the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting.

- Bob Pugh motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes because they are posted on the District website and there are copies on the tables.
- Karen Semprevivo seconded the motion
- John Rodke called for the question.
- Motion passed

FINANCE REPORT

District Finance Manager, Karen Semprevivo - This report is based not on Profit and Loss, but Budget as of 03/31/2019. All areas are either on or under budget. One exception is the conference meeting and this is a timing issue. Cash on-hand \$86,063.71 and we are in good shape financially. John Rodke requested the report be filed.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

John Rodke introduced Audit Committee Chair, Jerry Kelffner to deliver the report.

Jerry Kelffner reported the audit did get off to a rough start with the transitions of the positions. Five checks went out without two signatures and one invoice was entered twice in the accounting system. That was corrected.

John Rodke the Audit Committee Report will be filed.

APPOINTED DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS CONFIRMED

John Rodke - The next order of business is the confirmation of those who have been appointed to an office since the last Council Meeting. The Toastmasters International District Bylaws allows the District Executive Committee to fill vacancies between council meetings, subject to the confirmation of the District Council. The District Executive Committee appointed:

- Division E Director, Kathleen Tully
- Division F Director, Paul Fanning
- Division H Director, Lorri Andersen
- Area 52 Director, Rudy Erbrich

If there are no objections, these appointments will be confirmed. Hearing no objections, the appointments are confirmed. The report will be filed.

ALIGNMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

John Rodke - Called for the Realignment Chair, Scott Fraser, to present the realignment of the clubs for 2019 - 2020.

Scott Fraser recapped the realignment of clubs noting that the changes were to make the geography easier for the Area Directors to get around to the clubs. The biggest changes came to Division 1 as there were not enough clubs to maintain the Division. That Division will be combined with Division C and will now be Area 45. That left one club being moved to the Southern Division, Area 24.

John Rodke noted this report does not need a second. The floor was opened for discussion. Scott Fraser clarified two questions from the floor. John Rodke called for the question and vote to approve the realignment as presented. A voice vote was taken. Motioned Passed

ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

John Rodke introduced the next order of business, Election of the District 7 Officers for 2019-2020. He asked Donna Stark, to provide the Leadership Committee Report.

Donna Stark named and thanked the Nominating Committee for their work. The slate of candidates presented for 2019-2020 follows;

- District Director – Emille Taylor
- Program Quality Director – Cate Arnold
- Club Growth Director – Eldred Brown
- Division A Director – Michelle Alba Lim
- Division B Director – Abraham Alfaro
- Division C Director – Debra Burger
- Division D Director – Dawnette Hale
- Division E Director – No Candidate Nominated
- Division F Director – Hillarie Hunt
- Division G & H Directors – No Candidates Nominated

John Rodke thanked Donna Stark and the committee. He requested the report be filed.

The next order of business presented was District Officers Election. John reviewed the rules of the process. The candidates name will be announced. The candidate will have two minutes to present. Ballots will cast and picked up by the ballot counters.

John Rodke - The nominated candidate for **District Director** is **Emilie Taylor**. There were no nominations from the floor. John instructed the Administration Manager to cast one vote for Emilie Taylor. 1 vote cast

John Rodke -The nominated candidate for **Program Quality Director** is **Cate Arnold**. There were no nominations from the floor. John instructed the Administration Manager to cast one vote for Cate Arnold. 1 vote cast

John Rodke - The nominated candidate for **Club Growth Director** is **Eldred Brown**. There were no nominations from the floor. John instructed the Administration Manager to cast one vote for Eldred Brown. 1 vote cast

John Rodke - The nominated candidate for **Division A Director** is **Michelle Alba Lim**. There were no nominations from the floor. John instructed the Administration Manager to cast one vote for Michelle Alba Linn. 1 vote cast

John Rodke - The nominated candidate for **Division B Director** is **Abraham Alfaro**. There were no nominations from the floor. John instructed the Administration Manager to cast one vote for Abraham Alfaro. 1 vote cast

John Rodke - The nominated candidate for **Division C Director** is **Debra Burger**. There were no nominations from the floor. John instructed the Administration Manager to cast one vote for Debra Burger. 1 vote cast

John Rodke - The nominated candidate for **Division D Director** is **Dawnette Hale**. There were no nominations from the floor. John instructed the Administration Manager to cast one vote for Dawnette Hale. 1 vote cast

John Rodke - A nominated candidate for **Division E Director** was not brought forth by the Leadership Committee. Nominations from the floor were requested. No nominations for Division E Director were made. John instructed the body we would move on.

John Rodke - The nominated candidate for **Division F Director** is **Hillarie Hunt**. There were no nominations from the floor. John instructed the Administration Manager to cast one vote for Hillarie Hunt. 1 vote cast

John Rodke -A nominated candidate for **Division G Director** was not brought forth by the Leadership Committee. Are there nominations from the floor? Leanna Linquest, Feedbackers Toastmasters, nominated **Patrick Locke**. John asked if he accepted the nomination. Patrick accepted. 1 vote cast

John Rodke - A nominated candidate for **Division H Director** was not brought forth by the Leadership Committee. Are there nominations from the floor? Phyllis Harmon, TV Toastmasters nominated **Lori Anderson**. Lori Anderson was not present; John confirmed she accepted the nomination. It was acknowledged she did confirm. 1 vote cast

John Rodke congratulated all the newly elected District 7 Leaders wishing them success.

REPORTS: PROGRESS TOWARDS DISTRICT GOALS

John Rodke - Called for the report from the Public Relations Manager Lauralee Norris.

Lauralee Norris reported there has been a lot momentum with the PR this year. In *Voices!* A PR article has been created called Publicity Bites to give PR tips to clubs. It is archived on D7 Blog. The District is engaged in media through both traditional and social outlets; Facebook, Flickr, LinkedIn, Twitter and You Tube. 110 events have been promoted.

D 7 Benchmarking exceeds the industry averages in engagement on Facebook, Social Media Following Increases and Press Releases. We are very close on Twitter engagement. We do not use Facebook Paid Advertising. All of this has been organic growth.

Lonnie Fuller, Buckaroo Toastmasters suggested Twitter # for future events. Lauralee explained we are using #potentialunleashed right now on Twitter. A question regarding Instagram use was asked. Lauralee explained we do have an account, but it not in use due to a login/password issue. She also pointed out we do have a Meet Up account for use as well. Dee Core, Toastmasters of Redmond asked about a TM International Meet Up account. She had heard there was one that clubs could use for free. That question could not be answered and it will be looked into.

John Rodke - Called for the report from the Club Growth Director Cate Arnold.

Cate Arnold the position was to help promote club growth. Six new clubs have opened so far this year. Regarding member retention and growth, now is a good time to review your member list and contact them about renewal. Beat the Clock contest was explained and is running from 05/01/19-06/31/2019. D7 has up to \$50 to help a club for an open house to cover the costs for the open house. For more marketing, in May 2019 D7 will have a presence on LinkedIn. If there are new club leads please contact Cate.

John Rodke - Called for the report from the Program Quality Director, Emilie Taylor

Emily Taylor reported the Distinguished Club Program results. As of April 27, 2019 18 clubs are Distinguished and 43 are almost Distinguished. Our goal is 69 total Distinguished clubs. It is recommended all clubs have a Club Success Plan and Moments of Truth to accomplish this.

There is an incentive to do this for the clubs. If the club missed it last year and become distinguished by June 2019 they will earn a \$50 gift Certificate for the TI Store.

All members are encouraged to be a Pathways Champions. Officers Training will be offered at TLI 06/22/2019.

John Rodke - District Directors Report

This year we have gotten out of our comfort zone into our growth zone. Please take what you have learned here today and share it with your members and to people outside of Toastmasters. Share your story. Let's create a club climate that you are getting value out of every meeting. Make people feel welcome and encourage growth.

Presidents Distinguished Clubs are encouraged to help others clubs. Share the best practices, and are you sponsoring clubs. Have at least 2 members that are Club Mentors. See Patrick Locke, Club Coach Chair. TI has now made being a Club Coach a counts as a District Service credit. This has just happened.

This past year we have gone through a lot of change. We have 64 days left in the year and lot can still be done. When we achieve we should celebrate and give credit. M.O.R.E. (Members, Overcome, Rewards, Excitement)

John thanked all for their efforts and support this year. He recognized all the Area and Division Directors. Also he thanked the District Conference Team and the Catering Staff.

NEW BUSINESS

John: No new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John: The next order of business is announcements. Are there any District-related announcements from the floor?

Allen Edinger, Prison Club Liaison - Oregon State Pen and Capital Toastmasters grew by 8 members w/40+ members. They do not have computers, so they started a Pathways paper kit with all the Pathways projects level 1. This is a good guide for new members or members that do not have a computer. There are 200 copies available to take back to your club today. He will be distributing to all 6 prison clubs as well.

Tickets for this evening's event are available and on sale. Also check in with registration for a new name badge for this evening event.

A call from the floor was made to acknowledge and thank The Trio for all their work this year.

ADJOURNMENT

John Rodke - Entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn was made by Emille Taylor. No seconded was needed. John requested a voice vote to adjourn the business meeting. Meeting adjourned 2:19 pm

Submitted by Robert Pugh, District Administrative Manager