

District 7 Toastmasters Council Meeting

September 27, 2023

Minutes

Attending: See attached list

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by District Director Jim Robison

Council attendees were given an opportunity to introduce themselves for 20 minutes.

District and Toastmasters International missions read by Club Growth Director Dr. Gwendolyn Avington.

Meeting agenda adopted with no objections.

Meeting quorum met per Credentials Chair, Jerry Kleffner. Report adopted.

District Council Meeting minutes from May 20 2023 adopted without objection.

District Leader appointment made with no objections.

- Dave Bones replaced Suzanne Loeb as Program Quality Director.
- Karen Semprevivo – Finance Manager
- Phyllis Harmon – Administration Manager
- Fred Bergeron – Public Relations Manager
- Area Director appointments approved – see attach list

District Success Plan – questions raised by council members and answered. Valerie Preston made a motion that the District Success Plan be adopted. Fred Bergeron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

District Budget approved by Toastmasters International. Questions were invited from the Council members. Motion made to amend the budget so that \$2700 be spent on business cards for clubs instead of the Toastmasters International LinkedIn campaign. Motion seconded. Discussion both pro and con ensued.

Call for the question was introduced. Call for closing the debate passed by 64 to 4.

Moved to a vote on whether to adopt the amendment to the budget. Amendment failed by 6 in favor and 64 opposed.

Moved to a vote to adopt the district budget without amendment. Budget approved with 69 in favor and 2 opposed.

Reports

Audit Committee Report 2021-2022 presented by Jerry Kleffner.

No issues were identified, and the report was clean. Question was raised about whether the report needed to be adopted or accepted. Reports do not require adoption or acceptance.

District Director Report – Jim Robison, District Director

Met Toastmasters International goal of 85% for training area and division directors. Will have 100% trained by September 30. Budget document completed. Club Growth Director and District Director attended District Leader training in the Bahamas but did not stay for the convention.

Program Quality Director Report – Dave Bones

Incentives development for rewarding clubs meeting their DCP goals with club officer pins. Also, revamping the forums to address issues by base camp manager and VP Education.

Club Growth Director Report – Dr. Gwendolyn Avington

Membership payments are lagging but anticipate we will meet the goal of 1500 payments by 9/30. Clubs not meeting minimum membership as of 9/27 were 11 clubs. Club Growth teams are in place and working to increase the number of members. Team leads were thanked for their contributions.

End of Reports – Floor opened to questions for the Trio

Lorri Andersen announced the Celebration of Leadership and invited the Council to the meeting to be held online.

Speech contests will be the International Speech contest and the Table Topics Contest.

A Tall Tales video extravaganza will be initiated just for fun with no tie to official contests.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 by District Director Jim Robison

Meeting notes provided by
Phyllis Harmon – Administration Manager
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