

District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2023

1. Call to Order. District Director, Denise Alder Guthertz, DTM, 9:00a.m.
2. Protocol for Zoom Meeting. David Betowski, DTM
 1. Rename yourself in the following format: District Position, Name.
 2. Keep your microphone muted unless you are speaking.
 3. Technical support, chat with ZoomMaster.
 4. Do NOT use "chat with everyone," it is very distracting.
 5. Turn off your video if doing something distracting.
 6. Comments during debate will be limited to 2 minutes.
3. National Anthem, presented by David Betowski.
4. Dignitaries recognized.
Rick Sydor, PID, DTM, RP-R
Sondra Nunez, PRA, PDD, DTM
Louise Houdelette, PDG, DTM
Brian Hatano, PDG, DTM
Russ Steele, PDG, DTM
Barbara Brackett, PDG, DTM
5. Housekeeping
 - a. Appointed David Betowski, DTM as zoom master.
 - b. Appointed Minda Fernish, DTM as timer.
6. Reading of the District Mission – CGD Laura Gregory, DTM
We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.
7. Roll Call / Certification of Quorum – Adm Mgr Minda Fernish, DTM
22 of 40 are present, we have a quorum. 31 in attendance.
 1. Denise Alder Guthertz, DD
 2. Lance McMahan, PQD
 3. Laura Gregory, CGD
 4. Veena Vijayaraj-Kadidal, PRM
 5. Minda Fernish, ADM MGR
 6. LaWanna Parker, Div B Dir
 7. Lynda Mendez, Div D Dir
 8. Donna Lewis, Div E Dir
 9. Rose Cooke, Div G Dir
 10. Kevin Hayes, Div H Dir
 11. Susan Sontra, Div I Dir
 12. Antone (Wild Bill) Cabral, A12 Dir
 13. Lieutenant Coopwood, C33 Dir
 14. Louise Houdelette, E51 Dir
 15. Nancy Wold, F61
 16. Chibwe Chungu, F63 Dir

- 17. Pat Knight, G71 Dir
- 18. Diana Irvine, G73 Dir
- 19. Barbara Brackett, I91 Dir
- 20. Shannon Chi, I92 Dir
- 21. Skip Smith, I93 Dir
- 22. John Fox III, I94 Dir

- 8. Adoption of Agenda – DD Denise Alder Guthertz, DTM
Agenda approved as circulated.

- 9. Approval of September 2022 DECM minutes– DD Denise Alder Guthertz, DTM
The minutes were approved as circulated.

10. Committee Reports

- a. District Leadership Committee - Russ Steele, PDG, DTM
 - Nominations are open for District Director, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, and Division Directors. Candidates will be interviewed and results posted in one week.
- b. Realignment Committee Report – Lance McMahan, PQD, DTM
 - 23 Areas. Criteria is to group clubs into viable Areas of 4-6 clubs, with minimum 3 clubs in good standing on July 1. 2023.
 - 5 Divisions - East, North, West, South, and Central.
 - Discussion, 2 minutes talking, chat is viable.
 - Realignment as submitted was approved.
- c. Parliamentary Report – Rick Sydor, PID, DTM, RP-R
 - Intl Board Briefing, can be found on TI website.
 - On the TI website, FAQ/Member, explains why dues are increased.
 - Early bird registration for the Intl convention in Nassau, Bahamas is open.
 - At the Intl Convention in Nashville, the membership passed Proposal L, which stated “The club decides who will carry the club vote at the District Council Meeting, the Club President or the Vice President Education. One of these two officers, or both, will represent the club at District Council Meetings.”

11. District Officer Reports

- a. Administration Manager, Minda Fernish, DTM
 - The Board Briefing announced Intl dues would be raised to \$60 in October.
- b. Finance Manager
 - No report given.
- c. Public Relations Manager, Veena Vijayaraj Kadidal, DTM
 - reminded us to sign up for District 39 conference.
 - Talk Up Toastmasters, encouraged us to publicize our clubs on social media sites.
 - clubs that sent in posted links qualify for a spin for \$50 District Bucks. 3 winners, Los Oradores, Voices of Lincoln, Los Oradores (several entries were submitted).
 - continues to post “Why” videos on the District website.
- d. Club Growth Director, Laura Gregory, DTM
 - SETA has submitted charter papers to TI.

- UOP and APAPA clubs are close to charter strength.
- clubs that are working on reviving include Paradise on the Ridge, VisionMasters, and Delta Breeze (gavel club).
- 2 new club leads.
- e. Program Quality Director, Lance McMahan, DTM
 - \$25 spin for clubs with new members that joined in March and have scheduled their first speech. Winner, The Chamber Toastmasters.
 - \$40 spin for clubs with 8 or more renewed members. Winner, AH Toastmasters.
 - TI website is not current, spin for clubs with Distinguished goals will be at the next meeting.
 - Spring conference is May 12-13, please register on District 39 website.
 - Intl President Elect Morag Mathieson will be present.
- f. District Director Denise Alder Guthertz, DTM
 - members can now pay their dues with self-pay.
 - looking for Audit Committee members.
 - Trio met with IPD Richard Peck.
 - Thank you to all leaders, chairs, and members for their support.
 - Mid Term audit Committee Report. No report given, looking for help with audit committee.

12. Division Director Reports

- a. Division A – Div contest is complete.
- b. Division B – no report given.
- c. Division C – Lauren Carly has stepped in for Adrienne Haylor as Div C Director.
- d. Division D – clubs are strong and getting stronger, several clubs are hybrid.
- e. Division E – Division contest April 21. Clubs working on transitions.
- f. Division F –
- g. Division G – club visits are complete, Div contest is April 22.
- h. Division H – 5 Distinguished clubs so far, looking for a location for Div contest.
- i. Division I – Lodi TM has been revived, Speaking Machine celebrated 35 years.

13. Unfinished Business – District Director Denise Alder Guthertz,

- a. No unfinished business.

14. New Business – District Director Denise Alder Guthertz, DTM

- a. No new business.

15. Announcements

- a. Register for Spring Conference, 32 full registrations so far.
- b. Next DECM, TBD by next year's leadership.
- c. Spring Council Meeting, online only, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

16. Adjournment – District Director Denise Alder Guthertz at 10:55 a.m.

Minda Fernish, DTM

Administration Manager 2022/2023