

District 31 Toastmasters

Meeting Minutes

Recognize Dignitaries & Past District Governors

Stefano McGhee opens meeting by greeting the following-

Rabbi Winer - Past District Director

Karen Alexander - Past District Governor (District 58 in South Carolina)

Sherri Raftery - Past District Governor

General recognition of Past District Officers

Actions on previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve from Rick Winer

Minutes approved

Audit

Rick Winer delivers report

Only thing is \$28k reimbursement to Rick Winer for personally covering costs up front

Spent slightly less than what district took in

Question- Who is the audit committee?

- Bash Turay was audit chair

- outside audit company was used as well

Mission Statements

Fall 2015 Business Meeting Minutes

State of the District

Call for Quorum

Michael Bookman called to stage - Credentials Chair

- 211 clubs, 178 eligible, quorum expectation of 118

- we have met quorum with 136

- 83 needed for simple majority of votes

- 2/3 majority= 110 required

Alignment Amendment

Question- Andrew Gronoksi, Toast Wizards

-When was SMMA toastmasters moved, and at point was leadership of club consulted?

Answer- Gina Salcedo, Division Director

-Gina needs to defer to Area Director Robert Forbes

Answer- Robert Forbes, Area Director

-Gave it up because he was not familiar with SMMA; there were problems trying to reach SMMA, so they were not reachable

Question- Jim Alley, Lakesiders 2453

-Where does SMMA reside and what does it mean?

Answer- Corporate club (architecture company) in Cambridge and the name refers to the initials

Question- Karen Tau, BUMC Toastmasters

-Has communication with SMMA opened up since/what happened?

Answer- Michael Bookman, Area Director

-He was able to contact them eventually, was able to get an officer list, overall was tricky getting contact

Question-Hillary Wilson, Articulators

-SMMA was not neglected or ignored, District handled SMMA the standard way

Questions closed by Stefano

Alignment Amendment approved

2016-2017 Budget

Stephanie Walther, District 31 Finance Manager introduced to discuss budget

Question- Senator from Advanced Articulators

- what is the period?

Answer- Stephanie Walther

- Through calendar year of TM

Question- Merrill Whitaker, Ocean State TM

- Would District sponsor youth leadership at the club level, also speech craft? Includes manuals and food

Answer- Dan Stanton, Renaissance

Only can be sponsored at club level only, not district level

Question- do we get penalized for having a larger carryover by TI?

Answer- Stefano

-you should attempt to spend it all and leave just a little bit over for next district leadership

Question- what will we therefore do carryover to help our district members?

Answer- Stefano

-we as a district subsidize people to come to the conference; prices have gone up because prices were static for a very long time, therefore unsustainable long term

Question- Lori Whitmore, Advanced Access TM

- Suggestion to plan 10k of carryover per year toward conferences to lower costs, especially given dues increase

Question- Hillary Wilson, Articulators

- What if we give an early bird discount in 3-packs? Also, price structure is not clear online

Question- Karen Tau , BUMC TM

-Can we hold conferences on public transportation routes to alleviate cost burden on some attendees?; Where did the travel convention money go?

Answer- Stephanie Walther

-Money went to trio, past district director, and speech contest winner hotel lodging costs/travel costs

Question- Gina Salcedo, Division C Director, Somerville TM home club

-Suggestion- can we offer discount for first timers in general?; Can we setup a carpool site?

Question- Dan Wallace

-Is there a place in Boston where individuals could meet to carpool to Framingham?;

Question- Rick Winer

-writing budget is tough for district director; conference is supposed to be a break even for district according to TI

Rick Winer moves to close debate on budget

Debate closed

Area 86 Director Barb Millett has motioned to vote on budget summary

Budget passed as written

Stefano introduces Jeff Sobel, International Director candidate to give brief speech

Formal part of business meeting concluded

Stefano informally comments on Prison Clubs in District 31

-Comment- Michael Moore, MITRE TM

-What do gavel clubs get? What are the manuals like? Are they comparable to actual CC manual? What is the support for those clubs? Is there enough support?

-Question- Gina Salcedo,

-Does gavel club apply to prisons only?

Answer- Stefano

-Special requirements; prison clubs don't have means to pay their own dues, so that's part of the motivation for it

-Comment- Rick Winer

-Gavel clubs is essentially the same as a charter club, so TM does not have to pay anything; Rick is not in favor because there have been times when mentors were not actual toastmasters, just general volunteers; in order to maintain integrity of organization, we need to be mindful of this

Motion to close the meeting from Derick Bennett, Area 62 Director

Meeting closed

Nomination Committee Report

Election of 2016-2017 District Leaders

Office	Name	Result
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Items to Vote On