

District 25 Toastmasters Minutes of the Virtual District Council Business Meeting

September 15, 2019

District Director Jamie Pickering, DTM, called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

The following dignitaries were in attendance: Past District 25 Governors, all Distinguished Toastmasters all- David Himmelstein; Diana Patton; our Past District Directors, Distinguished Toastmasters all: Jodie Sanders; Greg Pick and also Immediate Past District Director, Robi Ley, DTM.

District Director Jamie Pickering, DTM, reviewed instructions for the online Zoom meeting indicators and gave instructions for addressing the speakers or Technical Lead, Charlie Bowles in order to make a motion, create a discussion or present an objection in chat messages to the Admin Manager, Melissa Avalos.

The members of the District Council read the District Mission statement together.

Credentials Chair Robi Ley, DTM presented the Credentials Committee Report. The District had 154 clubs in good standing. Each eligible club had 2 votes for a total of 308 possible club votes. The District Executive Committee had 49 votes. Total possible club and DEC votes equals 355. One-third of the 355 club Presidents, Vice-Presidents of Education, or their proxies equals 103, which is the number of votes required to have a quorum.

At the time of the meeting, there were a total of 144 Club Presidents, Vice-Presidents of Education registered, in addition to 34 DEC members present. Quorum was met to conduct business.

Credentials Chair Robi Ley, DTM requested adoption of the Credentials Committee Report. Following the presentation of the report with no discussion provided. Adoption of the report was accepted by consent.

District Parliamentarian Michael Kinser, ACS, ALB read the rules of debate and question notifications procedure via Zoom meeting functions.

The Minutes from the Spring 2019 Business Meeting were approved as posted on the District website.

Audit Committee Chairman, Sean Graf, ACS, ALB presented the 2018-2019 Year-End Audit Report. Based on the committee's review, the committee certifies that the financial reports presented for the six-month period are a fair representation of the financial transactions of the District during this period. Following the presentation of the report, Sean Graf stated that a motion had been made to adopt the Report with no discussion. No second is needed as the motion comes from a committee. The motion passed without debate or discussion.

Voting members were instructed to cast a vote via Election Buddy Yes to adopt the Year-End Audit Report or No if not in favor and wait to submit all votes until the end of all meeting proposals.

District Finance Manager Larry Core, ACS presented the 2019-2020 District Budget Report to include a proposition for submitting a planned variance for approval to Toastmasters International indicating specific training funds categorized as an administrative expense. Following the presentation of the report, Larry Core stated that the motion had been made to adopt the Budget. No discussion was provided. No second is needed as the motion comes from a committee. The motion passed without debate or discussion.

Voting members were instructed to cast a vote via Election Buddy as Yes to adopt the Budget Report or No if not in favor and wait to submit all votes until the end of all three meeting proposals.

District Director, Jamie Pickering, DTM presented the list of 2019-2020 Appointed District Officers and displayed onscreen for reference to include the roles for District Public Relations Manager, Administration Manager, Finance Manager and also Area Directors 11-75. Following the presentation of the list, Jamie Pickering asked for a motion to confirm the District Officer appointments. Motion to confirm the motion as stated was made by Chuck Mencke, DTM. No second is needed as the motion comes from a member of the District Executive Committee. The motion passed without debate or discussion.

Voting members were instructed to cast a vote via Election Buddy Yes to adopt the District Officer Appointments or No if not in favor. As all meeting proposals were completed, voters were instructed to then submit the completed ballot for all three meeting proposals.

District Director Jamie Pickering, DTM explained eligibility rules for winning the celebration stick bragging rights for most celebrated reports from leadership.

The following District Leadership Reports were presented: District Director – Jamie Pickering, DTM; Program Quality Director Report – Chris Raneri, DTM; Club Growth Director Report – Bobby Madera, DTM; Public Relations Manager Report – Thad Mantero, DL5.

District Finance Manager, Larry Core, ACS reported that as of June 30, 2019 with Wells Fargo District account holdings of \$12,551 and also \$34,880 held in reserve savings, the total available funds were \$30,427.

The following Division Leadership Reports were presented: Division A Director Report – Ninfa Flewitt, DTM; Division B Director Report – Tim Fields, DTM; Division C Director Report - Jen Romaszewski, ACS, ALB; Division D Director Report – Chuck Mencke, DTM; Division E Director Report – Kelley Kukreja, VC2; Division F Director Report – Susan Thompson, DTM; Division G Director Report – Amanda Vasquez, LD1.

District Director Jamie Pickering asked for the Zoom meeting poll to be presented for member voting to select their favorite Celebration report. Results to be provided after presentation of all voting items.

Announcement regarding the agenda and location of the 2019 Summit planned for November 9, 2019 was provided by Program Quality Director, Chris Raneri, DTM.

District Director Jamie Pickering, DTM presented the results of the three voting items confirmed via Election Buddy results: The first question regarding the adoption of the 2018-2019 Financial Audit Report received a majority of votes for Yes – The Financial Audit Report is adopted. The second

question regarding the adoption of the 2019-2020 District Annual Budget received a majority of votes for Yes – The Annual Budget is adopted. The third question regarding the adoption of the 2019-2020 District Officer Appointments received a majority of votes for Yes – The District Officers Appointments are confirmed.

Winner for the votes for the Celebration Stick via Zoom poll was announced awarding Division A.

No New Business was presented.

The next District Council Meeting was announced to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM. Submitted by: Melissa Avalos, Administration Manager.