



District 57 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

MARCH 11, 2017

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill, Ca - California, 94523,,

Attendees: (Names with in bold were in attendance)

District Director	Steve Taddei
Program Quality Director	Randie Ellington
Club Growth Director	Dilek Alkaya
Administration Manager	Sharon Brown
Finance Manager	Deneille Wiese-Smith
Public Relations Manager	Tala Beigi
Logistics Manager	James Forslind
Immediate Past District Director	Teri McDonald
International Director-Region 2	Jim Kohli

DIVISION DIRECTORS: (Names with in bold were in attendance)

Division A –Justin Paras	Division C – Carol Haynes
Division B – Donna Loo	Division D – Happy Skywalker
Division E – Linda Lawlor	Division G – Jenn Sesto
Division F – Karen Moirao	Division H – Stephan King-Monroe
Division I – Stephanie Butler	

AREA DIRECTORS: (Names with in bold were in attendance)

Area A – 1 Director	Savitha Setlur	Area A- 2 Director	Krishna Chockalingam
Area A -22 Director	Jerreau Taylor	Area A – 35 Director	Nicolas Will
Area B – 6 Director	Elizabeth Banks	Area B – 7 Director	Rick Morgin
Area B –17 Director	Hykeem Jordan	Area B - 21 Director	Mia Foster-White
Area B – 27 Director	Alan Paiolini		
Area C – 8 Director	Jeff Watson	Area C – 9 Director	Julie Garrett
Area C- 24 Director	Linda Redwood-Kahn		
Area D – 3 Director	Debar-ray Jones	Area D – 12 Director	Neal Trotter
Area D – 14 Director	Nathan Woods	Area D – 26 Director	Brenda Karroll-Walker
Area D – 30 Director	Vivian Prater	Area E – 4 Director	Chris Foster
Area E – 15 Director	Edson Ramos	Area E – 18 Director	Carolyn Douglas
Area E - 23 Director	Matt Clagett	Area F – 16 Director	Vijay Ratthinam
Area F – 20 Director	Trish Johnston	Area F – 32 Director	Ben Sykes
Area G – 10 Director	Eric Shaul	Area G – 11 Director	Sue Finch
Area G – 25 Director	John McHugh	Area G – 31 Director	Justin Bordessa
Area H – 5 Director	Tim Totah	Area H – 19 Director	Kerman Deboo
Area H – 28 Director	Chuck Chang	Area H – 34 Director	David Dai
Area I – 13 Director	Pravesh Kumar		
Area I – 29 Director	Mariam Ghazvini	Area I – 33 Director	Koshy George
Area I – 36 Director	Merideth White		

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Contest Chair	Suzanne Yorkunas	Parliamentarian	Bill Woolfolk
Pathways Dean	George Marshall	OATM Chair	Nancy Tran
HPL Chair	Jean Cunningham	Nominating Chair	Teri McDonald
Speechcraft Chair	Ed Cullen	Spring Conference Chair	Sally Philbin
Social Media	Shyam Nath	Newsletter Contributor	Tyree Johnson
Newsletter Editor	Chris Foster	Past District Governor	Naomi Takeuchi



Meeting called to order at 9:00am, **Sergeant at Arms, James Forslind**

Steve Taddei, District Director:

- Recommended Area and Division Directors invite their replacement to volunteer at the Fall Conference.
- Morning exercise to write on the back of a card (taped on the back of the leaders) your thoughts of that individual.
- Dilek Alkaya achieved her DTM award.
- Discussed the volunteers and Chairs for the Fall Conference in May.
- We need as many volunteers as possible to work the registration, room monitors, etcetera.

Dilek Alkaya, Club Growth Director: "The New Beginning"

- Received flowers for achieving DTM and thanked everyone for their support
- Its midyear and we have little more than half the members paid up.
- Recognized Early achievers (April enrollments -Division G), receive Flavor of the Month a token of appreciation awards.
- Recognized new Club Couches A.T.Lynne from Dominican and Sunita Prakash for Hacienda Toastmasters.
- Special thanks to Gary Wong and Tyree Johnson and all members who brought Laugh Lovers back with 9 members. Their new meeting location is in Concord at Denny's. Contact Gary Wong and Tyree Johnson if you want to be a guest.
- In the process of chartering Ohlone College wants to bring it to 20 members.
- The number is 157 to start the year by April 1st, but we lost 3 clubs.
- Club leads: We had a meeting with Aduro a biotech company for Div E-4; Foodbank –Contra Costa Division B wants to have a Speech Craft. The DEMO meeting is scheduled for 4/26. Sacred Heart Church in Division D had their DEMO this month thanks to Vivian Prater, Happy Skywalker, Randi and Ed Cullen for putting it together.
- A DEMO meeting scheduled for Captricity –Division D -in Oakland on May 5 with 1st President of TMI, Mrs. Lark Doley, DTM.
- Looking for volunteers to assist at the DEMO meetings, serve as Club Mentors and Club Sponsors.
- The new clubs we bring on board will start in Pathways Program.
- Division I Area Director is doing an HPL project to get TESLA back...
- District 57 has Incentives, Volunteers; Area/Division; and Directors all are resources that help us achieve the collective goals for the Club/Area/Division and District.
- Area Director Club visits & reports turned in early are helpful resources to identify clubs that need additional guidance and support
- If we don't lose any additional clubs and charter all the clubs in the process of DEMO meeting the District will end the year as Distinguished District and possibly higher.
- With no grace period and 2nd renewals, April 1st will be the NEW BEGINNINGS.



Steve Taddei, District Director:

- Explained the Distinguished plan for the Club, Area, Division and District levels by reaching our goals.
- Discussion regarding pursuing an HPL. Jean Cunningham is the HPL Chair.
- Congratulated Tala on reaching her Advanced Leadership Gold.

Tala Beigi, Public Relations Manager:

- Pathways resources are updated on the website.
- Developing the Fall Conference information.
- Event submissions on the website are updated. Be mindful of the blackout dates and don't book your event on those dates if you can avoid it.
- PR Team meeting in February very successful.
- Shyam is leading the Social media training after the DECM meeting.
- Acknowledged Ed Cullen who was PR Mgr last year, has been a great support for Tala. Shyam Nath a key part with our Social Media. Spear headed the contest and continues to bring great ideas. Adria Richards brings a wealth of knowledge regarding technology. Thanks to Tyree Johnson for great support on the Newsletter.

Sharon Brown, Administration Manager:

- Minutes for February 2017 with amendments were approved. Motion to accept by Happy Skywalker and seconded by Ed Cullen. Motion carried unanimously.

Deneille Wiese-Smith, Finance Manager:

- The District has positive cash balance.
- Some have not cashed checks. Please turn in your receipts to the books can be reconciled.
- Revenue to date is close to forecast.
- Think about your relationship to money. The stories behind the budget really help the club to grow.
- Wants to know if the money we spend on events is making a difference.
- If you want to see the report she can email a copy to you.

Teri MacDonald, Immediate Past President:

- Discussed submitting paperwork for nominating the next leaders.
- At conference we will announce the new elected officers need to be announced 6 weeks prior to June 30th.
- Would like to see more activity in the elections with more than 1 person running for a role. Check the website for the updated nominees.
- Recommended that the Area Director find their replacement from a club that is not in the same club.



Chuck Chang Area H-28 Director:

- Presentation from his HPL Project regarding how to keep is 4 clubs going.
- Keeping clubs alive (paid membership) is key to success.
- Suggested recycling speeches by making a few changes and give the speech at another club. This will encourage people to speak instead of worrying about writing a new speech every time.
- Also have a ready speech in case you are called to step in for a no show speaker.

Steve Taddei, District Director:

- Break out groups had discussions. Some of the discussions were on business to business networking for new business. Older experienced clubs mentor newer clubs on Pathways. Contact with the closed clubs that can become open clubs.
- Suggested leaders to send their creative suggestions to the District leaders to follow-up.
- Mentioned the International Convention and the cruise after the convention
- Talked about some of the incentives which can be found on D57tm.org website.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00pm