

District 35 — 2015-2016

DEC Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2016

Summit Credit Union
1333 Main Street
Sun Prairie, WI 53590



Meeting called to order at 9:35 a.m. by District Director Rhonda Williams.

Attendance:

Rhonda Williams
Cindy Laatsch
Keith Cumiskey
Barbara Weisenberger
Ed Thelen
Sue Kohut
Craig Carpenter
Nancy McCulley
Jennifer Leny

Laura Croft
Aundrea Price
Vince Treague
Bruce Bitter
Julia Boss
Yvonne Lumsden-Dill
Kevin Krebs
Jaki Van Valin
Mark Nienow

Ranee Graf
Irv Snider
Fred Debelack
Cindy Algiers
Theresa Flynn
Heidi Schreiner
Larry Van Dyn Hoven

Guests:

Peggy Lee Hanson – District 35 Webmaster/WebMage
Ann Pacheco
Reg Weide – Deputy Area Director Central

25 members and 3 guests in attendance

19 members needed for a quorum – a quorum is present

-A printed agenda was provided at the start of the meeting.

Announcements – District Director Rhonda Williams

-For the Spring Convention Area Directors will be recognized at the luncheon. The lunch for the Area Directors will be comped as a “thank you” for their efforts. District Administration Manager Ed Thelen will coordinate sign-up and notification for this item.

-Our next DEC meeting – Oskosh Best Western March 19th

-There was a brief Spring Convention update. The theme for the Convention will be Solving the Leadership Puzzle. A small group will site check the hotel on Sunday, February 21, 2016. Registration forms are under Development. Deb Martin is the Spring Convention Chairperson. The committee is in the process of putting together educational sessions. The committee is still in need of a Facilities Chair and some committees need help including the Sessions committee chaired by Bruce Bitter. If you want to volunteer, please contact Program Quality Director Cindy Laatsch or Convention Chair Deb Martin.

-The District is still collecting nominations for District officers for next year. The Officer Agreement is needed even for appointed positions. All forms are being collected all forms so the incoming District Director can submit them immediately on July 1, 2016.

Practical Review of the District Website – District 35 Webmaster/WebMage Peggy Lee Hanson

Peggy planned to provide some useful tips for better navigating the District 35 website.

Area Director's Club Visit Report – Area M1 Director Yvonne Lumsden-Dill

-Yvonne agreed to give this presentation as having to fill out the current Area Director Club Visit report was something new from her previous experiences in Toastmasters.

Strategic Planning toward District Mission Fulfillment – Club Growth Director Keith Cumiskey

-District 35 was a Distinguished District last year and our goal should be at a minimum to be Distinguished District again this year.

-Currently, District 35 is doing well. However, there is still a lot of work we need to do but it is very possible to be Distinguished District again. Keith reminded the group that the three criteria for Distinguished District relate to Distinguished clubs, Club growth and member payments.

New Business

-District Director Rhonda Williams pointed out in Toastmasters International's Policies and Protocol that names are to be printed on ballots for voting. Rhonda suggested suspending the current policies in the District 35 Policies and Procedures Manual and working on revising those policies to align with TI policies as well as any other appropriate changes in District procedures.

Area E1 Director Bruce Bitter made a motion to suspend the current policies. The motion was seconded by Area M3 Director Kevin Krebs.

There was some discussion.

Bruce Bitter made an amendment to the original motion that the work to revise the current voting policies be done before second July 1st and voted upon by the DEC by this time. Area N2 Director Raneef Graf seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Rhonda then called a vote on the original motion. The original motion passed.

-Program Quality Director Cindy Laatsch's "Leaving a Legacy" discussion was postponed until the next meeting and a reminder was given to the Area and Division Directors to take their speech contest trophies.

The DEC Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Thelen

Ed Thelen, DTM
District Administration Manager