

District 35 — 2014-2015

DEC Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2015

Chula Vista Resort
2501 River Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965



Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by District Governor Craig Carpenter.

Attendance:

Craig Carpenter
Rhonda Williams
Cindy Laatsch
Kris Pool
Peggy Lee Hanson
Linda DeClute

Keith Cumiskey
Barbara Weisenberger
Aundrea Price
David Reed
Amy Linn-Strosin
Julia Boss

Irv Snider
Mark Nienow
Tina Grezinski
Heidi Schriener
Carol Doleysh
Ron Morishita

Guests:

Anne Pacheco
Brenda Michels
Bruce Bitter
Fred Debelack
Cindy Algiers
Jaki Van Valin

Jason Weiss
Jay Kieckhafer
Jim Homan
Jim Karon
Kevin Krebs
Michael Dill

Nancy McCulley
Ranee Graf
Scott Kazin
Theresa Flynn
Vince Treague
Yvonne Lumsden-Dill

18 members and 18 guests in attendance

17 members needed for a quorum – a quorum is present

Minutes from the May 2, 2015 District Council Meeting and the March DEC meeting, along with the combined submitted reports from the DEC, were submitted to District Governor Carpenter and posted on the TM35 website.

Treasurer Report – Sue Kohut *(report read by Kris Pool)*

- Written report submitted.
- At the end of May 2015, the checking account balance was \$4,498.73 and the balance in the reserve account at Toastmasters International was \$63,825.06.
- Vouchers and supporting documentation for mileage need to be emailed to Craig Carpenter by end of day on June 22, 2015. If expenses will be incurred between June 23 and the end of June, please contact Craig and Sue with the details so it can be planned for payment.
- A reminder that all expenses for the 2014-2015 year will need to be paid before the end of June.

Immediate Past District Governor Report– Jennifer Smith *(report read by Kris Pool)*

- Written report submitted.
- The leadership team is encouraged to continue supporting all the clubs; many opportunities came up last year in the final hours and no one should give up early.

Public Relations Officer Report– Richard Seelig

- No report submitted.
- Have contracted for 11 billboards throughout the District; due to delays, the campaign will end in September. Next year, we will work on placing a billboard between Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula in Michigan.

Lt. Governor Marketing Report and Current DCP Status – Cindy Laatsch

- Written report submitted.
- 4328 member base (number of membership payments) with a challenge to grow to 4458; we are at 4478 payments – GOAL MET
- 113 clubs with a challenge to grow to 117; we are currently at 15.
- 113 clubs with 46 distinguished; we are currently at 35.

Lt. Governor Education & Training Report – Rhonda Williams

- Written report submitted.
- Plan is in process to achieve the club growth number.
- Focus needs to be on the distinguished clubs. Report will be emailed to the DEC on which clubs are a goal or two shy of reaching Distinguished or a couple of members short of the Net 5 or membership of 20.

District Governor Report – Craig Carpenter

- Written report submitted.
- Distributed new title pins to the incoming Trio: District Director Rhonda Williams, Program Quality Director Cindy Laatsch, and Club Growth Director Keith Cumiskey.
- The District continues to be on track to be a Distinguished District.
- Members are encouraged to step forward into leadership roles when offered the opportunity to understand the fun that can be had as a District leader once you are actually involved.

Toastmaster Leadership Institutes (TLI) – Rhonda Williams & Cindy Laatsch

- Officer training presented at TLI – between June 1 and August 31 and February 1 to March 28.
- Summer TLI goes over officer roles and responsibilities along with other training sessions;
 - Building a Healthy Team
 - Leading the Club To Success or Creating a Quality Club (each Division Governor can decide which session to offer)
- Tips and Best Practices
 - Put more time in ahead of time and trust your team; don't feel you need to do everything yourself
 - Have a theme. Example: puzzle – where do you fit in with the puzzle (regarding your officer role). Keep it fun.
 - Ask facilitators to keep the session moving
 - Round table discussion on best practices for each officer role
 - You cannot start too early to start building relationships; get the incoming officer list (from the current club officers) and begin making the connections
 - Set your dates! For TLI, succession, etc.
 - Learning opportunity for presenters; look for new ones to assist
 - Don't second guess your presenters and coordinators. Let the TLI Dean run the TLI.
 - TLI Dean is a great HPL project.
 - Be upbeat and positive about promoting the attendance at TLI sessions.
 - Be aware of District money available to help with the training.
 - Personalize the “canned” presentations from Toastmasters.
 - Put together a training tote box (all possible supplies, such as post-it notes, markers, envelopes, pens, scissors, tape, playing cards, etc.).
 - Learn what resources are available and where they can be located.

The DEC Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. and was immediately followed by District Officer Training.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Pool

Kris Pool, ACS, ALB
District Secretary