District 10 District Council Meeting Minutes

4 May 2023

In attendance:

- District Director: Bob Churilla
- Program Quality Director: Sandra Orland
- Club Growth Director: Andrea Wells
- Public Relations Manager: Lenroy Jones
- Finance Manager: Preeti Venkataramani
- Administration Manager: Emily Szabo
- Central Division Director: Norberto Flores
- Eastern Division Director: Diane Jackson
- Northern Division Director: Selena Mallory
- Western Division Director: Bill McGee
- Area 10 Director: Merkisha Rush
- Area 12 Director: Javier DIaz
- Area 13 Director: Sangeeta Teegala
- Area 14 Director: Maureen Bachman
- Area 20 Kathleen Pennell
- Area 23 Director: Karen Gabrielse
- Area 41 Director: Susan Russell
- Area 53 Director: Greg Danko
- Club President, Lenroy Jones, MVC #1259
- Club President, Jolyn Redic, Colorful Communicators
- Club President, Sundari Chilukuri, Twinspirations Toastmasters Club
- Club President, Terri Sexton, CCAC
- Club President, Juel Leonard
- Club President, Sabreena Kadengal
- Club President, Ron Banonis, Fedorators
- Club President, Andrea Wells, CWRU Spartans
- Club President, Csilla Smith, Independently Speaking
- Club President, Doug Thiessen
- Club President, Julie Curtis, Crossroads
- Club President, Greg Danko, Comedy Club
- Club President, Victoria Petty
- Club President, John Louis, Brakethrough Speakers
- VPE, William Simpson, Crossroads
- VPE, Todd Bartel, Colorful Communicators
- VPE, Bill McGee, Talk of the Town
- VPE, Tricia Spayer, Impact Toastmasters #9124
- VPE, Sravanthi Vallampati, Diversity for Success
- VPE, Todd Taylor
- VPE, Nancy Temple
- VPE, Diane Jackson
- VPE, Sandra Orland
- VPE, Valerie Costa, Colorful Language
- VPE, Tracey Touma, CCAC
- Nicolas Bret
- VPE, Robbie Milledge
- VPE, Andrea Wells, CWRU Spartans
- VPE, Greg Danko, Independently Speaking
- VPE, April Ware
- VPE, Gayle Thiessen
- VPE, Therese Stadul, Word Warriors
- VPE, Bill Simpson, Crossroads
- VPE, Karen Gabrielse, Comedy Club
- VPE, Deborah Lindsey, Brakethrough Speakers
- Immediate Past District Director: Tricia Spayer
- Credential Chair: Dan Minder
- Parliamentarian: Deonna Moore Taylor

Attendees, title/position/club unknown:

- Craig Gerlock
- Sam Otto
- Tony Green

6:15PM: Welcome (District Director)

- When things are difficult, it's an opportunity for growth. We're inspired by you & want to continue growing
- Keep the district mission in mind
- Today, we have the opportunity to review the past & plan the future

6:21PM: Quorum Report (Credential Chair)

- 70 clubs in good standing
- Each club receives 2 votes (140 votes total)
- Quorum is 1/3 of club presidents & VPEs (46 voting members in attendance)
- We have 42 voting members in attendance. We have not achieved quorum
- Total ballots is 61. Simple majority is 31 votes.
- Since we didn't achieve quorum, we follow Article X, Section C
    - Voting will remain open until Wednesday May 10, 7pm
- Questions:
    - Craig Gerlock: I'm president of 2 clubs, how many votes do I have? How was weighting determined?
    - Sravanthi Vallampati: I was able to state what clubs I'm representing
    - Others were not asked their club affiliation
    - Deonna Moore Taylor: I recommend roll call of all clubs to sort this out
    - Tricia Spayer: Quorum is determined by club presidents & VPEs

6:37PM: Roll Call

7:17PM: Newly Appointed District Leaders

- Central Division Director Norberto Flores
- Area 12 Director Javier Diaz
- Area 24 Director Joe Javorsky
- Area 50 Director Mary Hillen
- Area 52 Director Suchita Rajan

7:18PM: Alignment Committee Report – Bob Churilla

- Areas 10, 11, 12, 13 had 3 clubs (requirement is 4 clubs)
- Downtown Toastmasters was moved into Area 10
- Areas 11, 12, 13 have been restructured
- Diversity for Success Toastmasters moved from Area 24 to Area 22
- Let It Flow added to Area 50
- Areas 40 & 43 restructured
- Questions:
    - Tricia Spayer: There may be a few clubs that don't appear on the dashboard (East** Toastmasters)
    - Doug Thiessen: Areas 40, 41, 43 exist. Does Area 42 exist?
        - Bob: Area 42 was merged into Area 43
    - Deonna Moore Taylor: It is against District 10 bylaws to not notify clubs about alignment before the DCM. Those clubs must have the chance to contest it. Alignment committee must have an odd number of members.
    - Sravanthi Vallampati: I didn't see any notes on the alignment report if clubs reviewed the change. Since we don't have quorum, I recommend that we leave the alignment report vote open.

- Tricia Spayer: Agree, we can't definitively approve anything since we don't have quorum.

7:37PM: D10 Q2 Financial Report – Preeti Venkataramani

- Net Income: $12,080.58
- Total Funds: $54,672.59
- We had $1000 loss in membership revenue
- District store exceeded revenue expectations

7:42PM: District Director Report – Bob Churilla

- There are challenges ahead. D10 is filled with creative members
- We have a core base of members who are dedicated to our district
- We need to adapt with the world around us & tap into the talent we have

7:46PM: Program Quality Director Report – Sandra Orland

- Round 2 TLIs were successful
  - Lackluster attendance, so get the word out about Round 1 TLI June 10, 2023
- Conference this weekend
- DCP
  - We have 19 distinguished clubs (only 16 more to be a distinguished district)
- Encourage members to engage & give speeches. Be a mentor, get mentors.

7:50PM: Club Growth Director Report – Andrea Wells

- 1 prospective club working to recharter (prison club)
- 1 club reinstated (Let IT Flow)
- We not have 86 clubs
  - 11 clubs haven't met April dues renewal
  - 7 clubs are suspended
- 3 new club coaches, 3 more coaches waiting for TI approval
- 50 clubs in the district are eligible for club coach
  - 17 clubs have fewer than 12 members
- We need 204 more members to be distinguished
  - If every club can register 3 new members, we'll be distinguished

7:57PM: Public Relations Manager Report – Lenroy Jones

- Quarterly newsletter was suspended, same people were volunteering, but we don't want members to get burnt out
- Keep our communication flow timely, accurately, & consistently to members & leaders
- Keep in the forefront Return on Investment (ROI) of our time, talent, & treasure
  - Weekly update is the one getting all the clicks because it has events & reminder (30% click rate)
- 10 Keys to D10 Communication Success
  - Listening
  - Ongoing Assessment
  - Volunteers & working together
  - Sharing Information
  - Continuous Improvement
  - Development & executing a realistic plan

- Consolidating available resources
- Increasing Return on Investments
- Understand our stakeholders
- Volunteers & working together

8:03PM: Break

8:08PM: District Leadership Committee Report – Tricia Spayer

- Chair – Tricia Spayer
- Central Division – Craig Gerlock
- Eastern Division – Nancy Temple
- Northern Division – Deborah Bonner
- Southern Division – April Ware
- Western Division – Anna Ho
- Call for nomination opened December 3, 2022
- Nomination deadline February 23, 2023
- Interviewed & evaluated all candidates
- Submitted complete DLC report to District Director before March 23, 2023 deadline (6 weeks before tonight's DCM)
- Posted candidate information on D10 website before April 6, 2023 (4 weeks before tonight's DCM)
- Candidate showcase held on April 30
- Nominees
  - District Director – Sandra Orland
  - Program Quality Director - Andrea Wells
  - Club Growth Director - Greg Danko & Preeti Venkataramani
  - Central Division Director – Angela Ventura
  - Eastern Division Director – Juel Leonard
  - Northern Division Director – Diane Jackson
  - Southern Division Director – Bill McGee
  - Western Division Director – Susan Russell

8:14PM: Candidate Comments - Sandra Orland

- Never expected to be here, all it takes is 1 "yes" to volunteer & change your life

8:15PM: Candidate Comments – Andrea Wells

- I got "bit" by the leadership bug
- Mentor-mentee relationship is important, it's your duty

8:17PM: Candidate Comments – Greg Danko

- We have concerns, I have 35 years of senior management experience & a track record of growth
- D10 needs someone who's efficient
- I want to give back to the district

8:19PM: Candidate Comments – Preeti Venkataramani

- My philosophy is to leave the district better than I found it
- I appreciate the support, trust, camaraderie D10 has given me

8:21PM: Candidate Comments – Angela Ventura

- I've been with Toastmasters for 10 years, serving as club officer several times & area director twice
- I intend to promote mentorship & I'm ready to take on a new challenge

8:22PM: Candidate Comments – Juel Leonard

- I was previously Eastern Division Governor, have served in all 7 officer roles

8:23PM: Candidate Comments – Diane Jackson

- Excited to get to know more members & complete this next mission

8:24PM: Candidate Comments – Bill McGee

- I look forward to strengthening clubs & host online meetings between area directors to encourage dialogue

8:26PM: Candidate Comments – Susan Russell

- I joined Toastmasters to learn & I stayed for the fellowship

8:28PM: 2023-2024 District Director Election

- No objections.
- Sandra Orland elected

8:29PM: 2023-2024 Program Quality Director Election

- No objections.
- Andrea Wells elected

8:30PM: 2023-2024 Central Division Director Election

- No objections.
- Angela Ventura elected

8:31PM: 2023-2024 Eastern Division Director Election

- No objections.
- Juel Leonard elected

8:32PM: 2023-2024 Northern Division Director Election

- No objections.
- Diane Jackson elected

8:33PM: 2023-2024 Southern Division Director Election

- No objections.
- Bill McGee elected

8:34PM: 2023-2024 Western Division Director Election

- No objections.
- Susan Russell elected

8:35PM: 2023-2024 Club Growth Director Election

8:40PM: Vote Goes Live

8:49PM: Final Comments

- Sandra Orland – conference is tomorrow, please attend

8:51PM: Meeting Adjourned