

District 83 District Council Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, September 9th, 2023

Time: 9 AM ET (New York Time)

By District 83 Administration Manager: Jyoti Sahni

Call to Order/Welcoming Remarks

- Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, calls the meeting to order and welcomes the District Council Members to the District 83 District Council Business Meeting.

District Mission and Interpretation

- Anne Marie Pochtar-Galakis, DTM, Immediate Past District Director, provided an inspirational message. "We work together and support each other!"

Inspirational Speech

- Lynda Starr, DTM – Region Advisor, presented “Developing Successful Teams”. Message about What is a team and definitions of a Leader role, and servant leadership.

Recording Started by providing the Administration Manager with the meeting minutes.

Adoption of Agenda

- Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, presented an agenda to adopt.
- Motion to approve by: Ann Marie Pochtar-Galakis, Immediate Past District Director, Club President, Talk of Monmouth, #4843227.
- A second motion by: Peggy E. Seymour PQD, Program Quality Director, Club VP Education, Frontline Speakers, #3869598.
- Discussion: Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, asked; “Are there any questions on the agenda?” If so, please use your hands using the reactions button. No Hands Were Raised.
- Vote: Raise Hand Vote – Majority Achieved to Approve

Parliamentarian Report with Credential Report

- William Markert, DTM, presented Robert's Rules of Order, the conduct of business, and who can vote.
- Discussion: Are there any questions? If so, please use your hands using the reactions button. Hands were raised with William Markert, Parliamentarian/Credentials providing answers for:
 - John Sun, President, Novartis-East Hanover Club, #2371 on what is the voting link? When we shift to Election Runner, the link will be sent via email.
 - Adam Holbrook, Club President, Sunset Toastmasters Club, #2800: Are we voting today or by email? Yes.
 - Yuri Kim, VPPR, BD Speaks, #5806: Can I vote for the Club President or VPE? No, there is no proxy. You must be either the Club President or the Club VP of Education.
- Session closed.

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Approval of Business Minutes

- Jyoti Sahni, Administration Manager, District 83, Club President/Club VP Education, Holmdel Toastmasters Club, # 7092106 presented District Council Meeting Minutes from April 30, 2023, for approval.
- Motion to Approve by: Peggy E. Seymour PQD, Program Quality Director, Club VP Education, Frontline Speakers, #3869598.
- Discussion: Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, asked; “Are there any questions on the meeting notes?” If so, please use your hands using the reactions button. No Hands Were Raised.
- Vote: Raise Hand Vote – Majority Achieved to Approve

Approval of District Officer Appointments

- Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director presented the Appointed District Officers List for Approval.
- Motion to Approve by: Anne Gilson, Club VP Education, What Exit Club, # 5124091
- Second motion: Peggy E. Seymour PQD, Program Quality Director, Club VP Education, Frontline Speakers, #3869598.
- Discussion: Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, asked; “Are there any questions on the District Officer Appointments?” If so, please use your hands using the reactions button. One Raised Hand Recognized. The question answered the following:
 - Louis Wasser, Club VP Education, Ridgewood Toastmasters Club, # 2639; Where is the list to Approve? The list was posted in the chat for his review.
- Vote: Election Runner Vote Performed – District Officers Appointments Approved
 - Due to the delay Election Runner William Markert and fellow parliamentarian Dr. Ainsley A Reynolds conferred if we had reached the majority vote. The consensus by William Market was we reached the majority in Election Runner and to continue for the software to continue processing votes.

Announcements* During Election Runner Voting Process for District Officers Appointments

- Kattlin Diaz, District 83 PRM: Provided update on what is going on in Public Relations. Advertised the Public Relations Team being developed and requested volunteers. In addition, she advertised the opening for an additional webmaster. She provided email contact information.

Approval of the District Success Plan

- Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, presented the District Success Plan for Approval.
- Motion to Approve by: Peggy E. Seymour PQD, District 83 Program Quality Director, Club VP Education, Frontline Speakers, #3869598.
- Second motion: Luvenia Boyer, Club VP Education, BMW NA Toastmasters Club, # 5940.

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- Discussion: Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, asked; “Are there any questions on the District Success Plan?” If so, please use your hands using the reactions button. No Raised Hands.
- Vote: Election Runner Vote Performed – District Success Plan Approved

Announcements* During Election Runner Voting Process for District Success Plan

- Pamela Johnson, District 83 Club Growth Director provided Club Growth Status on 10 potential leads, seeking volunteers to help with the Demo meetings, looking for a club retention chair, seeking club coaches for struggling clubs, the monthly master class for club coaches training on the first Thursday of the month, new member orientation on second Monday of the month to help new members with Navigation, etc.
 - Question: Raised hand occurred by:
 - Millie Marino, Division B, Area 22 Director: How do you motivate members to take leadership roles, especially in corporate clubs? Due to timing, Pamela will help address her question offline with a potential training session on this topic.

Approval of District Budget

- Dr. Ainsley A. Reynolds, District 83 Finance Manager presented the District Budget for Approval.
- Motion to approve by: Ann Marie Pochtar-Galakis, Immediate Past District Director, Club President, Talk of Monmouth, #4843227.
- Second motion: Anne Gilson, Club VP Education, What Exit Club, # 5124091
- Discussion: Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, asked; “Are there any questions on the District Budget?” If so, please use your hands using the reactions button. 2 Raised Hands are recognized. All questions were answered by Dr. Ainsley A. Reynolds, District 83 Finance Manager.
 - Ted Vittas, Club President, Sound Bytes Toastmasters Club, # 9659 - How do we cover the district expenses?
 - Anne Gilson, Club VP Education, What Exit Club, # 5124091 – What does Fundraising listed in the budget mean?
- **The district budget has been approved.**
- Vote: Election Runner Vote Performed and fails twice due to unknown Technical Glitch
 - Election Email to be sent out to the Registered Members in Election Runner to be sent after the Business Meeting. Members are to indicate Yes or No for Approval of the District Budget and send a response to both William Markert, District 83 Parliamentarian/Credentials, and Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director.
 - Email Election Results to be sent by Tuesday, September 12, 2023.
 - Action Item: Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, to send the email utilizing the list from William Markert, District 83 Parliamentarian/Credentials.

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- Post Meeting Minutes Note: Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, sent an email with the deadline of Monday, September 11, 2023.

Announcements* During Election Runner Voting Process for Budget

- Peggy E. Seymour, District 83 Program Quality Director, provided an update on the Club Officer Training Dashboard and stated if any club officer did not get credit and is missing from the dashboard to reach out to her. If any Club Officer attended Club Officer Training in another district, it is the responsibility of the Club Officer to reach out to that district and ask for an email to be sent to Peggy E. Seymour, District 83 Program Quality Director. There is a lot of training to be posted shortly for Train the Trainer, Contest Training, Leadership Series, Zoom Training, Winter Club Officer Training, etc. She is seeking a Training Coordinator to work with the Division Directors – Winter Club Officer Training.
 - Question posted in the Chat by Ticia Rogers, Club President, Woodland Park Toastmasters, # 7745531 - Does the club officer get notified if officers do not attend the training?
- Due to the failure of the first Election Runner for District Budget, there was a second Election Runner launched. Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, took the opportunity to speak about the new interactive Club Success Plan in Club Central and the need to have all clubs enter their success plan.

Conduct New Business

- Discussion: Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, asked; “Is there any new business to be discussed?” If so, please use your hands using the reactions button. There was one Raised Hand.
 - Anne Gilson, Club VP Education, What Exit Club, # 5124091: My question is not related to new business. My question is when District Incentives will be posted.
 - Answer by Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director: They will be posted this weekend as we were waiting for the approval of the budget.

Adjournment

- Juana I. Dannecker, District 83 Director, Adjourns Meeting.

Recording Ended and provided to the Administration Manager to capture the meeting minutes.