



# District 54 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*Saturday, June 15, 2024*

*Hybrid Meeting*

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## **OPENING**

Maryann Reichelt, DTM, Logistics Manager, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. She led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **WELCOME**

Dan Kyburz, DTM, District Director, welcomed everyone to the DEC meeting. He facilitated the DEC meeting.

## **INSPIRATION**

Dick Poirier, PM4, Division D Director, gave the inspiration. His topic was

## **OUR DISTRICT VISION, MISSION and CORE VALUES**

Our Vision and District Mission were read Venkat Chander, Director.

### **District Vision**

To end the year with a healthy, dynamic District with 70+ Clubs, all achieving Distinguished or better.

### **District Mission**

We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

### **District Core Values**

We strive to adhere to the following core values:

- Integrity
- Respect
- Service
- Excellence

## **DISTRICT OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

<b>Present</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>
X	DAN	KYBURZ	DTM	DISTRICT DIRECTOR
	GARY	VAUGHN	PM3	PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR
X	WENDY	PESAVENTO	DTM	CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR
	TASHIKA	WILLIAMS	PI1	PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER
X	CECE	WROBLEWSKI	DTM	ADMINISTRATION MANAGER
	JASON	HESSLER	DTM	FINANCE MANAGER
X	BONNIE	TIPPEY	DTM	IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR
X	MARYANN	REICHEL	DTM	LOGISTICS MANAGER, NV
X	ESTELLE	FOSTER	VC5	DIVISION A DIRECTOR
	RON	JONES	VC1	DIVISION B DIRECTOR
X	CHRISTINA	EVANS	LD5	DIVISION C DIRECTOR
X	STEVEN	VACCARO	PM4	DIVISION D DIRECTOR
X	RACHEL	BERRY	PI1	AREA 10 DIRECTOR
	LINO	CARILLO	DTM	AREA 11 DIRECTOR

	TROY	LAPORTE	LD1	AREA 12 DIRECTOR
	JANA	HERGERT	PM5	AREA 20 DIRECTOR
	PATRICK	OLSON	VC5	AREA 21 DIRECTOR
X	VENKAT	CHANDER	TC1	AREA 22 DIRECTOR
X	ROSEMARY	NASH	LD4	AREA 30 DIRECTOR
	JERRY	BURGER	EH4	AREA 31 DIRECTOR
	KRISTINA	WARREN	DL4	AREA 32 DIRECTOR
X	STACY	BRITT		AREA 40 DIRECTOR
	DALE	POSONT	EH4	AREA 41 DIRECTOR
	TONY	AUDREITH		AREA 42 DIRECTOR

11 voting members were present – a quorum is 12; therefore, there was not a quorum at the meeting.

### ***ADOPTION OF AGENDA***

Dan Kyburz, DTM, District Director, reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Agenda was adopted.

### ***ADMINISTRATION MANAGER***

Cece Wroblewski, DTM, Administration Manager, presented a summary of the May minutes. The meeting minutes and all other meeting-related documents are housed on the D54 website for review by DEC members.

- No Corrections noted, accepted as read.

### ***FINANCE MANAGER***

Cece Wroblewski gave the Finance Report as written and submitted by Jason Heissler, DTM, Finance Manager. The written report is attached.

- The District Reserve account balance is \$24,868.74 as of May 31, 2024
- The checking account balance as of 5/31/2024 is \$2,925.71
- The April 2024 P&L statement is attached since TI had not yet released the May numbers.



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## **Division Reports & PRM Report**

The written reports were submitted by the Directors in advance of the meeting. The verbal reports were presented in the order shown.

### ***DIVISION A***

Estelle Foster, VC5, Division A Director presented the Division A report. Written report was submitted and is attached.

- Toast of the Fox is President's Distinguished
- Inspiring Speakers are now Distinguished, Rock On and Fox River each need one more member
- Membership challenges
- Fox River has a summer cookout scheduled for July
- Talk of the Town has one monthly meeting scheduled with Sunrise Speakers
- Timely Talkers is holding combined meetings with Key City
- De Kald Area and Toast of the Fox have each met their membership goal



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### ***DIVISION B***

Venkat Chander, Area 22 Director, presented the Division B report. Written report submitted and is attached.

- RLI has achieved Distinguished
- Professional Communicators needs one more member to be distinguished



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### ***DIVISION C***

Christina Evans, LD5, Division C Director, presented the Division C Report. The written report was submitted and is attached.

- President's Distinguished for ADM corporate club
- Ameran may not continue, next year will be crucial
- ADM having guest days
- Area 30 Director Rosemary Nash will be Div C Director
- Area 31 – 3 clubs Distinguished
- Advice from club members – share information between clubs is speaking opportunities exist; announce speech contest type early



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## ***DIVISION D***

Ken Kocher incoming Div D Director presented the report written by Steven Vaccaro, PM5, Division D Director. Written report was submitted and is attached.

- LEAD – Learn from predecessors, Evaluate your present position, Always listen to clubs and peers, Drive for success
- Joliet Jesters is working out of suspension status despite a lack of access to Club Central
- Key City held an informal “5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday” get-together
- Bridge Builders and Confident Communicators are Distinguished; Yes And is Presidents Distinguished
- McKinley Toastmasters hosted a Chamber After-Hours event and manned a booth at the Urbana Farmers Market
- Yes And held a Speech-a-Thon with 7 speakers



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## ***PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER***

No Public Relations report was presented or submitted.

District 54 page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/d54tm>

District 54 group on Facebook: <https://www..com/groups/498728804348481>

District 54 website link: <https://d54tm.com/>

District 54 on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/76960127>

District 54 Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCShur7LY30JSNyBcXsl0tXg>

## ***CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR***

Wendy Pesavento, DTM, Club Growth Director, presented the Club Growth Director Report. The written report was submitted and is attached.

- Just a few member payments needed to reach Distinguished
- New club potential via Corporate, University, community, and Prison clubs
- Share our best TM stories – growth in career and family



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## ***PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR***

Dan Kuyburz presented the report written by Gary Vaughn, PM3, Program Quality Director, the Program Quality Director's report. Written report was submitted and is attached.

- Goals reached – over 75% of club officers trained, over 75% of all Area Director visit reports were submitted, Contest participants came from 11/12 Areas
- 19 clubs are almost distinguished, 13 clubs are already there



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## ***DISTRICT DIRECTOR***

Dan Kyburz, DTM, District Director, gave the District Director Report. Report was submitted and is attached.

- Pass on knowledge that you've learned this year to your successor
- July 19 is the closing date for TI to update and post 2023-2024 club statistics
- Be sure to post new club officers by June 30
- Summer TLI's – June 29 registration on line, July 20 is TLI South, Aug 5-6 is virtual TLI
- Next DEC meeting will be July 13



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## ***OLD BUSINESS***

- *None*

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

- *None*

## ***OPEN DISCUSSION/Q&A***

- Steve Vaccaro – suspended clubs cannot access TI website, must use USPS to sign up new members. Dan responded this is not scheduled to be changed.
- Ken Kocher – is there any hope for Joliet Jesters. Steve said they have new members in process. Wendy proposed that the District trio try calling TI to expedite. Bonnie suggested using the TI Membership email address to scan new applications and send them in.
- Dan stated - End of year date is July 19 for TI to post updated District stats
- Maryann Reichert - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month is new date for Pathways webinar next year. June is still Wednesday, June 26 at 7pm

## ***CLOSING THOUGHTS***

Rachel Berry, gave the closing thoughts. Growth this past year, fresh challenges this new year. Every speech and evaluation helps us grow towards our goals.

## ***ADJOURNMENT***

With no objection, the meeting was adjourned by Dan Kyburz, DTM, District Director, at 9:52 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cece Wroblewski, DTM  
District 54 Administration Manager, 2023-2024