



# District 54 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

**Virtual Meeting**

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**OPENING**

Call to order Dan Kyburz, 9am

**WELCOME**

Wendy Pesavento, District Director, Welcomed everyone and opened up the November 15<sup>th</sup> DEC meeting.

**INSPIRATION**

Wendy – thanksgiving coming up, shared her memories of having a more relaxed thanksgiving.

Recognizes this has been a team effort and really appreciates thar hard work on D54. Focus is on the people.

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

Wendy Pesavento, read the District Vision, Mission and Core Values.

**District Vision**

To restore and maintain a dynamic community of 50 clubs, with at least 40% achieving Distinguished status or higher, empowering members in communication and leadership.

**District Mission**

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

**District Core Values**

We strive to adhere to the following values:

- Integrity
- Respect
- Service
- Excellence

**DISTRICT OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Present	First	Last	Designation	OFFICE
X	Wendy	Pesavento	DTM	DISTRICT DIRECTOR
X	Estelle	Foster	VC5	PROGRAM QUALITY DIRECTOR
X	Chris	Kostelec	MS5	CLUB GROWTH DIRECTOR
	Karen	Walch	SR5	PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER
X	Rosemary	Nash	LD4	ADMINISTRATION MANAGER
X	Elias	Hayes	PM2	FINANCE MANAGER
	Gary	Vaughn	EH5	IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR
X	Dan	Kyburz	DTM	LOGISTICS MANAGER
X	Troy	LaPorte	LD2	DIVISION A DIRECTOR
X	Kari	Susairaj	DL2	DIVISION B DIRECTOR
X	Rachel	Berry	DL5	AREA 10 DIRECTOR
X	Varad	Chancheepuram	DL5	AREA 11 DIRECTOR

X	Jim	Dickson	DTM	AREA 12 DIRECTOR
X	Tony	Harden	LD2	AREA 13 DIRECTOR
X	Stephen	Enteman	PM4	AREA 14 DIRECTOR
X	Linda	Ehman	PM4	AREA 20 DIRECTOR
X	Carol	Loser	DTM	AREA 21 DIRECTOR
X	Ann	Warth	DL4	AREA 22 DIRECTOR
X	Ken	Sours	IP4	AREA 23 DIRECTOR
X	Jason	Heissler	DTM	AREA 24 DIRECTOR

15 district officers members were present, meeting the quorum requirement of 10. Therefore, a quorum was established for the meeting.

## ***ADOPTION OF AGENDA***

### ***ADMINISTRATION MANAGER***

Rosemary Nash, Administration Manager, provided a summary of the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. The full minutes are available on the district website.

### ***Division Reports***

The written reports were submitted by the directors, and the verbal reports were presented in the order indicated.

### **Finance Manager Report**

Elias Hayes presented his Finance Manager Report

28,579.07 Account balance

1,967.99 in the checking balance

Membership revenue collected over the expected amount revenue spent 888.80\$



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## ***DIVISION A***

Troy LaPorte Division A director presented his report

- Things slow down after the registration deadline
- Lots of activities going on across the clubs.
- Inspiring speakers clubs having special events.
- Open house Toast of the Fox anniversary events had about 20 people, 5 guests.
- 41% complete for the Area director reports. Visits were done, just got to get the reports in.
- Club contest scheduled. Making sure clubs are being notified and start get members wanting to give speeches



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## ***DIVISION B***

*Kari Susairaj, Division B Director, presented her report.*

- 4 new members in October
- 45 new members in Division B since July
- Looking at ways to improve membership
- Goals 4 clubs have 2 DCP goals. 7 clubs have 3 DCP goals. Pimiteoui club has 4 goals completed
- 5 clubs have at least 4 new members
- 87% completed with Area reports
- Foraging Leaders Club had a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- Four season has a holiday dinner, December 7<sup>th</sup>
- Delightful greeters hosting a cookies and cocoa meeting
- Thursday Noon Talkers is holding a watch party to celebrate Kristina Warren's presentation



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## ***Public Relations Manager***

Karen Walch - Public Relations Manager was not present  
Wendy mentioned the work Karen is doing behind the scenes

## ***Club Growth Manager***

Chris Kostelec – Club Growth director, presented his report

- Payments up to 890 for the year.
- Cold calling email and calling campaign to start to talk to build new clubs
- Shared a video of Chris and Gary
  - Updates to pathways
- Wendy mentioned - Sugar Grove might be a possible new club opportunity



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## **Program Quality Director**

Estelle Foster, Program Quality Director, presented her report

- 2<sup>nd</sup> round of TLI training has began
- TLI North Jan 24<sup>th</sup> New life church New Lenox
- TLI south Say 31<sup>st</sup> of Jan country financial in Bloomington.
- Speech contest training by Chistina Evans
- Nov 30<sup>th</sup> submission round 1 area visit reports 62% completion so far
- Hall of Fame last weekend. 67 attendees
- Annual conference Kati and Rachel. Contract being drafted for the location. Posh in Joliet
- Incentive winner for month of Oct is Karen Walsh completed LV 5



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## **DISTRICT DIRECTOR**

Wendy Pesavento, District Director, delivered her report.

- Appreciated hard work of Gary and Estelle on the Hall of Fame event. Chris and Elias support
- Unsure how a Hall of Fame (for the 2025-2026 year) event will look like next year.
- If you have anyone in your club that wants to fulfill your DTM let the Trio or Estelle know.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*No old business was brought to the floor*

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

Bonnie Tippie: TLI will Beta test again. Virtual only. In person will be different scenario based and more interactive

Pathway changes – what is in it for me. Club engagement.

Bonnie Tippey – reminding us 211 and 212 will be the new districts. Last year of D54  
Gone from 6 districts down to three. Bonnie was part of team to redistrict this area  
Minimum 120 clubs now in each district

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

### ***CLOSING THOUGHT***

Rosemary Nash – How can we be thankful this year. Appreciate the time with loved ones and thankful for the year we have had so far.

### ***ADJOURNMENT***

Wendy Pesavento closed out the meeting 10:08am.

With no objections,

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Nash

District 54 Administration Manager, 2025-2026