



Board Meeting

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION: Calusa Harbor, 2525 East 1st St., Fort Myers, FL 33901. *Tuesday, November 25, 2008.*

Officer Attending Meeting:

- President: Rena Romano
- VP For Education: Jim Spieth
- VP for Membership: Harry Looknanan
- Secretary: Mary Slavik
- Treasurer: Gillian Cummings-Beck
- Sergeant at Arms: Karen Looknanan

Meeting called to order by the President at: 6:30 p.m.

OFFICER REPORTS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Club President

Rena Romano:

- Rena congratulated Mary Slavik on her performance as secretary, taking accurate notes and submitting them to Rena and to members in a timely manner.
- David Romano, VP Public Relations, is in Connecticut with his business.
- Gillian and Rena went to the TM Conference over the past weekend.
- Terrance Flannery is newest member. Jim Spieth is his mentor.

Vice President for Education

Jim Spieth:

- Jim said that people switching roles on the assignment sheet need to keep him informed via e-mail. He determines who will speak and who will not.
- He suggested to Rena that she **encourage** people to come to one more meeting prior to their making a decision.
- Jim wants VP membership (Harry) to invite them to the second meeting.
- Harry requested \$55 from budget for trophies.

Vice President for Membership

Harry Looknanan, Jr.:

- Harry suggested that we need to finalize our budget.

Vice President for Public Relations

David Romano: Absent tonight due to employment responsibilities.

Treasurer

Gillian Cummings-Beck:

- She ordered the book on Persuasion for Mary Slavik.

Sergeant at Arms

Karen Looknanan:

- Noted that she needs fliers and ballots. Jim said that, when an order is placed, that's the time to order the free items.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rena Romano:

- Rena asked all the board members (and all the TM members) to wear every day for one month the pins she purchased which says, *"Get the Toastmaster's Edge – www.toastmasters.org."*
- Rena said that nobody will be able to go to the Chamber event because it's on the same day as our Club 1702 Christmas party at her house, December 9, 2008, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Significant others are welcome. Every family is to bring a side dish.
- Her speech tonight is her speech for public relations for the website.
- Rena wants to establish a speech craft style of communication for women to empower them. Harry agreed it would be a profound idea.
- Rena congratulated Mary Slavik on her performance as secretary, taking accurate notes and submitting them to Rena and to members in a timely manner.
- Rena suggests that we take \$100 and donate it to Caloosahatchee Harbour at Christmas time.
- She noted that January 15 is the Bonita Rotary with Janice Vargas.
- Rena said there will be no meeting at the party Dec 9. She will provide paper plates and plastic silverware.
- She requests everyone who wants to participate in the White Elephant game to bring a non-gender specific \$10 wrapped gift.
- She and David will provide beer and wine; otherwise BYOB.

Jim Spieth:

- Jim and Harry recommend that Club 1702 give a speech craft to an organization, at the approval of their employer. A speech craft is a series of speeches that each provide information about what TM can do for the employees. By charging the employer enough money, the speech craft ends and the employee finds out s/he has 6 more sessions of TM Club 1702. This way we now have a paid member for the next 6 months and hopefully can get him/her to continue beyond that period of time.
- Jim said his laptop does not support a satellite card which would be necessary for teleconferencing.
- Jim said that International Table Topics will compete January 27.
- Jim said he gets all e-mails from the website and sends them to Rena; but two people from the website e-mailed Harry.

Harry Looknanan Jr.

- The TM **Edge**, as implied in the new badge, is a common theme because many people want to improve as public speakers.
- Harry said he cannot commit to personal campaigns and chamber events. Rena said this is ok.
- Harry suggests that every member bring a friend for one meeting and then convert them into a member, if possible. He said there would be a prize for the most members converted with a check in hand. Two or three new members would be needed to qualify.
- He suggested two 1 hour blocks for Skype teleconference and video.

- Turkey and ham for the Christmas dinner will come from our budget.

Gillian Cummings-Beck

- Gillian suggested that the prize for members bringing into TM the most new members with a check in hand will receive a paid registration fee for the next conference.
- Gillian said that Chico's shows a lot of interest, as does Lee Memorial Hospital in Toastmasters. She suggests we sell both of them on a speech craft.
- Gillian said TM Club 1702 has \$924.78, plus cash of \$190. Gillian will submit \$100 check at Christmas time to Caloosahatchee Harbour along with a letter of appreciation to Laura Davis for the meeting room and snacks they provide so generously.
- Gillian personally purchased Ed Tate's recordings about his secrets as a super speaker. Therefore she also received 2 hours of his teleconference free, which she will share with Club 1702. Gillian will work out the timing and equipment needs, perhaps at the library on Gladiola. **Skype** video equipment will enable every member to be able to hear the video.

SETTING TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

Rena Romano: Next meeting will be on January 27 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Rena made a motion to adjourn.
- Gillian seconded the motion.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by:

Mary Slavik
Secretary