

Timber Talkers, Toastmasters International Board Meeting  
January 11, 2011

In attendance: Tom, Marc, Eric, Rebecca, Stephen, Karen  
Guests: Jen, Diva, Ryan

Meeting started at 1:15 PM.

### **Officer's Reports**

Marc – PR

No report.

Karen – Secretary/Treasurer

Karen reported on progress of role cards. Group discussed Squawker and Um Counter roles. Also discussed was using a noise maker to signal the use of filler words. Karen will use feedback from officers to finish the cards for next week's meeting.

Rebecca - Sergeant at Arms

No report.

Eric – Membership

We've had 15 new members in the last year. We will vote in two new members at next week's meeting.

Stephen – Education

No report.

10 Minutes for New Members - -Group

Discussion by group on using a topic as a way to invite members to attend the short debriefing meeting after the regular meeting. Possible topics include Officer Elections and Speech Contests.

One-Minute Toastmaster Speeches – Group

Leissa's talk on Facebook today was a great example of how we can use the One-Minute Speeches to inform and instruct members on the different areas of TM. The challenge is to be concise and still be informative within the one-minute

time limit. There was discussion about whether we should get an egg timer or other one-minute timer.

### Special Meetings – Group

The group set the dates for the club Evaluation Contest for March 1<sup>st</sup> and the International Speech Contest for March 15<sup>th</sup>. There are new manuals for contest rules we need to order. Officer elections are tentatively scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Marc will do an Improv special meeting scheduled for January 25th.

### Membership Numbers – Group

Jen talked about our current membership of 52 members. Programs like the Mentorship Program tend to suffer when the number of new members increases like it has. She thought that 1-1/4 or 1-1/2 hour meetings might help to accommodate the larger number of members.

She suggested we delete the lower part of the schedule that shows the list of people who haven't been scheduling roles. There's no need to show that we have a lot of members who are inactive on the monthly schedule.

Jen also talked about older members leaving. We used to have 12-15 members who consistently came to meetings and now feel they are not getting what they were coming for.

We are also not moving people along and the same people are filling roles week after week. We need to make an effort to put newer people into challenging roles. She talked about the TM mission as being one of education.

Having a waiting list to become a member was discussed. Logistics of how to tell someone they'd have to wait to join and how to implement a waiting list were discussed but no resolution was achieved.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 PM

Karen Landey  
Secretary/Treasurer