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Meeting Minutes of Division G
November 4, 2017

The meeting convened on November 4th at 5:30pm.

Attendees: Adrienne Perrot (Area G2), Chaz Osburn (Area G32), Yemisi Iyilade (Area G4), Penny Nilsen (Area G37), Oarabile Kgosisejo (Division G)

1. Takeaways from the contests (club, area and division)
 - a. In general the contests went well. All done before the deadlines
 - b. Perhaps, it would be beneficial to conduct a mock contest prior to the contest season so that those not familiar with the procedures can learn
 - c. We also need to promote the contests and make them a big deal. This is an opportunity to showcase Toastmasters to potential members
 - d. Division E and G Directors need to coordinate better and ensure their contests are not held at the same time since we share the same pool of judges
2. Area Director Club Visits
 - a. All of the visits are done but not all area reports have been submitted. Area Directors were reminded to submit the reports as soon as possible
 - b. Club Presidents, Area and Division Directors and District Trio get the reports but assistants don't. Area Directors were reminded to forward the reports to their assistants to ensure a smooth transition when they take over at the beginning of their term
3. Roundtable Discussion of Areas
 - a. Positives

- i. Several well-established clubs with well-run meetings.
 - ii. A couple of clubs have conducted Speechcraft for membership building
- b. Challenges
 - i. Low membership for most clubs. Now that the contest season is over, Area Directors will work with clubs to help with membership building. We also talked about the membership building contest that is being done by the District (on D99 website).
 - ii. Lot of new members and not enough experienced members to guide them for one of the clubs. Buddy program/ inter-club visits suggested so clubs could learn from each other
 - iii. Two clubs are not meeting at all but we are working on rebuilding them
- 4. University of Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Speechcraft: This is something the Division has been doing for 2nd year students for almost 30 years. The students (110 – 115 students each year) are required to participate in the program. About 10 clubs help guide the students throughout the program
 - a. We have agreed to conduct it again to maintain the relationship we have with the university. Hopefully this will result in clubs being formed on campus at some point.
 - b. Also each club that volunteers gets \$300 from the university
- 5. Upcoming events
 - a. District 99 Fall Conference from November 17 – November 19th
 - b. Club Officer and Leadership Training on Dec 9, 2017 and Feb 10, 2018
- 6. Next Division Council meeting will be on December 9, 2017. Location and time to be determined

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Distribution:

Respectfully submitted to District 99 Administration Manager, Myrna Cretney

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