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Minutes of Technology Toastmasters of CFISD Regular Meeting November 13, 2018

The club membership convened on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 with Michelle Campos presiding. Members present were:

Michelle Campos, President

Dava Clark, Vice President Education

Belinda Smith, Sargent at Arms

Katie Hernandez: Secretary/Treasurer

Leonard Chance, Cassie Slade, Neetha Chada, Nancy Grella, Derly Buentello, Lillie Swearing, Eric Pina, Tammie Bartkowiak, Anthony Melton

Members absent were: Demetria Hargrove, Larry Barrios, Paula Ross, James Costello, Jennifer Miller, Eric May, Rodney White, Frankie Jackson, Geoff Brown, and Jay Johnson.

Guests: Samara Rivera-Rangel, Carla Kennedy, Janett Tapia-Gonzales, Letty Anciso, Maritza Ortega,

1. Minutes of the previous regular meeting were emailed to members and are posted to the OneDrive Technology Toastmasters of CFISD folder.
2. Members with meeting roles were introduced:
 - Toastmaster of the Day: Cassie Slade
 - Table Topicsmaster: Dava Clark
 - General Evaluator: Maritza Ortega
 - Evaluators: Belinda Smith, Michelle Campos, Lillie Swearingen
 - Grammarian: Eric Pina
 - Ah-Counter: Katie Hernandez
 - Timer: Derly Buentello
 - Ballot Counter: Tammie Bartkowiak
3. Prepared speeches were presented:
 - Neetha Chada – Being a Change Maker
 - Nancy Grella – Kevin
 - Leonard Chance – Semper Fidelis
4. Table Topics® questions were presented:
 - Elizabeth Montes spoke about what she is grateful for this year.
 - Anthony Melton spoke about the Thanksgiving traditions in his family.
 - Tammie Bartkowiak spoke about Thanksgiving leftovers and recipes.
5. Evaluations were presented:

- Belinda Smith evaluated the Icebreaker speech presented by Neetha Chada. She praised Neetha on her good use of space in front of the audience and her good story line stating that she learned things about Neetha that she hadn't learned in working with her over the last 5 years. She did suggest that she be more aware of her hand gestures.
- Michelle Campos evaluated the Icebreaker speech presented by Nancy Grella. Michelle felt that Nancy expressed her emotions well, she conveyed her feelings in her great use of vocabulary as well as her body motions. The things Michelle stated that Nancy should continue to work on were her speech timing, particularly the wrap up as she notices the green sign given by the Time Keeper. She advised Nancy not to close her speech too quickly and issued the challenge to try pausing from time to time rather than rushing through.
- Lillie Swearingen evaluated the Icebreaker speech presented by Leonard Chance. This was Leonard's first Pathway speech and Lillie congratulated him on being the first to do this. She felt that Leonard's speech excelled at content of the story and noted that, as Leonard has said in the past, he is good at making himself uncomfortable without showing this. Lillie suggested that Leonard work on not looking down or up as he gathers his thoughts and pointed out that he should try to use the stage more effectively and make his hand gestures a little more tailored to the speech. Her challenge was for Leonard to steer clear of filler words like Um, so, and but.

6. Reports from members with meeting roles were provided:

- **Timer:**
Tammie Bartkowiak reported that all Icebreaker speakers, impromptu speakers, and all evaluators qualified.
- **Ah-counter:**
Katie Hernandez stated that she felt words like well, and, but, and so are effectively used as phrase connectors in a story so should be counted with care by the Ah-Counter. She noted that she heard none of these used by Derly Buentello. Katie heard several speakers max out on phrases and filler words.
- **Grammarians:**
Eric Pina reported that the word of the day was used by nearly all speakers, Nancy, Dava, and Elizabeth using the word 3 or more times each. He also did not report any glaring misuse of grammar.
- **General Evaluator:**
Maritza Ortega felt that all 3 evaluators did a great job, giving positive feedback along with suggestions for improvement. She stated that she particularly liked that the evaluators all gave challenges to the speakers. This is something she feels she will definitely use in the future. Maritza also pointed out Michelle's evaluation of Nancy included highlighting Nancy's body language and how important that is as a speaker. She liked Lillie's communication with Leonard prior to the meeting and suggested this as another way for evaluators to help the speakers improve. Maritza believes that positive feedback provides speakers something to look back on as they prepare for future speeches allowing them to feel more confident in their growth. The Time Keeper and Ballot Keeper were seated at a desk at the back of the audience and Maritza thought this was a great arrangement. She also liked that the seats were moved to face away from the door allowing anyone who may need to leave in the middle of the meeting to do so with less interruption. She ended her general evaluation by complementing the club members on staying off computers and phones and giving their full attention to the meeting.

7. Club awards were presented:

- Best Evaluator: Michelle Campos
- Best Table Topics: Elizabeth Montes
- Best Speaker: Nancy Grella

8. Reports from club officers and committees were provided:

- Michelle Campos, President, asked all club members to consider taking on the responsibility of one of the officer roles. All officers serve 6 months; we will need to submit new club officers to Toastmasters International by December 31st. Michelle also announced that she will be leaving the district at the end of December so the role of club President will be open.

9. No unfinished or new items of club business were discussed from the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Michelle Cynn
President

11/15/2018
Date

Ratie Hernandez
Secretary

11/15/18
Date