



CHENNAI SPEAKERS FORUM

Area: A3

Division: A

District: 120

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting No.: 414 Date: 22nd November, 2020 Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Website: www.chennaispeakersforum.com

Word of the day: Altruism

Theme of the day: Together we learn, together we grow



10:00am: SAA called for meeting

SAA **Toastmaster Mukund** explained the mission of Toastmasters and stated the code of conduct for the meeting.



10:02am: Presiding Officer's Address

Toastmaster Abhisek, the Presiding Officer, commenced the meeting by narrating a story about a monk who was having trouble meditating due to various reasons such as kids playing and the sound of wildlife which pushed him to move away to a far - away island. He had trouble meditating even at the island cause of an empty boat that kept coming into contact with him. These events led him to realize that one needs to calm down for inner peace. He explained how this story is apt for our life in which we have so many distractions such as TV, social media etc and concluded by saying that we need to make the best use of our own time. **Toastmaster Abhisek** called upon guests to introduce themselves.



10:08am: TMOD introduction

TMOD Toastmaster Ranjan introduced the theme of the meeting by explaining how at Chennai Speakers Forum, the members learn and grow together. He spoke about his personal experience at Chennai Speakers Forum which has led him to realize his true potential with each speech and each evaluation This was followed by an introduction to the various segments in a toastmaster meeting.



10:12am: General Evaluator intro

General Evaluator **Toastmaster Velarasan** explained the importance of evaluation and introduced the TAG team.

TIMER
AH COUNTER
GRAMMARIAN

Toastmaster Srikar
Toastmaster Thiyagarajan
Toastmaster Madhavan



10:21am: Prepared Speeches

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
1	Toastmaster Saikumar	Path: Leadership Development (Level - 1) Project#1: Icebreaker	Have you started?	Distinguished Toastmaster Saro

Toastmaster Saikumar in his icebreaker speech spoke about his place of birth and his initial life in school. He also spoke about four important friends in his life and their friendship spanning decades. He later spoke about his first mentor, his brother who is his best friend too. He spoke about his travel experience at Jim Corbett during his CA articleship of three years which included a jungle safari ride where they spotted a tiger with its hunt. He later joined one of the big four accounting firms which he quit since it was not his cup of coffee and has now started a firm of his own. He later spoke about his wife and how together they are an amazing couple. He concluded his speech by saying that he hopes Toastmasters will give him the courage to speak in front of people.

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
2	Toastmaster Supraja Ashok	Path: Motivational Strategies (Level - 1) Project#2: Evaluation and Feedback	Will you will it?	Toastmaster Deepak MVL (Visiting Toastmaster from TCS Maitree Chennai Toastmasters Club)

Toastmaster Supraja Ashok through her speech spoke about a traumatic time in her life in December, 2015 when she was hospitalized due to dengue. Her platelets had fallen dangerously low due to which she had to undergo a platelet transfer. Her entire family feared for her life including her uncle, who she saw tear up for the first time in her life. She said that seeing him tear up developed a will power in her to recover to see a smile on her uncle's face. Within two days her platelet count increased to one lakh and she recovered. She concluded her speech by quoting Mother Teresa on will power.

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
3	Toastmaster Aloysius	Path: Visionary Communication (Level - 1) Project#2: Evaluation and Feedback	Indescribable gift	Toastmaster Abhilash Chandran

Toastmaster Aloysius commenced his speech by stating that we grow together when we help, encourage and look out for each other. He spoke about how a person is happy cause his attitude towards everything in life is right. He said the indescribable gift of his life was when he found happiness within. He quoted a poem of his favorite poet, Kabir involving a musk deer which chases an irresistible scent unaware that that the scent is from its own pores. He explained that similarly we can find happiness within us and that we need to connect with our inner self to realize our true potential. He further narrated a story of a monk who travelled to meet a great king to summarize that we are all guests in this Earth and that we should help each other to create a supportive environment. He said that he never had the patience to look within himself and that fulfilment in life is done through altruism. He concluded his speech by saying that gratitude, higher self and higher consciousness has been his guiding path and indescribable gift of his life.



10:46am: Table Topics Session

Table Topics Master **Toastmaster Abirami** called members and guests for impromptu speaking.

Sr no.	Name	Topic
1.	Toastmaster Rajesh	If you were a laptop, how would you describe your life?
2.	Toastmaster Srinath	Nothing haunts us like the things we didn't buy.
3.	Guest Prabha Govind	An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory.
4.	Toastmaster Farhan	You are a journalist covering CSF's election. How will you report it on TV?
5.	Toastmaster Komal	Alone we are smart, together we are brilliant.
6.	Guest Shankari	It is always difficult to fight against faith than knowledge.



11:03am: Evaluation Session

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Saikumar	Path: Leadership Development (Level - 1) Project#1: Icebreaker	Distinguished Toastmaster Saro

Appreciation from Evaluator: Great narration skills and appreciation for covering a 360 degree view of his life.

Feedback from Evaluator: To move only when required and repeat important information.

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Supraja Ashok	Path: Motivational Strategies (Level - 1) Project#2: Evaluation and Feedback	Toastmaster Deepak MVL (Visiting Toastmaster from TCS Maitree Chennai Toastmasters Club)

Appreciation from Evaluator: Intriguing title and great vocabulary.

Feedback from Evaluator: Look at the camera and not the audience; could have slowed down the conclusion a bit.

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Aloysius	Path: Visionary Communication (Level - 1) Project#2: Evaluation and Feedback	Toastmaster Abhilash Chandran

Appreciation from Evaluator: Usage of hand gestures was good

Feedback from Evaluator: Ensure visibility of hand gestures all the time and could have concluded with the lessons learnt from all the stories described.



11:27 a.m - Call for vote

The Presiding Officer called for guest feedback and appreciated all role players and speakers. Members and guests were asked to vote for Best Speaker, Best TAG Role Player, Best TT Speaker, Best Evaluator, Best Role Player.



Best Performers

The best performers of the meeting were declared as follows:

Best Role Player	Toastmaster Abirami (TTM)
Best TAG Role Player	Toastmaster Madhavan (Grammarian)
Best Table Topics Speaker	Toastmaster Sankari
Best Evaluator	Distinguished Toastmaster Saro Velrajan
Best Speaker	Toastmaster Supraja and Toastmaster Aloysius



11:30 am - Elections

Nominations Slate List

Roles	Slate Candidates	Other Nominations
President	Farhan Ahmed, Supraja	Ranjan B Goswami
VP- Education	Abhirami, Vigneshwaran G	NIL
VP- Membership	Srinath	Vigneshwaran G

VP- Public Relations	Vignesh, Monisha	NIL
Secretary	Krishnamoorthy	NIL
Treasurer	Sai Kumar, Siva Shankar	Srinath
SAA	Athilaesh	Komal, Sai Kumar

Floor nominations for Treasurer: Rashmi and Aarth S

Winner's list:

President - Toastmaster Supraja Ashok
VP- Education - Toastmaster Abirami
VP- Membership - Toastmaster Srinath
VP- Public Relations - Toastmaster Monisha
Secretary - Toastmaster Krishnamoorthy
Treasurer - Toastmaster Rashmi
SAA - Toastmaster Athilesh
IPP - Toastmaster Abhisek Rungta



For any suggestions/feedback, please contact:

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