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MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting No.: 418 & Meeting No 533

Date : 20th November, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:25 p.m.

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Word of the day: Euphoric

Theme of the day: Curiosity starts here



11:00am: SAA called for meeting

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



11:02am: Presiding Officer's Address

Toastmaster Abhisek, the Presiding Officer, commenced the meeting by stating that human beings are averse to change. He further explained the revolution in technology by comparing Nokia's phone technology which failed to adapt to the change in technology with KIA Motors, an automobile company which has adapted new technology and managed to break even in sales. He requested everyone to be like KIA Motors which is ready to change according to circumstances and situation instead of Nokia.



11:07am: TMOD introduction

TMOD Toastmaster Ramachander Kota started by introducing the theme of the meeting i.e. curiosity begins as a child by speaking about childhood days. He showed pictures of naughty things he did in his childhood days and asked the members to also speak about some funny incidents from their childhood days. He also explained the various segments of a toastmasters meeting, the role-players of the meeting and introduced the General Evaluator of the meeting.



11:16am: General Evaluator intro

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

TIMER
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IDIOM MASTER

Toastmaster Nagappan
Toastmaster Srikar
Toastmaster Lalitha
Toastmaster Komal.



11:27am: Prepared Speeches

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
1	Toastmaster Aravind	Path: Innovative Planning (Level - 1) Project#2: Evaluation and Feedback	Tales from the Virus	Toastmaster Abirami

Toastmaster Aravind started off his speech with a proverb “Neglect kills injuries but revenge increases them” stated by Benjamin Franklin. He explained how his life was affected by the Corona virus starting with his move to Chennai after getting a job offer from TCS. He also spoke about the cognitive dissonance he encountered with socially distanced queues he saw at liquor shops and crowds he saw at kirana stores. He also explained the other incidents of cognitive dissonance that he encountered during the lockdown. He also touched upon the statistics pertaining to the drop in air pollution during the lockdown. He made a statement that we humans have migrated from one place to another and destroyed the natural habitat. He questioned if we have become a virus to this planet. He concluded by saying that we need to reflect upon ourselves.

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
2	Toastmaster Porkodi	Path: Dynamic Leadership (Level - 3) Project: Vocal Variety	Moment of Truth	Distinguished Toastmaster Suganthi Periaswamy

Toastmaster Porkodi kickstarted her speech by narrating the various incidents when she and her mother had misunderstandings while doing household chores together since no maid showed up during the lockdown. She explained how her packed schedule consisting of yoga, work, handling kitchen work and addressing her children’s need made it difficult to balance the various things in her life, therefore failing to match everyday needs perfectly. When she was in despair, she heard a transgender speak about the various problems in her life. She learnt that she had to prioritize and make tweaks to her schedule. She said that we need to look at problems closely and analyze consciously for a solution to emerge. She concluded by saying that life is like Yoga Sana and relaxing into it will help us feel bliss.

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
3	Toastmaster Gurucharan	Path: Dynamic Leadership (Level - 3) Project#1: Negotiate the Best Outcome	May be	Distinguished Toastmaster Arna Chugani

Toastmaster Gurucharan began his speech by questioning the audience if they were aware of ratios and proportions and explained the same with an example. He explained that negotiations has four outcomes -

Win-Win, Win/Lose, Compromise, Walking away. He compared this with the dowry situation during his parents marriage where he felt that during that situation his mother should have “walked away” rather than treating the demand of lesser down by his father as a “win-win” whereas his father treated the situation as a “compromise”. He also explained another incident involving the 500th meeting when negotiations resulted in a win-win situation. He concluded his speech by saying that we need to negotiate with ourselves first to get the best outcome.

Prepared Speech	Speaker	Path and Project	Speech title	Evaluator
4	Toastmaster Rashmi	Path: Motivational Strategy (Level - 4) Project#2: Manage Project Successfully	The various C's	Toastmaster Sai Krishna

Toastmaster Rashmi commenced her speech by talking about how she was put up in China for a project since the client was impressed with her presentation. She explained that she came up with a plan to successfully complete the project. However after reaching China, she spoke about how she and her team faced challenging situations with not much progress. She concluded the speech with a cliffhanger that the progress with respect to the other half of the project will be detailed in the next speech.



12:03am: Table topics Session

Table Topics Master **Toastmaster Vivekanandan** came up with an innovative Table Topic session by giving the speaker 30 secs to tell words starting with a particular letter and the remaining time to speak on particular topics. Members had following topics.

Sr no.	Name	Topic
1.	Toastmaster Saikumar (CSF)	Words starting with Letter D and T. Topic: Celebrity Crush.
2.	Distinguished Toastmaster Priyan (CSF)	Word starting with Letter F. Topic: As a chold, what did you wish to become when you grew up.
3.	Toastmaster Keerthana (TCSMCTM)	Word starting with Letter C. Topic: If someone made a movie of your life, what would it be?
4.	Toastmaster Ravi (TCSMCTM)	Word starting with Letter G. Topic: What was the worst thing you did as a kid?
5.	Toastmaster Monisha (CSF)	Word starting with Letter B. Topic: What is the best piece of advice you have received so far.
6	Toastmaster Suhashini (TCSMCTM)	Word starting with Letter I.
7	Toastmaster Selvabala (TCSMCTM)	Word starting with Letter M.
8	Toastmaster Velarasan (CSF)	Word starting with Letter O.



12:21am: Evaluation Session

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Aravind	Path: Innovative Planning (Level - 1) Project#2: Evaluation and Feedback	Toastmaster Abirami

Appreciation from Evaluator: Good humor and good usage of words to describe emotions perfectly.

Recommendation from Evaluator: Could have experimented with tone and vocal variety.

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Porkodi	Path: Dynamic Leadership (Level - 3) Project: Vocal Variety	Distinguished Toastmaster Suganthi Periaswamy

Appreciation from Evaluator: Choice of subject was pertinent to all of us. Good projection of frustration through facial expressions and the tone of her voice.

Recommendation from Evaluator: Work on the pace of speech while delivering dialogues and to look at the audience while delivering the speech.

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Gurucharan	Path: Dynamic Leadership (Level - 3) Project#1: Negotiate the Best Outcome	Distinguished Toastmaster Arna Chugani

Appreciation from Evaluator: Usage of good humor which seemed natural and thought-provoking speech.

Recommendation from Evaluator: Work on transition from anecdotes to a message.

Speaker	Path and Project	Evaluator
Toastmaster Rashmi	Path: Motivational Strategy (Level - 4) Project#2: Manage Project Successfully	Toastmaster Sai Krishna

Appreciation from Evaluator: Good organization of speech and a well-prepared speech with good conclusion.

Recommendation from Evaluator: To check audio & video quality and to use pauses during the speech will help in giving a better speech.



12:38 P.M – Movie Review.

Toastmaster Venkata reviewed the Malayalam movie “Jallikattu” by saying the movie will leave you with a cringe feeling on how humans can be inappropriate. He narrated the plot of the movie in detail which revolved around a rogue buffalo creating havoc leading to police and groups coming up with plans to capture the buffalo. He also explained how this movie has led to controversies.



12:59 P.M – Clash of Idiom Masters

Toastmaster Komal hosted a fun game session called the Ultimate Clash of Idiom Masters involving Team Samosas and Team Jalebis.



1:20 PM – 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 TAG Role Player, Best TT Speaker, Best Speaker, Best Evaluator and Best Role Player.



Best Performers

The best performers of the meeting were declared as follows:

Best Role Player	Toastmaster Vivekanandan (TT master) (CSF)
Best TAG Role Player	Toastmaster Komal (Idioms Master) (CSF)
Best Table Topics Speaker	Distinguished Toastmaster Priyan (CSF)
Best Evaluator	Toastmaster Arna Chugani (CSF)
Best Speaker	Toastmaster Aravind Srihari (TCSMCTM)



For any suggestions/feedback, please contact:

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