



PARRAMATTA TOASTMASTERS CLUB

PO Box 578, Parramatta, NSW, 2124
Club 2274, Area 13, Western Division, District 90, Region 12

Minutes of Club Meeting #1386 (1 November 2018)

VENUE: Linden Room, Parramatta RSL Club, 2 Macquarie St, Parramatta NSW, 2150			
COMMENCED:	6.30	TOTAL ATTENDEES:	32
CHAIRMAN:	John New	PRESENT MEMBERS:	out of 42 active members
THEME:	To meat or not to meat	QUORUM:	Yes (needed 22)
Secretary	Vicki Sheehan		

Attendance

PRESENT MEMBERS (24)	VISITORS (8)	APOLOGIES (15)
<p> Allison Marriott Barbara Mifsud Christine Huynh Edim Hudjur Elizabeth Wilson (OAM) Gary Wilson (OAM) John Bright John New Karl Pereira Mandy Chiu Michael Fong Mike Kano-McCallum Michael Said Monique Tonna Peter Steinhour Rob Tibbertsma Ronald Marriott Rosina Tombs Sabesh Sitsabesan Sanea Khurana Sinu Thilak Thomas McDonald Vicki Sheehan Vivek Singhal </p>	<p> Abel Assefa Ali Chowhan Arti Mali Flerida Llarena Priti Jain Elon Chiu Gill Walker Venkataroo Alahari </p>	<p> Alicia Leise Celine Liang Cheryl Piper Deepsika Basnet Demian Coorey Ian Lipski John Taylor Linda Said Matt Tonkiss Nicolas Bertram Omar Ikhrais Bijan Hassanzada Sam Fenton Sean Leise Zia Ullah </p>

Resolution: 'That the apologies for non-attendance at tonight's meeting be accepted'

Moved by: Michael Fong	Seconded by: John Bright	CARRIED
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FUTURE APOLOGIES

Demian Coorey (15/11)	Sam Fenton (15/11)	Monique Tonna (15/11, 23/11)	Peter Steinhour (15/11, 23/11)
Mandy Chiu(15/11, 23/11)	Mike Kano-McCallum (15/11)	Gary and Elizabeth Wilson 15/11	Ally Marriot 15/11, 23/11
John New (15/11)		Edim Hudjur 15/11, 23/11	

MINUTES

Resolution: 'That the minutes for meeting #1385 be taken as read and confirmed'

Moved by: Vicki Sheehan	Seconded by: Tom McDonald	CARRIED
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Discussion on the minutes

Gary Wilson pointed out that a line in the Presidents report was gibberish and questioned was it a mistake or is that what the president said?

Michael Said noted, "I was present and I think that was what he said"

Gary Wilson insisted the secretary acknowledge the mistake and amend the minutes before the motion is put to take the minutes as read and confirmed.

Vicki Sheehan responded that she was not aware of this mistake. In the break she will check the wording and amend them for the record

Ron Marriot asked for a hand count to decide whether the minutes be accepted as at this meeting.

A count was taken

17 recorded for accepting them

4 recorded against accepting them

Rob Tibbertsma noted another mistake on the minutes; that some members were listed as visitors.

Vicki Sheehan responded that was because they were unpaid members at the last meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Date	From	Details
	Robyn Peck	Phone call to Michael Fong regarding confirmation of venue booking for future Speechcraft sessions
	Elaine Woods	Email stating she will no longer be able to supply sandwiches for Speechcraft

Resolution: 'That the correspondence in be received'

Moved by: Vicki Sheehan	Seconded by: Ron Marriott	CARRIED
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CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Date	To	Details
	Sam Fenton	Congratulatory card for his Wedding by post
	Michelle Hunt	Reply from Michael Fong wishing her all the best in Newcastle
	Pioneers and Winners Circle	Email sent regarding Speechcraft arrangements for next year and confirming room bookings

Resolution: 'That the correspondence out be endorsed'

Moved by: Vicki Sheehan	Seconded by: John Bright	CARRIED
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VICE PRESIDENT PUBLIC RELATIONS (VPPR)

-The latest Parranatta is out, copies are on the table

- If anyone would like to contribute to the Parranatta please see me

- If anyone has an issue with their images being used for the Parranatta or the Club's Facebook page please let me know.

Resolution: 'That the report be received'

Moved by: Christine Huynh	Seconded by: John Bright	CARRIED
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VICE PRESIDENT MEMBERSHIP (VPM)

-Currently there are 63 paid members of the club

- 38 of these are registered for Pathways. That leaves 25 that are not registered, so if you require assistance with registering for Pathway please ask the VPM

Resolution: 'That the report be received'

Moved by: Sabesh Sitsabesan	Seconded by: Michael Said	CARRIED
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VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION (VPE)

Michael Fong presented a report in place of Sam Fenton who was an apology for the meeting.

-This terms Speechcraft course just completed the second week. They started with a full complement of 16, 2 have dropped out.

-Sabesh Sitsabesan, the current coordinator of Speechcraft thanked the following members for their attendance and help; Cheryl Piper, Edim Hujdur, Karl Pereira, Michael Fong, Michael Said, Mike Kano-McCallum, Monique Tonna, Omar Ikhrais, Rosina Tombs, Sean Leise. Any future assistance is always appreciated

- Parramatta Pioneers is beginning tonight. This is the first course run without the help of Robyn Peck. It is on a Thursday, therefore every second Thursday if you can spare some time to help them, they would be very appreciative.

Resolution: 'That the report be received'

Moved by: Michael Fong	Seconded by: Rob Tibbertsma	CARRIED
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Timer noted that time was up, the chairman moved an extension of 3 minutes. This was approved.

PRESIDENT

-The Area 13 contest was held on October 20 at Rosehill bowling Club. A debrief after the event noted that it was a profitable contest.

-Results were

Table topics

1st – Elizabeth Wilson (Western Gourmet)

2nd Alicia Leise (Parramatta)

3rd David Vincente (Pioneers)

Humerous Speech

1st Karl Zhao (Justice)

2nd Elizabeth Wilson (Western Gourmet)

3rd Vicki Sheehan (Parramatta)

-An executive meeting will be held on November 2 to discuss club business and the membership survey

- A club social is proposed for either the 25 November 25 or 9 December 9 at Michael Fong's place. Michael asked for a quick indication from club members as to which date they could attend.

Resolution: 'That the report be received'

Moved by: Michael Fong	Seconded by: Monique Tonna	CARRIED
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GENERAL BUSINESS

- Peter Steinhour - Thanked everyone involved in the Area 13 contest. All events ran to time and it was great to have support from so many people who helped out behind the scenes.
- Elizabeth Wilson put a vote of thanks to Tom McDonald for all the work he put into organising the area contest.
- Club applauded Tom and Peter for their efforts in organising and running the Area 13 contest.

FRIVOLOUS MOTION

I move that: "Parramatta Toastmasters uses Enquiry rather than Inquiry on all club documents"

John Bright – The dictionary states that the modern usage of this word is the same. It is best to choose one word and use it consistently throughout documents. We are a USA based organisation and the common usage in the USA is enquiry.

For – Gary Wilson – We should be consistent with the website which uses enquiry

John Bright - Point of clarification - 'Enquiry' is less formal and means to subtly ask a question, whereas 'inquiry' is formal and used when an investigation is needed.

Against – Elizabeth Wilson - Inquiry is formal and we are a formal organisation therefore we should use the more formal form of the word, that is 'inquiry'

For - John Bright - we have heard compelling arguments for the use of the word 'enquiry'

Moved by: John bright	Seconded by: Gary Wilson	LOST
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SPEAKING PROGRAM

Toastmaster: Sanea Khurana

#	Name	Title	Project	Evaluator
1	Mandy Chiu	I love you but you drive me nuts	Pathways Icebreaker	Monique Tonna
2	Mike Kano-McCallum	Stuff	Level 4 in Pathways Build a Social Media Profile	Rosina Tombs
3	Sabesh Sitsabesan	The Gypsy	Pathways Level 1	John Bright
4	Peter Steinhour	The Seven Ravens By the Grim Brothers	Advanced manual storytelling Project the moral of the story	Rob Tibbertsma
5	Tom McDonald	The Silent Heart Attack	The advanced communication Series Storytelling manual	Allison Marriot

AWARDS

Best Table Topic	Monique Tonna
Best Evaluator	Monique Tonna
Best Speaker	Mike Kano-McCallum
Stirrer's Spoon	Monique Tonna
Icebreaker	Mandy Chiu

Special Presentation

Monique Tonna presented John New with the Diamond Triple Crown awarded to someone who achieves a Triple Crown each year for three years in a row

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED: 9:31 PM