

MINUTES OF MEETING # 88

Meeting # 88 was conducted on the theme "Say Yes". Sergeant-at-arms **TM Musthafa** convened the meeting at 7:39 PM.

TM Musthafa said saying yes is not that difficult and quoted former Prime minister of England, Tony Blair who said, "Saying no is very difficult". He said Club President **TM Vimalraj** will agree with him on it. TM Vimaraj has never said no to any of his requests and this helped him a lot in his toastmaster's journey.

In his presidential address, **TM Vimalraj** welcomed members and guests. He passed the last minutes of meeting. Speaking on the theme of the evening, TM Vimal said, "It is true that he faces difficulty in saying no. He said we should develop courage and will to say yes to whatever is good".

TM Vimal welcomed the guest **Mr Ayman Rouf, Mr Manoj Perera, Mr Eena Haja Moideen** and **Huda Mohammed Yaghi** to Smedley Toastmasters Club.

TM Vimal opened Smedley Toastmaster Club's meeting # 89. He introduced TMOE for tonight **TM Shana Shirin**.

TM Shana quoted Eckhart Tolle's words "*What could be more futile, more insane, than to create inner resistance to what already is? What could be more insane than to oppose life itself, which is now. Surrender to what is. Say yes to life and see how life suddenly starts working for you rather than against you.*"

She said these words inspire her to accept life and say yes to it.

TMOE introduced the role players; **Grammarian TM Girija, Timer TM Deepali** and **AH Counter TM Rinith**.

Grammarian TM Girija chose "**Trance**" as the word of the day, which is a noun and mean "a half-conscious state characterized by an absence of response to external stimuli, typically as induced by hypnosis or entered by a medium."

Timer **TM Deepali**, AH Counter **TM Rinith** also described their roles.

TMOE introduced the first speaker on prepared speeches **TM Gopikrishnan** who delivered an excellent P-2 speech from *CC Manual* on "**Never too late, give an attempt**".

The second speaker of the evening was **TM Lesiley Mathew** who delivered a passionate HPL speech on "**Smedley Speechcraft 2015**".

The third speech was an informative educational module on "**How to become a Distinguished Club**" by **TM Pratibha**.

After this, there was a short break in which *SAATM Musthafa* had arranged for some really delicious snacks.

After the break, TMOE Shana invited the Table Topics Master for tonight. Inspired by DTAC 2016, **TM Shylesh** conducted an interesting and funny Table Topics session. *TM Rimzan, Mr Ayman, Mr Manoj Perera and Miss Huda* participated.

Tonight the General Evaluator was **Area Director of Area 43, TM ABhijit Kuwalekar**. *TM Abhijit* invited **TM Mymoona** to evaluate *TM Gopikrishnan's* speech. Likewise, **TM Bijith** evaluated *TM Lesiley Mathew*.

TM Abhijit invited the Grammarian *TM Girija* to give her report. Grammarian said that there were no major grammatical errors. **Word of the evening 'Trance' was used 7 times by different speakers**. Similarly, AH counter *TM Rinith and Timer TM Deepali* gave their report.

In his General Evaluation, *TM Abhijit Kuwalekar* said that the meeting was well arranged. He praised the club president *TM Vimalraj* for his sense of humour.

He praised the improvement happening in the activities of *Smedley Club* and said all members should continuously work to improve even better. He advised the VPE to notify any change in agenda at the beginning of the meeting. He also advised the SAA to bring and place the photo of *Ralph C Smedley*, founder of *Toastmasters International*, during the meetings. This will add value to *Smedley club* meetings as this is one amongst the rare few clubs which is named after the great leader.

TM Abhijit handed over control to TMOE. *TM Shana* invited the Club President **TM Vimalraj** for the closing session. *TM Vimalraj* announced awards for tonight.

The Best Speaker award for this meeting was won by TM Gopikrishnan. Our Guest Huda Mohammed Yaghi won the award for best Table Topics. TM Mymoona was judged the Best Evaluator.

Then, TM Vimal invited TM Abhijit Kuwalekar to conduct installation of Ex-com elections for the term 2016-17.

The following members took oath as the office bearers for the term 2016-17

TM Benov Jacob- President
TM Vimal Raj- Immediate Past President
TM Noorudeen Veetykadan- Vice President- Education
TM Shylesh Kumar Kunnanattil- Vice President- Membership
TM Rinith KT- Vice President- Public Relations
TM Mohammed Musthafa Ali- Treasurer
TM Ashokan Karuvan Kandy- Secretary

TM Benov Jacob took oath on behalf of TM Kiran Kumar Putta, Sergeant at Arms. TM Abhijit Kuwalekar wished the new excom well and handed over control to TM Vimal.



After the elections TM Vimal closed meeting # 88.

All together, we had a fun-filled and informative meeting. We wish you shall continue to say yes to all good endeavours which come into your life. On behalf of the new Excom, I request your kind cooperation in all future club meetings. Together we shall take the club to newer heights.

The next meeting will be on June 15th, 2016 at Sharq Capital.

Till then... Good bye

TM Noorudeen
Secretary