**Minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting**

PRESIDING OFFICER: Brian Fahey, President

TOASTMASTER: Tom Ludlow

MEETING THEME: Leadership

WORD OF THE DAY: Cacophony

AH COUNTER/GRAMMARIAN: Chris Stevens

TIMER: Amy Putch

GENERAL EVALUATOR: Senthil Punniya

TABLE TOPIC MASTERS: Laura Gordon

VOTE COUNTER: Andrew Jeruski

SPEAKERS:

#1. Brian Fahey – “Reality of Now” – Brian shared his observations of the harsh reality of the educational impact of today’s economic conditions on low income children. Faced with a number of factors economically poor children are performing significantly below grade level across Colorado. Their struggle is only exacerbated by the frequent need to change schools as parents seek out employment opportunities. Evaluator: Lindsay Squires

#2. John Donnellon – “Cross Cultural Understanding” – Jon reflected on his youth growing up in a highly diverse neighborhood on 105th Street in New York City. Life was simple and there was little reflection on the fact that most of these families were poor. Little was made of the cultural differences in the neighborhood. Evaluator: Ken Hurd

#3. Marshall Barrington – “How to Cut Someone in Half” – Marshall, using a wooden Samurai sword, demonstrated various ways one might actually cut an opponent in half avoiding certain bones and aiming for the softer parts of the body. Interesting and entertaining…but a little bizarre. Evaluator: Roger Kramer

BEST SPEAKER: Brian Fahey

BEST EVALUATOR: Lindsay Squires

TABLE TOPIC SPEAKERS: Brian, Chris, Sini (guest), Micah, Andrew, Senthil, Undraa

BEST TABLE TOPIC SPEAKER: Andrew

ATTENDANCE: 14 members and 2 guests

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next week’s Toastmaster is Andrew Jerusik

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Ludlow, Club Secretary