**Minutes of the August 22, 2019 meeting**

PRESIDING OFFICER: Brian Fahey, President

TOASTMASTER: Andrew Jeruski

MEETING THEME: Need of Endurance

WORD OF THE DAY: Endurance

AH COUNTER/GRAMMARIAN: Brian Fahey

TIMER: John (2nd time guest)

GENERAL EVALUATOR: Micah Bechard

TABLE TOPIC MASTERS: Amy Putch

VOTE COUNTER: Marshall Barrington

SPEAKERS:

#1. Marshall Barrington – “Speaking to the Cavemen” – In this speech, Marshall discusses the basis for cavemen to evaluate their fellow humans. Within seconds of meeting someone new, they are sized up as being friend, foe, or a potential mate. Using humor and lots of body language to exemplify these assessments, he connects these basic human instincts to the art of public speaking. He demonstrates the need to appear open and vulnerable when speaking in front of an audience to capture those first few seconds of judgment when they decide that you are friendly and someone they want to listen to. Evaluator: Micah Bechard

#2. Brian Fahey – “Reality of Now – Take II” – In this revamped version of Brian’s speech from last week, he spends some time reminding us of the harsh reality of the educational impact of today’s economic conditions on low income children. However, this time he weaves in a lot of hope as he discusses the impact that volunteers can have on these children. He discusses the power of parents volunteering and also describes three different volunteer organizations that can have a significant positive impact on the kid’s lives. He also invited the audience to consider how they could make a difference. Evaluator: Laura Gordon

BEST SPEAKER: Brian Fahey

BEST EVALUATOR: Micah Bechard

TABLE TOPIC SPEAKERS: John (guest), Andrew, Micah, Oliver (guest), Brian, Marshall

BEST TABLE TOPIC SPEAKER: tie with Micah and Marshall

ATTENDANCE: 6 members and 5 guests

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tom Ludlow’s role of setting up the room in advance of the meeting took 4 people to fill his shoes. Thank you Tom for handling that every week!

Oliver said that he was so inspired by Andrew’s talks about the need to endure and not quit, even when something is difficult and also Marshall’s talk about how to be open and vulnerable to an audience, motivated him to join our club last night.

Respectfully Submitted

Laura Gordon, Stand-in Club Secretary