

MassJCL Board Meeting October 18, 2008

Boston Latin School, Boston MA

In attendance: President Jacob Meister, 1st VP Daina Estime, 2nd VP Zach Hall, Historian Lucy Sinacola, Treasurer Grace Thomas, Parliamentarian Patrick Burke, Editor Michael Howard, Technical Coordinator Dan Fortunato, BHS guests: BJCL president Patrick Mund, Publicity Director Ben Farrell, Senator Andrew Holzman, former 1st VP Mark McNally. Also present co-chairs Mrs. Fillion and Ms. Miklosky.

10:23 *Jacob calls meeting to order and opens **officer reports:***

President *Jacob confirms September mailing. Then points out list of schools which have previously been members and should be contacted about renewing membership.*

1st Vice Pres *Dana has nearly finished the Classics Day packet*

Editor *Mike has sent out new Forum Factorum issue*

Parliament *Patrick has cleaned up the constitution*

Treasurer *Grace reports new balance: **\$286.20** and that funds received from four teachers have not yet been deposited. Memberships continue to arrive and will be contacted as their information comes in.*

Catapult Contest

10:40 *Jacob describes Catapult Day schedule and encourages all to go. He will contact Keeley regarding certamen chair of event. Ms. Fillion adds that Viet Luong has revised graphic arts rules to align with Nationals rules.*

Motion passes unanimously to accept the new rules for graphic arts/publications

10:58 *Jacob reports that Lunenberg will soon have an application in for the buzzer system to be awarded. Jacob reads the AMSA essay aloud describing the economic hardships which affect the school and prove their need for the system.*

11:05 *Meeting dismissed for lunch*

12:04 *Meeting is called back to session. Jacob calls attention again to list of schools which were members last year in order and points out need to increase student success in running for office. Each school on list is discussed and their potential for membership is evaluated.*

12:22 *Jacob brings up discipline problems. Attention called to incident descriptions followed by discussion. Mark McNally comments about his memory of the Martin DeMasco incident and the dance incident. BHS students suggest improvements to security. Other incidents come to light and a general discussion of Emily Kanzer's Facebook page and video of Winchester students' misbehavior ensues. The comments section is read aloud.*

1:00 *Suggestions are made about approaching the issue with either Winchester and the sponsor—perhaps a letter sent to the sponsor informing her about the incidents and giving her the opportunity to respond.*

1:25 *Jacob suggests that he will write a letter enumerating the disciplinary incidents and asking Winchester's board and sponsor to participate in the solution to the problem.*

1:28 *Zach announces the tentative semi-formal dance date of February 28th at the John Hancock Hotel.*

1:31 *Daina puts to a vote a price raise for Classics Day.*

Motion passes unanimously to raise the price of Classics Day to 20.00— from 19.00.

