

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting

Sunday November 7th
Advanced Math and Science Academy

I. Call to Order: 10:30am

II. Attendance

Board Members:

Grace Thomas – President, LUN

Eda Kaceli – 1st VP, BLA

Samantha Collette – Secretary, LUN

Ned Kleiner – Parliamentarian, MTG

Emily Chang – Historian, BLS

Alyssa Tomkowicz – Publications Editor, MTG

Arivu Anukanth – Technical Coordinator

State Chairs:

Marjorie Keeley – MTG

Janet Fillion – BLA

Guests:

Emily Lewis – Sponsor, AMSA

Rahi Punjabi – AMSA

Elizabeth Teixeira – AMSA

Peter Teixeira – AMSA

Artem Nurlat - AMSA

Nathan Gobes – AMSA

Zachary Hall - AKF

Regrets:

Chris Hynds – 2nd VP, BLA

Melinda Wang – Treasurer, BLS

Victoria Miklosky – State Chair, BARNST

Absences:

None

III. Officer Reports 10:35

Emily – Scrapbook:

-Has possibly Aeneid theme.

-The Aeneid theme is done a lot for national scrapbooks. Emily should choose

something more specific, possibly the women of the Aeneid.

Alyssa – Forum Factorum:

- Is going to mail out the rest of the copies of the first issue to the schools who didn't pick them up at Catapult Day.
- Has someone to write an article on Catapult Day for next issue.
- Will email someone from Franklin to write a VYS Day article.
- The deadline for articles will be moved up so that the next issue can be given out at Classics Day.
- The next issue will have a 'Meet the Officers' section.

Eda – Classics Day:

- Is receiving registrations now and some people are still mailing theirs in.
- Some checks have been written up.
- Has received over \$4000 in registrations plus some membership dues.
- Will send out emails with what officers need to do for the event.
- Boston board members should get to Boston University by 7:30.
- Some new schools have registered to go.
- At the event, officers will show students how to get to the different workshops.
- Dr. McMannis is not able to come because of sickness. Ms. Lewis will be filling in for her.
- Should write thank-yous beforehand.
- Grace will introduce the board and talk about State Convention. Zach will talk about National Convention and has a presentation to give. Chriso will talk about Snowball. Ned will talk about future candidates for office.

IV. Catapult Contest 10:50am

- 16 schools attended.
- Made about \$2100 (not including over \$600 in dues). Event will cost about \$500 for custodians and other fees.
- There needs to be a better way of measuring for small catapults.
- The bus for the Clark Museum trip needs to be marked better.
- The different matchups for the rounds of Certamen need to start at the same time so students don't go to watch other rounds and hear the questions.
- More signs need to be put up to avoid people getting lost.
- The janitors were happy with how clean things were left.

V. Membership/Treasury Report 11:00am

Ms. Fillion: The account currently holds \$3489.96, including \$800+ in dues.

- Money and dues from Catapult Day will be added.
- The venue for Snowball needs to be paid for.
- Grace needs to give Ms. Fillion receipts from the September mailing (about \$600).
- Newton North and Wayland High Schools have joined MassJCL.
- There is a school on Long Island that would like to join.

VI. Community Service 11:05am

- Chriso had suggested a Special Olympics event.
- The date needs to be changed because it conflicts with Harvard Certamen and an Executive Board Meeting.
- Instead of having one set day, we might have an ongoing project to add depth to the project.
- We could possibly go to a benefit walk.

VII. State Convention 11:15am

Woodward School for Girls:

- They plan on bringing some 12 year olds and they would rather not stay overnight. Their sponsor is definitely not staying over and they may not be able to get parents to stay over either.
- The distance from Quincy to Barnstable would be a very big problem for driving every day. They would miss a lot of things.
- There have been problems with people from local schools not wanting to stay over in the past and we have told them that it is a package deal and that if you come to convention, you come to all of convention.
- The pricing would have to be changed for them.
- The State Chairs will speak with the Woodward School teachers.

Contest Rules

- Only students who are currently enrolled in or have taken a Greek class can take the Greek test. The test will focus more on language instead of life and culture.
- The Academic Finals will not be in a Certamen format.
- Other states are not able to: win the upper Certamen trophies; run for office; win whole school contests, and therefore not get points towards the overall whole school contest. They can, however, win individual awards.
- The themes must be changed for English Oratory and Costume Contest.
- Tennis should be run this year. The timing can be moved to avoid conflicting with Certamen to get more people to sign up so it can run.
- Chariot races need to be moved to not conflict with Certamen.
- Certain dates must be changed in the convention information packet: Pre-convention writing will be due April 1st (The email needs to be checked); Scrapbook extras are will be due by April 1st; Candidacy forms will be due April 1st; Publications extras will be due by February/March 1st; T-shirt submissions will be due by January 15th. All other whole school contests will be due by April 1st.
- Names need to be changed to reflect the current board.

VIII. Duties of the Board Members 12: 15pm

When there are issues with board members not fulfilling their duties, the issue can be brought up at board meetings. A State Chair can be assigned to the board member not completing their duties to check in on them and make sure they are doing their job. The State Chair will report back and decide whether or not they are doing their

job properly. If they are not doing their job properly, a two-thirds vote is required to impeach the board member. An emergency meeting can be held for this issue.

Grace motions to have Ms. Keeley assigned to watch Arivu.

Alyssa seconds the motion.

Aye – all

Nay – none

Each week, Arivu is required to email Ms. Keeley to report the his progress in making the website.

Break for Lunch at 12:40pm.

Return to meeting at 1:16pm.

IX. Other Business 1:17pm

Lost Money:

-A large sum of money was lost paying for the DJ at the snowball last year. A different DJ needs to be hired. Chriso has a DJ in mind already.

-Melinda needs to write a check to pay for the venue.

State Convention:

-The convention will cost \$160 this year.

-Not as much money needs to be spent on the goody bags.

Classics Day Skit:

-Alysa and Sam will write the Classics Day skit.

School Updates:

BLS:

-A Certamen tournament has been planned for February 12th.

-Some fundraisers to pay for school convention costs are going to be held.

-The Certamen teams are training.

AKF:

-Has close to 100 members.

-Some fundraisers are going to be held.

AMSA:

-Has 96 members.

-They made pumpkins and donated them.

-Publicity is being worked on.

-The Certamen teams are training.

BLA:

-Has over 100 members.

-Working on new event to encourage 7th graders to join.

-One issue of the newsletter is already out.

-Some fundraisers are going to be held.

MTG:

- Has 35 members, including a lot of 7th graders.
- The induction ceremony is coming up.
- The Certamen teams are training.

LUN:

- A good amount of money was raised by selling Orange Juliuses and Caesar salad pita pockets at the town fair.
- The money is going to help run the Certamen tournament, fund the scholarship, and pay for the buzzer machine award.
- Grace, Derek Booth, and Pat Londa are going to take part in a prototype of an online Certamen tournament.

Statistics:

- Ms. Fillion has been keeping track of how many people go to events.
- Everyone should send in numbers for her to add to the archive.

Community Service:

- Zach has a write-up that is going online.
- He will send it out to the board members to hand out to others.
- An article on this will go in the Forum Factorum.

Grace motions to end the meeting.

Sam seconds the motion.

Aye – all

Nay – none

Meeting ends at 1:35pm.