

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting

Held at Abby Kelley Foster on February 9th, 2008

Minutes taken by Jacob Meister (2nd VP, 2007-2008)

Officers in Attendance:

- Rebecca Gwaltney, Mass JCL President (07-08) Notre Dame Academy
- Mark McNally, Mass JCL 1st Vice President (07-08) Catholic Memorial
- Jacob Meister, Mass JCL 2nd Vice President (07-08) Boston Latin School
- Anthony Pan, Mass JCL Treasurer (07-08) Boston Latin Academy
- David Rosenthal, Mass JCL Parliamentarian (07-08) Mount Greylock
- Maria Centeio, Mass JCL Historian (07-08) Boston Latin Academy
- Christopher Chan, Mass JCL Publications Editor (07-08) Tewksbury Memorial
- Paula Luong, Mass JCL Technical Coordinator (07-08) Boston Latin Academy

State Chairs/Sponsors in Attendance:

- Janet Fillion, Mass JCL State Chair, Boston Latin Academy
- Marjorie Keeley, Mass JCL State Chair, Mount Greylock
- Dr. Anne Nelson, Abby Kelley Foster, Sponsor

Guests in Attendance:

- Karyn Greene, Boston Latin Academy
- Zachary Hall, Abby Kelley Foster
- Patrick Burke, Abby Kelley Foster

10:15 AM – Rebecca Gwaltney, Mass JCL President, calls the meeting to order. The meeting starts with officer reports. Becca gives hers; she has sent out the state convention packet to all

the schools. Ms. Keeley believes we have sent it out too early, and she hopes she can find it and won't forget.

10:16 AM – Mark McNally, Mass JCL 1st Vice President, delivers his officer report. About Classics Day, 15 schools were in attendance. This is also the first year with a press release. Becca and the board congratulate each other. There were a few issues about Classics Day that need to be fixed. The lunch issue, the food having been misplaced, was a problem. Also, A/V needs should be handled ahead of time. Some inappropriate comments were said on stage. "Roughly \$2000." Noah Young didn't give a receipt.

10:20 AM – Anthony Pan, Mass JCL Treasurer, says we have approximately \$6700. We still have bills and need compensation. We have \$5400 in the bank account.

10:23 AM – Grace Thomas, Mass JCL Secretary, was absent. Her officer report was given by Ms. Fillion, state chair from Boston Latin Academy. There were two submissions for the t-shirt contest.

10:23 AM – Maria Centeio, Mass JCL Historian, came up with the theme for the scrapbook.

10:28 AM – Months. Chapters are months (Catullus's poems).

1st –

2nd – Catullus 51: Board, class. Work hard, balance work and play. Engaging in learning.

3rd – Catullus 22: We work towards connecting our faults. Certamen – improve skills.

4th – Victory, Rest all the more enjoyable.

5th – Catullus 14: Achieve success as board.

6th – Local Chapter Section. Emphasize, show appreciation for other schools.

10:28 AM – Maria talked to the board about her budget, and she asked the board for additional money. For the cover, Ms. Keeley suggested looking at Catullus's books.

10:29 AM – Christopher Chan, Mass JCL Publications Editor, talked about the Forum Factorum. He is working on a 10-page issue that will entertain everyone. The question that is left is if we'll give the Forum out at States or sooner. Chris has 2 editions done so far; there may be a 3rd one. The final one will go out the week after State Convention.

10:32 AM – There is a new way to enter creative writing submissions. It's via email. The address is: creative-writing@mascl.com. Two schools have entered the t-shirt contest: Boston Latin Academy and Abby Kelley Foster.

10:33 AM – Paula Luong, Mass JCL Technical Coordinator, discussed the website contest. All entries must be emailed to Paula.

10:33 AM – David Rosenthal, Mass JCL Parliamentarian, discussed election season. It is officially open. A big priority is getting many candidacy forms out.

10:34 AM – Ms. Keeley, state chair from Mount Greylock, has gotten the taxes done. She had to file an extension because of snow days. It was a \$365 tax fee, and the total income (net) was \$4100. She has signed a contract for taxes done next year. Chris can put thanks into the Forum Factorum.

10:36 AM – The BLA Scrimmage has happened. Lunenburg High School is hosting a certamen tournament and plans to charge money. They need money for the custodian. This event may encourage other schools in the future; the custodial costs must be paid in order to have the scrimmage.

10:38 AM – A student from Tewksbury has sent a letter of protest, complaining about the date of State Convention (May 9-11). Ms. Fillion has emailed back, explaining the reason for the date.

10:40 AM – We are proud to offer Braille tests at this upcoming State Convention for the first time.

10:42 AM – Jacob Meister, Mass JCL 2nd Vice President, discusses the Snow Ball. There will be a state police man at the door, possibly with a breathalyzer.

11:08 AM – The Snow Ball discussion ends.

11:11 AM – For those arriving late to States (i.e. Lunenburg people), they could possibly stay somewhere else. Either that or leaving the living arrangements the same is allowable. The board will need to email sponsors. A debate starts about having exams in one big room or individual classrooms. Ms. Keeley will have to figure it out.

11:19 AM – There is a debate about when to hold the sponsors' meeting. If we can get treats, that'd be great. There is an idea to cancel the social and come to the "cave" instead. We'll have fruit and veggies. The cave will be a sponsor central where hospitality will generally be found.

11:23 AM – There aren't really any problems with the schedule.

11:25 AM – It is the President's and Ms. Keeley's responsibility to decide the menu. They will get in touch with Ms. Miklosky.

11:27 AM – The board discussed goody bags. Possible goodies are: cups with Mass JCL on them, purple and gold Mass JCL M&Ms, fake ancient coins, nametag pouches, JCL lanyards, SPQR tattoos, or tooth brushes.

11:34 AM – The board discusses the budget for goody bags. They need to start looking through catalogs.

11:42 AM – For scholarships for nationals, we have \$5400. People who should get subsidies are the new board, the old board, every teacher going, and a few students from new schools.

11:45 AM – The packet for nationals is \$400. Massachusetts will be flying this year; this is welcomed happily. There will be a plane leaving from Boston.

11:48 AM – Skit ideas: A “Guitar Hero” competition.

11:49 AM – The board breaks for lunch.

1:13 PM – David moves that we accept the BLACC as the winning design for the t-shirt contest and that Abby Kelley Foster receives 2nd place. Jacob seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

1:16 PM – Additional ideas for the t-shirt: The Statue at Lexington and Concord, a sign for the Bunker Hill monument. The board will have the artist edit the original.

1:21 PM – David gives constitutional amendments. There are a lot of corrections; David passes out revisions. There is some wording that is not as powerful as it could have been. In Article II, there needs to be some “switching around”. There needs to be a definition of “good standing”. There needs to be an addition of “independent study”. Elections are detailed further, and there is pertinent information with the election form. There also needs to be clarification of the President’s roles.

1:41 PM – David articulates the major add-ins he would like to add. He showed the revised constitution to present board for voting.

2:01 PM – Becca makes a motion to accept the amendments. Chris seconds. Motion passes.

2:02 PM – The Forum Factorum is discussed again. It needs some more articles and pictures. It will be sent out via email after the Snow Ball.

2:06 PM – Mark discusses possible logistic and software problems that could happen if the Forum was sent out digitally.

2:08 PM – For the newsletter, there should be an interview. The 3rd issue will be handed out at State Convention. The 4th will come immediately after States.

2:13 PM – Tentative dates for the next executive board meeting are April 12th/13th and April 26th/27th.

2:15 PM – The meeting is adjourned.