

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting
Held on April 13th, 2008 at Barnstable High School
Minutes taken by Grace Thomas (Mass JCL Secretary 07-08)

In Attendance:

Executive Board Members:

- Rebecca Gwaltney (Notre Dame Academy) Mass JCL President 07-08
- Mark McNally (Catholic Memorial) Mass JCL 1st Vice President 07-08
- Jacob Meister (Boston Latin School) Mass JCL 2nd Vice President 07-08
- Grace Thomas (Lunenburg High School) Mass JCL Secretary 07-08
- Anthony Pan (Boston Latin Academy) Mass JCL Treasurer 07-08
- Christopher Chan (Tewksbury Memorial) Mass JCL Publications Editor 07-08
- Paula Luong (Boston Latin Academy) Mass JCL Technical Coordinator 07-08

State Chairs/Sponsors:

- Janet Fillion (Boston Latin Academy) State Chair
- Victoria Miklosky (Barnstable High School) State Chair

Guests:

- Karyn Greene (Boston Latin Academy) Guest
- Daina Estime (Boston Latin Academy) Guest
- Liz Rubino (Barnstable High School) Guest
- Tom Forest (Barnstable High School) Guest
- Ryan Bowdridge (Tewksbury Memorial High School) Guest
- Patrick Burke (Abby Kelley Foster) Guest
- Zach Hall (Abby Kelley Foster) Guest

10:31 AM – Rebecca Gwaltney, Mass JCL President, calls the meeting to order. She begins the meeting with her officer report. She has ordered the goodies for the goody bags that will be given out at the beginning of state convention. She has a whole plethora of exciting things: color changing cups with Mass JCL written on them, pencils and pens which have highlighters on the tips, mountain climber thingamabobs that have Mass JCL on them, and buttons with the JCL torch. She also has plastic bags to put the goodies in. Rebecca requests from Anthony Pan, Mass JCL Treasurer, a reimbursement check.

10:32 AM – Mark McNally, Mass JCL 1st VP, wrote a letter to the governor.

10:33 AM – Jacob Meister, Mass JCL 2nd VP, discusses the semi-formal, which he was in charge of. The total number of people was approximately 80. The costs were covered, and Mass JCL even made some profit. Jacob believes the event was a success. Another issue that Jacob brings to the board's attention is that he needs a list of addresses because he has changes to the Toga Parade. He wants to apply a general theme from nationals to the parade. Ms. Fillion, however, discourages this because state convention is so close.

10:34 AM – Ms. Fillion asks about having a school tee-shirt contest. The board decides we can't have it because of the lack of time. Perhaps there can be an informal competition just for spirit.

10:35 AM – Christopher Chan, Mass JCL Publications Editor, has been working on a mega issue of the Forum Factorum. He's trying to get a game in, such as a word search or sudoku. Also, he wants interviews from the officers during lunch.

10:36 AM – Anthony Pan, Mass JCL Treasurer, says we have \$43,000 in the bank.

10:37 AM – Grace Thomas, Mass JCL Secretary, discusses the tee-shirt contest, briefly. Also, state chairs are waiting to get an exact number of state convention attendees. Thirteen schools are signed up. Some new schools attending states are The Advanced Math and Science Academy and Lynn English.

10:38 – Paula Luong, Mass JCL Technical Coordinator, delivers her officer report. Six schools have entered the web site contest. Also, Paula needs pictures of the Latin Semi-Formal "Snow Ball" because she only has pictures with people from Boston Latin Academy.

10:39 AM– The officer reports are finished. The board discusses the candidates running for office. Currently, the position of secretary and historian are empty. If it stays like this, there will be a state of emergency.

10:43 AM – The officers in charge of judging schools' web sites are Paula, David, and Rebecca. The officers in charge of judging schools' community service are Jacob, Mark, and Anthony. The officers in charge of judging schools' community outreach are Jacob, Chris, and Maria. The officers in charge of judging schools' publicity (most and best) are Mark, Grace, and Paula. The officers in charge of judging schools' newsletters are Chris, Rebecca, and Anthony.

10:52 AM – The schedule discussion begins. For registration, it's happening at the hotel from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. (Goody bags and signs will be made on Thursday.) There will be a table for graphic arts registration, which BHS' Latin Honor Society and the SCL will be in charge of. The art wing will be in the 1700s. People who come at 4:00 PM will need something to do. We'll use the Knight Auditorium or the astro-park until 5:00 PM (TE auditions start). This year, we have a receptionist desk where we (i.e. Rebecca) can officially greet people. All goody bags will be at the hotel except for Barnstable's. For the first General Assembly (GA), we'll hold it in the Pack from 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM. During that GA, we will need to show the guide video with the introduction to Mass JCL and the greetings. Mrs. Keeley will announce the rules of the convention. Becca will mention the video cameras that are located within the school grounds. Charlie Spilsbury, a student at BHS, will do a welcome speech. Candidacy speeches will be given in the 1st GA, also. Becca will introduce any former JCL officers. Ryan Manning, President of MaSCL, will introduce former SCL officers. Becca will also introduce the current

executive board of MaJCL. Jacob will give the spirit orientation before the speeches (i.e. No people on the stage.) The JCL song and creed will be done by Ms. Miklosky's band.

11:19 AM – For the Costume Contest and English Oratory, they will be held in the 1200s. The outdoor movie for entertainment is Beowulf. If it rains, the movie will be shown in the Pack. The meeting for the judges of the Costume Contest and English Oratory will be from 8:30 PM -8:45 PM in the senior café.

11:23 AM – Fellowship rooms are the same as last years (in the 1200s). The pool party is in the hotel at the Holiday Inn. The officers will take shifts and keep track of the number of people entering and leaving.

11:26 AM – The Sponsors' Meeting will be in the Cave this year from 10:15 PM - 10:45 PM.

11:33 AM – After Curfew, Ms. Housy will be the hall monitor to prevent midnight wanderings of students.

11:36 AM – The board continues the discussion of the convention schedule on to Saturday. The Swimming Contest was a problem last year due to no wake-up calls. Swimming will go from 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM. The officers will be in charge. There will be a lifeguard provided by the hotel. Although we have no timers, we'll use iPods/cell phones instead. (Thank you, technology.)

11:43 AM – Academic Testing will split into groups of people taking more than three tests. Each group will go into a room where they will remain until they have finished. Delegates will take the tests they want in the beginning. Those only taking two tests will stay in the café.

11:46 AM – On to Olympika! Liz Rubino and Ms. Miklosky will be in charge of the track and field events. James O'Neill will provide help where needed. Tennis will be run by SCL.

11:51 AM – The Constitutional Amendments' Meeting will be in the Knight Auditorium.

11:52 AM – GA 2 will be awards for Roll Call. Ms. Keeley runs this.

11:53 AM – For Ludi/Spirit Games, gladiator fighting was a big hit and will be in the astro-park. Dodgeball will be in the outdoor basketball court. Capture the flag will be on the football field. Gladiator games will be from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM on Saturday. We can have them on Sunday, too. Ultimate will also be happening. Charlie will be in charge of some of the Spirit and Ludi Games (dodgeball, capture the flag, and ultimate.)

11:58 AM – For Sight Reading and Dramatic Interpretation, the contests will be held in the 1200s. We have signs that will indicate where to go. The Candidates' Open Forum

will be in the Knight Auditorium from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM. David Rosenthal is in charge of this; all officers, current and soon-to-be, need to be there. To the board, start writing questions for the candidates!

12:00 PM – Room 1207 will be the Certamen Office, where the meeting will be held. The rooms for the preliminary rounds will be posted outside the Certamen Office (1207). We'll need approximately nine rooms in the 1200s for prelims.

12:03 PM – That's Entertainment rehearsal will be in the Pack.

12:04 PM – The Ice Cream Party will need more “topping love”. We will use either Ben&Jerry's or Four Seas ice cream. The board votes for Four Seas to be the ice cream. As of now, we don't need bowls or spoons. That may change. We need whip cream, sprinkles, hot fudge, caramel, M&Ms, etc. For the Officer Auction, Vanessa Ruano will be in charge. We need to keep it a little more organized; microphones might help with that.

12:09 PM – Sue, a representative from the Food Department at BHS, comes and the discussions about food commence. About 500 people will be eating; we need to keep that in mind. For Friday night, Shepherd's Pie will be served. We'll have all the components (i.e. the corn, the meat, and the mashed potatoes) separate. Side salads and mixed vegetables with cheese (for vegetarians) will be there, as well. For Saturday night, we will have the pasta bar with different sauces (e.g. alfredo, meat sauce). For Saturday lunch, there will be pre-made salads (Greek salad for the vegetarians) and deli sandwiches. For Saturday and Sunday breakfast, we'll have pancakes, French toast sticks, waffles, bacon, eggs, cereal, fruit salads, etc. For Sunday lunch, pizza and a grill line will be there. Vegetarian options would include veggie pizza, veggie burgers, and side salads. Desserts will be cake one night and brownies another night. Cookies will be the desserts for lunch. All delegates come down at once to eat. All four lines will be opened. Normal milk will be given for breakfast, and chocolate milk will be given at other times. For all meals, we'll cut back on the drinks, and just serve milk and water. This will allow more money for the food. We can store vegetarian options in the back, so non-vegetarians won't take them.

12:52 PM – The board breaks for lunch. During lunch, the officers discuss the officer skit for the state convention. Perhaps, we will do a spoof off a famous movie or deliver Latin pick-up lines.

1:27 PM – The board reconvenes the meeting. The classical art contest is in room 1218. The dance was in the senior café last year and will remain there this year. The doors need to be open! The karaoke and cookies could be in the lobby this year, potentially. Getting a DJ to help out with karaoke is a possibility. This would be an officer thing. We won't necessarily need games if we get a DJ.

1:35 PM – Luggage drop-off is happening in the senior café (for the large schools) and the fellowship rooms. During breakfast on Sunday, awards will be given and the votes will be turned in.

1:41 PM – The Pack is for Certamen Finals, and Academic Finals is in the Knight. Open certamen will be in the 1200s. Art viewing is not in the library; it's now in the 1700s. Ludi/Spirit games (i.e. gladiator games and capture the flag) are from 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM on the track.

1:44 PM – The worm is either on the track or in the field (depending on weather). For the chariot races, we will have them on the grass. For the toga parade, we'll have the schools in order by size to help judging. Small schools are 19 members and below, medium schools are 20 and above, and large schools are 30 and above.

1:53 PM – For GA3, the results of the elections and overall awards will be announced. Mark is going to get "Crowd Control" neon-orange shirts. We're also going to have a raffle for something (last year, we raffled an iPod).

1:56 PM – Applause is given by the board and guests as the discussion about the convention schedule comes to an end.

2:03 PM – The meeting is adjourned.