

The Massachusetts Junior Classical League
Executive Board Meeting
April 8th, 2006
UMASS Amherst
Minutes Taken by Kerri Bisaga

In Attendance:

Yucong Ma, President 2005-2006
Vanessa Durand, First Vice-President 2005-2006
Tahisha Desir, Second Vice-President 2005-2006
Carissa Williams, Parliamentarian 2005-2006
Meseret Oldjira, Historian 2005-2006
Zack Sheppard, Technical Coordinator 2005-2006

State Chairs/Sponsors:

Janet Fillion, State Chair (Boston Latin Academy)
Marjorie Keeley, State Chair (Mt. Greylock Regional High School)

Guests:

Shan Wang, Mt. Greylock Regional High School
Audane Leger, Boston Latin Academy
Kerri Bisaga, Boston Latin Academy

Minutes:

9:54: The meeting is called to order by Connie.

9:55: Zack gives the Technical Coordinator's report:

- Problems with the officer e-mail accounts are still being worked out, and the cause of the dropped e-mails remains a mystery.
- Priority e-mails, however, have been worked out using each officer's personal e-mail addresses.
- The Minutes and the Chapter List have been updated on the website
- Professor Mertoock has agreed to be the unbiased judge of the chapter website contest.

10:00: Carissa moves to accept the Technical Coordinator's report, Tahisha seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

10:01: Meseret gives the Historian's report:

- She has received Abby Kelley's scrapbook.
- She is still looking for more material, including headshots from all the officers.

10:03: Carissa moves to accept the Historian's report, Vanessa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

10:04: Carissa gives the Parliamentarian's report:

- Carissa is gathering material for the Candidates Flyer at states, including questionnaires and headshots from all of the perspective officers.
- "Funny questions" have been successful, and she is still waiting for forms from a few candidates.

- There is still no candidate for Historian, and the only opposed office is Treasurer.
- 10:07: Open Forum questions can be created by each chapter after they have heard the candidate's speeches at General Assembly.
- Questions should be submitted after the first General Assembly on sheets which can be included in registration packets.
 - State of Emergency candidates will need to be added to the ballots if the situation arises, so ballots may have to be printed at the Convention.
 - Carissa and the other Officers will also provide questions.
 - Students staying outside the Hotel will have to submit their ballots early.
- 10:13: Zack moves to accept the Parliamentarian's report, Vanessa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 10:14: Tahisha gives the 2nd Vice-President's report:
- Tahisha has now completely recovered from the MassJCL Semi-formal in February.
 - Tahisha will help Carissa make up suitable questions for Open Forum.
 - Officers agree to make up questions to be answered by the candidates running for their own offices.
 - The questions submitted by chapters will be more general, and the questions submitted by Officers should be more specific to each job.
- 10:16: The question of who will ask the questions at Open Forum is raised
- Carissa will be able to ask questions to everyone but herself, so Tahisha will ask Carissa's questions.
- 10:17: Mesaret moves to accept the 2nd Vice-President's report, Carissa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 10:17: Vanessa gives the 1st Vice-President's report:
- Vanessa has been working on *Rome's Birthday on the Commons*, and has received a permit from the city.
 - Information about the event will be sent out through e-mails.
 - Students will read classical-themed poems, orations, ect. in the park , and Vanessa hopes to have a picnic-style meal, including a birthday cake for Rome.
 - Games will take place at the end of the day.
 - Vanessa is looking for the best place in the park to hold the event, preferably free of squirrels.
 - "Did You Know?" Pamphlets should be handed out.
 - Vanessa hopes to get some press coverage for the event.
- 10:22: Ms. Keeley suggests a She-Wolf piñata, but Vanessa tells us that the permit she got would not cover a piñata.
- 10:22: E-mails will be sent out to the sponsors, SCL members, and all liaisons to promote the event.
- 10:26: T-shirts have been ordered, but colors have had to be limited.
- T-shirts will end up costing about \$11 each, and will be sold for \$12.
 - Ms. Fillion proposes that Officers receive t-shirts for free.
- 10:29: Carissa moves to accept Ms. Fillion's t-shirt proposal, Ms. Keeley enthusiastically seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

- 10:31: Ms. Keeley moves to accept the 1st Vice-President's report, Carissa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 10:32: Connie gives the President's Report:
--Connie is setting up the goodie-bags for State Convention, and is still trying to solve the problem of actually getting *bags*.
--Ms. Keeley is looking into a lunch that will come in a tote bag, and maybe the same bags could be used for the goodie bags, or bags could be donated or purchased from the bookstore.
- 10:50: Food for convention is being organized; we will have a picnic-style lunch the first day, a barbecue style lunch the second day, and Italian food for dinner.
--The total price for food at the Convention will be about \$55.
- 10:52: Seating at the General Assembly should spread out the schools more.
- 10:56: Vanessa moves to accept the President's report, Tahisha seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 10:57: Microphones for the State Convention will be confirmed with the SCL.
- 11:01: An A.V. expert will be hired for *That's Entertainment*.
- 11:02: The quote for athletic facilities is \$1200, or \$500 if outdoor sports are rained out.
- 11:03: Registration tables will be set up differently to avoid disorganization, ten tables will be needed.
- 11:04: Lighting for *That's Entertainment* is also being set-up.
- 11:05: Evan will be arriving a little later than expected from Tennessee, probably around 3:00. This will make his first workshop impossible.
- 11:11: Plane, bus, and taxi schedules are discussed.
- 11:13: If Evan cannot make it to his first workshop, a revised schedule will have to be sent out as soon as possible.
- 11:14: Providing Evan with technology is discussed.
- 11:18: Tahisha moves to adjourn for lunch, Carissa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.
- 12:27: The Meeting is called to order by Connie.
- 12:31: Transportation of the Officers to the State Convention the night before is discussed; Ms. Fillion will bring Ryan, Tahisha, and Mesaret, and Parents will provide the rest of the Officers with transportation.
- 12:34: Ms. Keeley arrives and updates the Board on the transportation options for the delegates who will be staying at the Howard Johnson's off campus.
-Officers will not be staying in a suite Thursday night, and will eat at Burtucci's around 7 PM.
- 12:48: Art Registration is discussed:
--Tags for art will be different this year, and more people should help out at the registration tables.
--Helpers will be chosen from among the local chapter members who are familiar with the process.
- 12:58: Connie will check on the airline information for Evan.
- 12:59: All Sponsors will be sent information on voting delegates (4 per school), candidates, new and revised activities, what each local chapter should bring (pledge sheets, scrapbooks, community service and outreach reports.)

- 1:02: Officers exchange cell phone numbers and plan to use phones and walkie-talkies to stay in contact through the Convention.
- 1:03: Evan's Transportation is discussed.
--Connie checks the exact times of departure and arrival, and will contact the "Valley Transporter" as an option for getting Evan from the airport to the Convention.
- 1:04: Creative contests will not be the only option of filling up free-time in the afternoon; a campus tour and scavenger hunt are also available.
- 1:18: Ms. Keeley will report April 14 which rooms will host which activities, and an updated schedule will be made up.
- 1:20: Certamen Preliminaries
--Ten rooms, plus a central room will be needed, along with ten teachers to read questions.
--People to keep score and to run the machines will also be needed.
- 1:29: Officer descriptions will be due April 18.
- 1:30: Zack moves to adjourn the meeting, Carissa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.