

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive
Board Meeting
Saturday, May 29, 2010
Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Worcester
Transition Meeting - Minutes

I. Call to Order: 10:22am

II. Attendance: 10:25am

Board Members:

Grace Thomas – Current President, Previous First Vice President, LUN

Lucy Sinacola – Previous Second Vice President, Mass Academy

Casie Kelleher – Previous Secretary, AKF

Alyssa Tomkowicz – Current Publications Editor, Previous Treasurer, MTG

Tien Le – Old Historian, BLA

Emily Gallagher – Previous Publications Editor, AKF

Eda Kaceli – Current First Vice President, Previous Technical Coordinator, BLA

Christopher Hynds – Current Second Vice President, BLA

Samantha Collette – Current Secretary, LUN

Melinda Wang – Current Treasurer, BLS

Ned Kleiner – Current Parliamentarian, MTG

Emily Chang – Current Historian, BLS

Arivu Anukanth – Current Technical Coordinator, BLS

State Chairs:

Janet Fillion – BLA

Marjory Keeley – MTG

Guests:

Alex MacBeth – AKF

Ted Atkinson – SCL

Tamara Bauer – BLA

Regrets:

Michael Howard – Previous Parliamentarian

Zach Hall – Previous President

Absences:

Victoria Miklosky – state chair, BARNST.

III. Officer Reports: 10:25am

Eda – as Technical Coordinator:

- Built and updated website throughout year
- Sent updates for national contest starting in January (waiting on results)

Tien:

- Working on scrapbook(has chosen theme, finished cover, finding hinges)
- Will have finished product to Ms. Fillion by June

Miscellaneous: Dr. Nelson said that she was driving to nationals so she can take the scrapbook and a few other items, like for the bazaar and for spirit.

Alyssa – as Treasurer:

- Reports that she thinks we have more money than we've had in a while
- Thinks we should be able to pay for everything

Lucy:

- Worked on the spirit for 2009 Nationals
- Planned Snowball
- Coordinated dance at States
- Found out that the hotel we'd used for Snowball last year will only book with a meal option, so Chris will have to find a new location

Casie:

- Took notes
- Judged T-shirt contest

Emily:

- Made three news letters
- Judged for contests

Grace - as First Vice President:

- Judged publicity contest
- Planned classics day

Alyssa – as Publications Editor:

- Finding people for articles
- Basic stages
- Finding stationary

Ned:

- Looking over constitution

Sam:

- Taking notes

Chris:

- Brainstorming

- T-shirt day: wear state T-shirts
- Bleeding purple and gold: purple, duct tape number, sweatbands
- JCL on the frontier: cowboy hats, wild west theme
- To infinity and beyond: buzz light-year, rocket ship(inflatable?), pompoms
- Needs to book hotel for snowball

Eda – as First Vice President:

- Date for classics: December 9th
- Roman holiday theme: workshops on ludi games, spas, roman poets, roman baths, how Cicero spent his time in Athens traveling, science
- Has list of 30 professors/grad students to email/mail
- Wants to have interaction before skit on the movie Roman Holiday
- Thinking about key note speaker/workshop setup

Grace – as President:

- Finding place for state convention (talked about later in meeting)

IV. Review of State Convention 2010: 10:40am

Fri.

Arrival and registration:

- Overall, it went well, but as always it was overwhelming.
- Ms. Keeley said that not everything was given out and that it would be confusing for new people.
- Ms. Fillion thinks we need more people in charge to help out with keeping control of things. There was no order in giving out the keys.

Art project registration:

- We need to get more people to help out.

Contest registration:

- Ned said that it wasn't labeled well.
- Grace suggested we put up more signs next year.

Dinner:

- Meal choices were good.
- More vegetarian options should be available next year.

Open gym:

- Many people enjoyed the open gym time.
- We needed to have more supervision.
- There should be first aid at the concession stand for people who get hurt. Ice packs were needed.

Welcoming remarks/rules:

- Ms. Keeley thought it was good to have these at the beginning.

Academic Testing:

- Students need to sign up for what they want to take and take those tests only. A second registration will be sent out to teachers for tests only. They should overestimate the numbers for tests students will be taking so that they do not run out.
- The students taking ten tests will still be separated and will get their tests first so they can finish. If students say they are taking ten tests, they must take ten tests.
- Students will have ID numbers on their nametags that say their school, level of Latin and regular student ID number. These numbers will tell students what rooms they are in and proctors will check these to make sure students have gone to the right rooms. Proctors will have the tests before the students get into the rooms.
- There will be a traveling cart with extra tests if needed.
- Ted reports that the SCL has a new Scantron machine. These will be able to read the student ID numbers instead of people having to read handwriting.
- You must have taken Greek to be able to take the Greek test.

Sponsors' meeting:

- Ms. Keeley needed someone else to help run the event.
- Ms. Fillion said it wasn't clear enough as to what was happening.

Trip to Higgins Armory:

- Casie noted that it was pushed back because of academic testing. The timing wasn't great.

Cookies and games:

- It was agreed that it seemed to be running well.

That's Entertainment auditions:

- Ted thought that the auditions could have been pushed back.

Hypnotist Show:

- Everyone thought it went well.
- Ms. Keeley said it could have been moved to a different time because there wasn't enough to do on Saturday.

Sight reading/Dramatic interpretation meeting:

- Ms. Keeley said it worked out well being back-to-back with the sponsors' meeting.

Costume contest and Sight reading:

- Levels will change as to advanced tests. There will be separate prose and poetry contests.

Art judging:

- Mrs. Bauer thought it went as it should.

First General Assembly:

- Lucy noted that there needs to be a flag for when we recite the pledge.
- Alyssa thinks we should do the JCL song at all General Assemblies.
- Grace says that the candidates should sit in the front row to avoid waiting so long for people to get to the stage.

Chapter fellowship:

- Overall, went well.

Social time:

- The system of students either going to their rooms or staying downstairs should have been put in effect the first night. There was too much noise the first night.
- Students waiting for elevators became a problem. It was agreed that it was a little too strict.
- Next year will be different because the hotel in Hyannis only has two floors.

SCL mixer:

- Ted said that he had a good time, but more of the new seniors should have come.

Certamen meeting:

- Ted noted that not everyone went that should have.
- The room was hard to find and too small.

Call to floors/curfew:

- Most people agreed that it was fine.
- Mrs. Bauer said it was too late for some of the younger students and adults.

Sat.

Breakfast:

- Everyone said it was good.

Certamen moderators meeting:

- Ted said it went fine.

That's Entertainment auditions:

- Ted thought that the auditions could have been pushed back.

Open gym:

- Grace noted that the gym was opened too early. There were times when the gym was open and it shouldn't have been.
- The school and the custodian need to work together to fix the timing problem.

Judges meeting –

- It went fine.

Certament preliminaries:

-Melinda said people weren't sure where to go, but it went fine overall.

Olympika:

-The rain became a problem and not all events were done.

-Having different times made it confusing, but two heats are needed for conflicts.

Ludi:

-Lucy noted that she combined the open gym and ludi games, which worked out well.

Dramatic Interpretation:

-Emily said it went fine.

English Oratory:

-It went fine.

Art museum tour:

-Ms. Keeley said that there should have been signup sheets to make it more clear.

Lunch:

-The hot dogs were an issue for vegetarians, but everyone agreed that it was alright because the food was at least recognizable.

-The parents planning and making the food went great because they know what kids like.

Second General Assembly:

-It needs to be made clear that only two people are allowed to come up on stage for the roll call skits.

-The signups for the whole school contests needs to be made more clear as some schools were not recognized for entering.

Amendments Meeting:

-It went well and was quick.

Candidates Open Forum:

-It seemed like there were fewer questions and that it was shorter.

Ludi/Gladiator Games:

-The SCLers running the events needed to pay more attention. Students started to run games because they knew what was going on.

-This shouldn't be a problem next year because the people at Barnstable know how to run these events.

Voting Fellowship:

-There needed to be more time for voting because it ran into Impromptu Art.

Impromptu Art:

-Many of the judges didn't know how they were judging and didn't have the students stop when they asked questions.

Academic Finals:

-The way the academic finals are run needs to be more like certamen as it is supposed to be set up that way. There was too much stalling and looking at rules.

Open Gym: (Already been discussed)

Art Viewing:

-Some thought that the room should have been locked, but it needed to be open in order to get into the back. There can be someone there to make sure everything is going better.

Swimming:

-There wasn't enough time and students weren't getting there in time because there was only one bus.

-The bus situation as a whole became a bad thing where there weren't enough busses back and forth to the hotel and they had to send extra ones because not everyone was able to get back to the school. Some students were pushing and the drivers started yelling.

Dinner:

-Everyone liked the meal.

That's Entertainment Rehearsal:

-Ted said it went fine.

Ice Cream:

-Toppings need to be purchased ahead of time.

-The scoopers breaking became a problem.

-There will be different lines for the different flavors of ice cream next year. There will only be two of three flavors.

That's Entertainment/Rent-a-Roman Officer:

-Auditions will be announced so new people know what it is and can sign up.

-That's Entertainment ran well.

-Rent-a-Roman was chaos. Students need to be less rowdy when betting.

-Officers need to stay with their owners and help them with things. They cannot run off. A time limit will be set for how long officers must stay with their owners.

-The Second Vice President may not be sold because they need to run the dance.

Dance:

-The room was too small. The room at Barnstable is better.

- Some chaperones had different standards and were yelling at students for how they were dancing. Some students ended up leaving.
- Guidelines will be written up for future dances.

Karaoke:

- Karaoke needs to be set up on the same floor. This is not a problem with Barnstable.
- Overall, it went well.

Classical Art:

- Some Classical Art tests got mixed in with the academic tests and students were taking without the slideshow. This can be fixed next year.

Movie (Hercules):

- The version of the movie should have been specified as to which version is playing. Some students were confused.
- Lightning Thief or Clash of the Titans are choices for next year.

Social Time: (Already been discussed)

Ms. Keeley's new Fellowship concept:

- Students should have an opportunity to go back to the hotel to get extra sleep before certain late night events. Chaperones would make sure the kids are sleeping and not running around.
- Fellowships will be before these events.
- Shuttle loops will run.

Sun.

Shuttle with luggage:

- There need to be more shuttles running because of the luggage and space needed.

Breakfast:

- The meal was great.

Art pickup:

- There will be a person there to make sure things go smoothly.

Awards:

- The awards need to be done during breakfast like they are at Barnstable. People weren't able to be there all at once because of breakfast and space and it was chaos with people trying to get their awards.
- Awards will be read off, but students will get their ribbons from their sponsors after. Sponsors will be sent packets of the ribbons for their school.

Certamen Finals:

- The novice round went too long and pushed things back.
- Students need to stay for the whole round. Doors should not be opening and closing during the round.

Chariot:

- Barnstable has a real track, which works better.
- People were getting lost and the races were originally supposed to be somewhere else.

Toga parade:

- Schools need to be organized by size.
- Different schools were running into each other.

Lunch:

- This was one of the better last lunches.

SCL Lunch:

- Ted said it went fine.

Third General Assembly:

- It was hectic.
- Overall awards should be done then.

V. Lunch: 11:54

Return to meeting: 1:00pm

VI. State Convention 2011: 1:00pm

April 29th – May 1st at Barnstable

VII. Miscellaneous Agenda Items: 1:12pm

Calendar for future meetings:

July 10th – AKF

September 18th – Lunenburg

November 6th – Place TBA

January 29th (Snow Date February 5th) – Place TBA

April 9th – Barnstable?

Date for Voice Your School Day

September 25th: Lunenburg

- Voice Your School day will be a joint project for Secretary and Parliamentarian.
- At next meeting, a graphic art contest during VYS day or at another time will be discussed.

Levels:

-Level 4/5 becomes level 4+.

Greek test:

-You must have taken Greek to be able to take the Greek test.

-Levels of Greek will be put into place.

-The Greek test will focus on Greek language.

Subsidies for Nationals:

Treasurer report: \$4800 in bank

-\$2000 should be left after subsidies

Possibly 41 people are going to nationals.

\$1200 will be used to cover spirit fees.

12 board members - \$100 each subsidized

6 sponsors - \$50 each subsidized

Mr. Cox - \$100 subsidized

Ms. Keeley motions to pay above subsidies.

Grace Thomas seconds the motion.

Aye - all

Nay - none

Motion passes to pay above subsidies.

GT-EK: need to switch emails

Things we all need to do:

Old Board:

Eda:

-Contact Charles Hannigan(name?)

-Switch emails for old and new board

Emily:

-Assist Alyssa

-Send out last publications

Tien:

-Finish scrapbook

-Give scrapbook to Ms. Fillion

Alyssa:

-Be wrapped up by next meeting

-Give checkbook and other things needed to Melinda

Lucy:

-Send in community service to nationals (due June 1st)

Zach:

-Get walkie-talkies to Grace

New Board:

Arivu:

-Work on website

Alyssa:

-Work on Forum Factorum

Emily:

-Take pictures

Ned:

-Work on meetings at nationals

Melinda:

-Meet with Ms. Fillion for checkbook and treasurer things

Sam:

-Bring laptop to nationals

Chris:

-Get spirit props

-Tell everyone how much it costs (make sure its under certain amount, can't go over \$1200)

-Plan time and place for Spirit Party (Ms. Keeley suggests having it the afternoon of our July meeting.)

-Contact Ms. Keeley about costs

-Book hotel for Snowball

Eda:

-Send out letters about Classics Day

-Get things for Classics Day

-Get flyer out for September mailing

Arivu Anukanth motions to close the meeting.

Alyssa Tomkowicz seconds the motion.

Meeting closes at 1:57pm.