

## Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting

Held on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School

Minutes taken by Casandra Kelleher (Mass JCL Secretary 09-10)

In Attendance:

### **Executive Board Members:**

- Zachary Hall (Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School) Mass JCL President 09-10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 08-09
- Grace Thomas (Lunenburg High School) Mass JCL 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Treasurer 09-10
- Lucy Sinacola (Notre Dame Academy/Massachusetts Academy/Advanced Math and Science Academy) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 09-10, Historian 08-09
- Casandra Kelleher (Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School) Mass JCL Secretary 09-10
- Alyssa Tomkowicz (Mt. Greylocke Regional High School) Mass JCL Treasurer 09-10
- Emily Gallagher (Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School) Mass JCL Publications Editor 09-10
- Eda Kaceli (Boston Latin Academy) Mass JCL Technical Coordinator 09-10
- Tien Le (Boston Latin Academy) Mass JCL Historian 09-10
- Janet Fillion (Boston Latin Academy) State Chair

### **Guests:**

- Paula Luong (U-Mass Boston) NJCL Technical Coordinator 08-09, Mass SCL Webmaster 09-10
- Danthuy Chu (BLA) SCL Historian/Secretary
- Keavy Nagle-Murphy (Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School)

-Denzel Amador (Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School)

-Daina Estime (Boston Latin Academy) Mass JCL 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 08-09

-Patrick Burke (Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School) Mass JCL Parliamentarian 08-09

-Matthew Chan (Boston University Alumni) Mass JCL Secretary 03-04

-Jacob Meister (Princeton University/Boston Latin School) Mass JCL President 08-09

-Isaac Meister (Harvard College)

-Viet Luong (Needham High School)

### **Sponsors:**

-Anne Nelson (Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School)

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### **Minutes:**

10:32 Zachary Hall president calls the meeting to order and welcomes everyone to food and the school.

10:32 Officers reports

-Lucy says Scrapbook budget is \$150. The theme is people of power in the ancient world. It is going well.

-Grace classics day letters are drafted and needs to send them out. The theme heroes and villains in the ancient. It is going well. Jen Benson is going to help get proclamation from the governor. Also Lunenburg certamen money is going to start a scholarship to go for national. Candidates have to attend the tournament.

-Lucy 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President reports that the spirit party is smaller than last year and in the afternoon. It will not a entire meal. Possible venues Howten pond in Milton or purgatory chasm. Both have picnic tables and sitting area. She will call to reserve a place. Themes for Spirit days at nationals Tuesday "Aesop's Fables" Wednesday is about "Archimedes' Bath Time musings". Thursday "Purple and Gold Rush". Friday "Through the Clouds

to California”

Lucy signs with letters need to be more durable canvas boards with oil or acrylic paint used to do the letters paint wouldn't run

-Eda s(Technical Coordinator) She got the programs she needs for it. New additions photo gallery for all events. Keeping updates on the website letting people know what is going on. Colors gold-is or earth tone colors for website.

10:55 Zach Hall talks about the contacts list missing state chairs and sponsors info.

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11:01 Zach Hall leads into scholarships

11:02 Grace talks about Lunenburg Scholarship. Lunenburg will pick their winner first, then the state will choose so there will not be the same winner for both.

11:03 Zach makes a motion to pay for the packet fee for convention to Mr. Cox

Grace seconds it. No dissenting opinions

In favor: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

11:04: motions passes and we will send a check with a letter to Mr. Cox.

11:05 Zach leads into executive board members reimbursement for nationals

For adults teachers and new board subsidies \$100

11:06 Patrick speaks about parliamentarian. Elections went well. Constitution all done and he is sending it out this afternoon. He will send it to board members if they want it. All the amendments passed

11:09 State Convention Review

Friday: -arrival and registration. Comments no goodie bags

-Smooth registration not problem

-Contest registration good

Isaac Miester- if we make sure we have a roster for contests it helps decide judges. If registration goes really well then better number to give at judges meeting.

11:19 **-make a sign that says no sign up for ludi**

**- sign up for certamen.**

11:19- sign up for certamen to make things run smoother. Bumps with teams not showing up and random team signing up

-should be a certamen orientation. Certamen meeting essentially.

11:24 - dinner- issues with the amount of food

-need to inform people that seconds of food are not available

11:28- academic tests- typos. ran out of test. poor organization

-need to make extras

-name tags with numbers of test so to stop confusion

-registration is a list of names of people rooming and money contest and test registration will be due a month later.

11:37: arts judging and scrap book didn't have enough time

-Saturday might be a good day to get in judging

-some sponsors to judge during other events? 1<sup>st</sup> general assembly. SCLer's and sponsor split up the categories to judge.

-2 shifts for judging

-PTO from Barnstable to help judging? Or for something

Latin nonspecific

11:42 General Assembly missing creed and song. Organization there and agenda but people did there own thing so time got messed up. Lets do it ourselves.. Do it after pledge of allegiance

11:44: skit was inappropriate needs to be screened before by board or state chairs. Possibly cut out to make time for speeches. Video needs to show the school. Normal questions. Tour of the building with people acting it out.

11:47: signs to tell where things are.

11:48: have SCL officers introduced to keep new people to keep it fresh and interesting. Need to know what you are going to talk about in general assemblies. Binder with what you are going to say before hand. In previous years there has been a binder but people do not respect it. Each have our copy of the binder.

11:51: Graces suggests speeches for offices should be sent to the parliamentarian before hand and make rules about slander.

11:53: cookies and game

-not enough chairs, cookies, game, and broken games.

-lot of people there not enough game to people ratio and it was in the lobby which was not a good space. Replace this with the pool party.

-need other stuff to do at that time so one place isn't congested.

11:57: English oratory was run well but not a lot of people were there. Hard to find the room

11:58 sitcom night needs to have actual sitcoms

-poll of the website for sitcom night.

12:02 Zach makes a motion to break for lunch

Grace seconds

All agree no one abstains or object in the opinion of the board the motion passes.

12:35: Saturday breakfast. Food was a little strange.

12:36: certamen prelims. Lack of teachers and schools didn't show up after rounds because they lost. Solutions have certamen orientations, Isaac volunteers

12:40: Dramatic interpretation work on judging and organization

12:40: track and field- next year every one is going to run once and then people will run after certamen. Race against the clocks rather than have heats.

12:42: ludi and spirit games need more organizations. Unofficial SCLers need to not assume power that they do not have. Alyssa volunteers her schools dodge ball rules.

12:45 General Assembly 2 -went well, no comments.

12:45: constitutional amendment meeting ran smoothly

12:46: Open Forum needs to have more specific dress code. Patrick says he got comments that it was very long and suggests that there only be one question per officer from each officer.

12:49- voting fellowships no comments

12:51- Dinner was better than the other meals

12:51- make your own Sunday Zach says that there needs to be more toppings and Alyssa says that we should be more generous with the portion of the ice cream.

12:52- That's Entertainments needs better jokes and better stage placement. Some skits made people uncomfortable.

12:55- Dance needs more security and name tag enforcement. Isaac Meister suggests that the name tags color so they cannot be copied and people can sneak in. **Emphasize name tags in the packets** Ms. Fillion would like to get a breathalyzer to bring to the dance. Note from sponsor in order to leave campus. SCLers cannot authorize people leaving campus. Police officer on campus at the dance to discouraged to drink. No name tag you get sent to contest office. Photo id if no name tag or get confirmed by sponsor. Use PA system to call sponsors. Have the cops take care of the drinking issue when it arises.

-Zach still believes that there should be no exception for everyone and that everyone needs to stay on campus.

1:10- karaoke good

1:10- Classical Arts Contest worked very well.

1:10-Sunday- Breakfast and Awards Assembly better breakfast

1:12- Art Viewing needs to have more sponsor/adults there to make sure there is no vandalism.

1:13- Worm race - problem with a dirty track

1:15 - chariot contest went well. Jacob believes that Chariots should be held in a certain space and let everyone know where they are located.

1:17- Toga parade went well but needs to have better organization

-need to have pre-arranged order of schools in the parade.

-spacing between each school maintained

1:18- lunch was wonderful

1:18- need bigger room for SCL meeting.

1:25 - 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly

-people need to be respectful during the assemblies. Jacob stands by his call for decorum and was reiterating Ma Keeley and he was being diplomatic.

1:39 - advisors need to be backed up at convention when dealing with unruly kids

1:44- Isaac's Comments

-biggest problems was mapping the things that need to be done for contest for participants and judges it was tricky. He will write up a registration system that takes responsibility and stress Fillion. Database that is easy to use and says who does what. Prints out judges sheets. The computer determines the winners by the scores entered in. Basically a database of delegates and keeps track of their scores and ranks.

1:50 - Grace's Report

\$4650.35 account

-Trophies fell apart

Revise the way scores are settle

Spirit Fee \$25 if you already bought your t-shirt spirit fee \$13. Need this to be paid in the next 3 weeks. The sooner the better.

1:54 - Next meeting dates.

-July 2<sup>nd</sup> AKF 10-12 lunch then leave.

2:07 - Meeting is adjourned