

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting - Transitional Meeting
Held at Abby Kelley Foster in Worcester on Saturday, June 14th, 2008
Minutes by Grace Thomas, 07-08 Mass JCL Secretary

In Attendance:

Executive Board:

- Jacob Meister: 07-08 2nd Mass JCL Vice President, 08-09 Mass JCL President (BLS)
- Daina Estime: 08-09 Mass JCL 1st Vice President (Boston Latin Academy)
- Mark McNally: 07-08 Mass JCL 1st Vice President (Catholic Memorial High School)
- Zachary Hall: 08-09 Mass JCL 2nd Vice President (Abby Kelley Foster)
- Grace Thomas: 07-08 Mass JCL Secretary, 08-09 Mass JCL Treasurer (Lunenburg)
- Anthony Pan: 07-08 Mass JCL Treasurer (Boston Latin Academy)
- Patrick Burke: 08-09 Mass JCL Parliamentarian (Abby Kelley Foster)
- Lucy Sinocola: 08-09 Mass JCL Historian (Abby Kelley Foster)
- Michael Howard: 08-09 Mass JCL Publications Editor (Boston Latin Academy)
- Christopher Chan: 07-08 Mass JCL Publications Editor (Tewksbury Memorial)
- Paula Luong: 07-08 Mass JCL Technical Coordinator (Boston Latin Academy)

State Chairs/Sponsors:

- Janet Fillion: Mass JCL Co-Chair (Boston Latin Academy)
- Nancy Sinocola: Latin teacher (Advanced Math and Science Academy)
- Viet Luong: Sponsor, SCL Co-Advisor (Needham High School)

SCL:

- James O'Neill: SCLer (Bridgewater)

Guests:

- Casie Kelleher: Guest (Abby Kelley Foster)
- Khoi Nguyen: Guest (Boston Latin Academy)

Minutes:

10:09 AM – Meeting is called to order.

10:10 AM – Jacob Meister, the 08-09 Mass JCL President, explains to the board his expectations of us and our duty to the organization.

10:15 AM – Officer reports are given, if anyone has one. Mark McNally, the Mass JCL07-08 1st Vice President, says that only BLA will be entered in the publicity contest at the national convention.

10:24 AM – Zachary Hall, the 08-09 Mass JCL 2nd Vice President, brings the topic of the Spirit Party to the table. As of now, Sunday, July 13th from 4-6 PM at Houghton's Pond is looking ideal. For spirit at nationals, Zach already has some ideas for the themes. On Hometown Heroes/State T-Shirt Day, trash bags could act as capes. We could also wear breast cancer pins and rainbow flags. Firemen and police men suits could also display this theme. On "JCL. It's out of this world!" Day, Zach was thinking of a planetary theme, e.g. alien costumes. On Purple and Corn Day, props such as gardening tools,

purple and gold t-shirts, hoolah shirt (to act as husks of corn), and popcorn sashes could work. On the Day in Old Rome, we would wear togas and use noodles etc.

10:34 AM – Paula Luong, the 07-08 Mass JCL Technical Coordinator, won the state website contest. Paula has decided to run for NJCL Technical Coordinator. The board votes to accept her decision, and the motion passes.

10:38 AM – SCLers need approximately \$900, the meeting's lunch is \$300, Jacob needs about \$130, and BHS needs about \$4700. With that in mind, national subsidies will be approximately \$60. Jacob proposes the motion to make \$60 the subsidy, and the motion passes.

10:45 AM – The topic of the Forum Factorum is started. Ideas such as packaging the last and first issue together and considering the Convention Ear as another issue are discussed. They will be explored in further detail at a later date.

10:55 AM – The Boston University Classics Day will be Thursday, January 15th, 2009. The theme is, "People in power in the ancient world."

10:57 AM – Jacob shows us his Fellowship Feedback Form (FFF). It would be given at the beginning of the day to each school, so they can rate events throughout the day.

11:01 AM – Jacob passes out an agenda of this past state convention. Talk of the state convention begins. Behavior problems need to be addressed later on. Attendance was approximately the same as the year before.

11:10 AM – Arrival and registration was fairly organized and ran smoothly. Contest registration was very organized, especially with the BHS students who knew their way around. Separate rooms were a good idea, and it made it much less hectic than last year. Next year, we should mark off the tickets to show that artwork has been judged. Judges need more time to consider criteria. More teachers need to be assigned. We need to remember to break up art work by levels, as appropriate. Judges need to respect the final decision of levels given by Viet Luong. James and Viet will go through the art rooms last-minute to double-check and approve of grading.

11:28 AM – That's Entertainment was, by general consensus, run well.

11:28 AM – The Friday night dinner of shepherd's pie was received badly. Next year, no ground beef the first night. It doesn't sit well in the stomachs of tired JCLers.

11:34 AM – At the General Assembly (GA) Friday night, candidates need to know about the time limit for speeches. The award-giving for pre-convention contests went well. The treasurer needs to stay at registration to collect money for toga parade etc. There should be an announcement for a designated person at a designate area, so schools can drop off money for the toga parade pledge etc.

11:39 AM – Academic testing may be moved to Friday night due to lack of judges for creative arts that evening. Make sure that costumes are hand-made and receipts are given for the costume contest. Possibly moving the fellowship before the pool party and movie was an idea given. This would allow less shuttle bus traffic.

11:47 AM – The SCL mixer went well and was fun. It wasn't overpowering, but it also allowed mingling to occur.

11:48 AM – On to Saturday. The swimming contest was disorganized. Next year, there needs to be stopwatches.

11:51 AM – The board breaks for lunch.

12:37 PM – The board resumes the meeting.

12:38 PM – By general consensus, breakfast was deemed alright.

12:40 PM – Some delegates could not go to both olympika and academic testing. Olympika was cold, rainy, and uncomfortable, but it was run fairly well.

12:45 PM – At the Constitutional Amendments Meeting, people don't take good notes. Next year, we should give copies of the changes in the constitution and an explanation of their importance to the sponsors. Sponsors can read it over during fellowship.

12:27 PM – Lunch was alright, as was roll call. More questions need to be serious at the open forum, as well as in the Convention Ear. Candidates must be at Open Forum if they wish to represent themselves. State chairs MAY NOT sit in for candidates.

12:53 PM – Voting needs to be kept quiet. On the form, abstinence must be explained.

1:00 PM – Grace Thomas suggests moving certamen preliminaries 15 minutes later, so Open Forum won't conflict with it.

1:02 PM – Dinner was superb (pasta bar night). If there is anyway to make the ice cream less hard or have it delivered earlier, that would be wonderful. Also, the officers should exhibit some sense of decorum.

1:03 PM – Rent-A-Roman will be moved to immediately after That's Entertainment. Unless the buyer says otherwise, stay with your master until the beginning of fellowship.

1:08 PM – For the Classical Art Contest, the projector wasn't working; consequently, the test was only 5 questions. We need to talk to the technical manager about this; we paid for it.

1:12 PM – The dance was deemed inappropriate. Adults need to be stricter. No sex, no alcohol, no drugs. Board members should also have the right to use their judgment.

1:17 PM – Karaoke was GREAT. Many people enjoyed it, rather than just standing around.

1:18 PM – On Sunday, there were no problems with the drop-off. The awards assembly and the certamen finals both ran smoothly. At Academic Finals, the questions should be mixed, not by category.

1:22 PM – Impromptu art was good. There needs to be an announcement at breakfast about it.

1:23 PM – A few more proctors are needed to keep an eye on projects at the art viewing.

1:25 PM – Overall, Ludi and spirit games were run well. Ultimate Frisbee didn't happen, though. There needs to be more signs and announcements.

1:27 PM – Both the worm and the chariot races ran fairly smooth. Winchester's chariot was misplaced due to confusion. An email should be sent the week before states to schools that the chariots will be transported by a van at convention.

1:31 PM – The communication during the Toga Parade needs to be better. Once the Toga Parade rubrics are made, the 2nd VP should print copies of it. Tell the first school to go slower, so judges have time to think. Give the spirit parade route to the publications editor, so s/he can print it in morning edition. Also, there needs to be more separation between the schools.

1:33 PM – Lunch was deemed a success. A bigger room needs to be reserved for the slasher luncheon.

1:36 PM – For the final GA, there needs to be a buffer zone to unpack medals. The officers will leave lunch early to do this.

1:38 PM - Certamen should not be in fellowship rooms.

1:40 PM - At concession stand, there should be a master schedule.

1:42 PM – Ms. Sinocola voices her opinion about the BHS “Ecce Pinus” shirts. She believes that they are inappropriate, especially with 6th graders around. Officers should be able to tell other delegates who are dressed inappropriately. Dress code will be brought up at another meeting, along with an optional local t-shirt contest for spirit.

1:47 PM – Rebecca Gwaltney, 07-08 Mass JCL President, tells Mark McNally to deliver her message to the meeting in absentia. She believes that Winchester should be approached about their serious lack of behavior. The cross at the toga parade, the throwing of food, the vandalized BHS property, the opened lockers, the guy in a girls'

room, and the girl in a guys' room are just some of the instances that were and still are problematic. The future of Winchester will be discussed at our next meeting.

1:55 PM – Saturday, August 9th, 2008 will be a tentative date for our next meeting. It will be held at Barnstable High School from 10-2.

1:58 PM – Grace motions for the meeting to adjourn, and Patrick seconds. The motion passes, and the meeting is adjourned.