

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, July 7, 2012
Lunenburg Public Library

I. Called to order: 10:20 am

II. Attendance: 10:22 am

Board Members:

Rahi Punjabi-	President	AMSA
Maddie Kilgannon-	1 st Vice President	BLS
Katelin Marchand-	2 nd Vice President	MG
Jason Rowley-	Secretary	LUN
Ava Violich-	Historian	BLS
Joana Jankulla-	Publications Editor	BLA
Jeffrey Dubuisson-	Technical Coordinator	BLA

State Chairs:

Anne Nelson	AKF
Tamara Bauer	Barnstable
Janet Fillion	BLA
Nancy Sinacola	AMSA

Guests:

N/A

Absent:

Emma McMahan	Parliamentarian	Barnstable
Aaron Ziemer	Treasurer	MG
Viet Luong	State Chair	BLA

III. Reports: 10:25 am

Treasurer: Aaron Ziemer

- Email him for check requests for reimbursements (Spirit party, mailing fees, etc.).
- On many events in the past year we lost more money than we made.

Secretary: Jason Rowley

- The minutes are up on the website from the Transitional Meeting.
- Currently typing the notes for this meeting and plans to get those minutes out in a punctual fashion.

Parliamentarian: Emma McMahan

- Added the amendments that were passed during State Convention to the Constitution.
- Sent Rahi the updated copy of the Constitution passed on May 1, 2012.

Historian: Ava Violich

- Sent emails out for more pictures.
- Does not have contact information for many historians from smaller schools for pictures to be entered in the National scrapbook.
- Pondering whether or not to do traditional or digital scrapbook for the National Scrapbook.

Publications Editor: Joana Jankulla

- Mailed out the first copy of the Forum Factorum two weeks ago.
- Debating adding color to the front and back of the Forum Factorum because of the price.
- Send her comments that you have in regards to the first publication.
- Planning to add captions for the pictures and a letter from the MassJCL President.
- Got positive feedback from the Board concerning the invitations from actual students encouraging JCLers to go to events.
- Was thinking about Emma writing a letter for running for office.

Technical Coordinator: Jeffrey Dubuisson

- Putting up the minutes from the Transitional Meeting ASAP.
- Organizing states tests, state test keys, and the results for contests to put up on the website.
- He is working on the archive section of the website.
- Wants to add information about different events by adding pictures with captions and a brief description of the event (blurb). This includes dates and the location.
- Adding links from the MassJCL website to classical sites.
- Adding National Convention pictures to the website after the National Convention.

President: Rahi Punjabi

Spirit Party:

- Thinks that there was enough food and that the party turned out great.
- Middle schoolers wanted something to do if they didn't want to swim. Add a board game for the Middle Schoolers in the future.
- Lifeguard wasn't present at the party, but the water wasn't deep and there were enough swimmers to look out for each other.
- Human knot activity worked out well.

Reimbursements:

- Board members should not abuse the power of reimbursements because they are purely meant for events, printing, and mailing.
- Save your receipts, then before you give them to the treasurer or state chair circle to the total on the receipt.

First Vice President: Maddie Kilgannon

Classics day:

- Thursday, December 6, is the date for Classics Day.
- Got a new list of professors from Ms. Fillion at the beginning of the meeting.

- Already received a list of Boston University professors from Professor Sculley listing which professors have done workshops during Classics Day in the past.
- She has only emailed BU professors but they are not responding to the emails because they do not check their work emails during the summer. The earliest they will get back to her would be at the beginning of the school year.
- She wants most of the activities to be interactive so that students are interested.
- Has an idea about organizing a workshop comparing ancient music to modern music. She set up a MassJCL YouTube account for cheers and publicity.
- SCL judging the skits and sending out the rubric to schools ahead of time. The rubric should pertain to how: well rehearsed, funny, original, entertaining, audibility, the school keeps to the time limit, and even the audience's reaction.
- There should be a definite 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the Classics Day skit contest.

Publicity:

- Has an idea for a new contest for schools to advertise the classics at their school. Schools will make an 8x11 flier which encourages students to join and support JCL.
- This new publicity project could be sent off in the mailing packet as a “first project” so that schools know where to start.
- December 1st could be the date by which posters should be submitted.
- Another idea for a new publicity contest could be having schools broadcast videos on YouTube to promote JCL at their schools. The video could be advertised on the flier.
- Adding a list of projects that count for publicity in the September mailing packet?
- Disparity of effort in publicity contests.

Second Vice President: Katelin Marchand

Nationals Spirit Days:

- Friday: JCL my better half. Matching t-shirts. Standing next to someone with the same colored shorts or shoes?
- Saturday: Wright Day. Dress up as the Wright brothers. She bought old fashion planes. Ordered all of the supplies. Planning to paint the bowler caps purple. Everyone will wear purple and gold. Needs to contact people to wear purple and gold. People need to tell her who needs State t-shirts and email back if they do have t-shirts or not. Sponsors need to make sure the parents get the emails.
- Sunday: JCLers are Kreme of the Krop. She has received the Krispy Kreme hats and is making the black t-shirts. Iron on t-shirts the designs are going onto the black t-shirts (donuts). She has two giant inflatable donuts. Repainting signs with a design that she made herself. The sign has a donut

that is getting progressively eaten with each letter of MassJCL being a sign. Needs to order the t-shirts for the iron ons.

- Monday: Live life in the Past Lane. NASCAR-based toga parade; she ordered checkered flags that are used at the end of races for us to walk with in the parade. NASCAR sponsors could be printed on a sign and could be Romanized. Cardboard cutout of a car for a MassJCLer to walk with. Makeshift chariot with teams and the colors of the different teams during Roman times to pull the chariots. Needs to get face paints, flattened cardboard boxes, a flag pole for state flag, and 70 togas from Mrs. Miller so that students don't have to bring their own to Nationals. Officers leading the toga parade all have to be facing the same direction as the walkers so that everyone turns the same way. In the parade we need to focus on body movements because they look better and more unified than us all shouting a cheer.
- Role call skit: Was thinking of using a popular song and reworking the lyrics. Already has two volunteers to sing that song. Olympics or spider-man? Roman election because of the presidential elections?

Snow Ball:

- She was looking at a new venue for the Snow Ball across from the museum of science.

State Chairs: Anne Nelson, Tamara Bauer, Janet Fillion, Nancy Sinacola, and Viet Luong

- They had a meeting on June 23 at which they went over contest rules and are updating them to be like rubrics at Nationals.
- Were discussing that maybe Academic Finals should be cancelled because students interested in certamen would be playing certamen instead of academic finals.
- Maybe the winners of skits at events should receive points for their school at State Convention.

IV. Contest Rules:

11:47 am

- We should not have projects monthly because it puts too much pressure on the sponsors.
- The Community Service Contest should not be judged on the best because it has a variety of meaning. It should be judged on the amount of hours times the number of people.
- The Community Service Contest should be primarily based on volunteerism for the community, not drives for clothes or food. But preparation hours for the drive, the time it took to advertise (making signs), and dropping off the items should be accepted for drive. Drives and non-drives should be broken into two different categories.
- Rahi Punjabi moves to drop the Academic Finals from the State Convention and to solely count hours for the Community Service Contest. Jeffrey Dubuisson seconds the movement. The movement passes.

- No single person can do community service alone and will be defined as an activity through your Latin club with a group of three or more JCL members.
- Wearing your JCL t-shirts during the Community Service will give the group extra credit. Wearing t-shirts while doing community service can promote publicity and should be worth one point per t-shirt while promoting to a different group of people (not to the same people of non-JCLers who saw the t-shirt the last time you volunteered).
- We need to send in everything we do to Nationals no matter how small because that is what other states do.
- At State Convention we should get a room in which school Publicity Binders are kept and only allow any local Board members and local sponsors to view the publicity binders.

V. Fall Forum /Voice Your School Day:

12:49 pm

- Should we revive the event? The first year had a very successful turnout.
- The main idea of Voice Your School Day was to make your chapter more active in JCL but it all falls onto the shoulders of the Latin teacher to make the chapter active.
- Maybe there should be two or three workshops at events such as at the Kickoff Event so that students are not bored. Adding a workshop to advertise what a prize winning scrapbook or website looks like.
- We could just add workshops to the events that we already have because adding another event would mean another day that students are dedicating to JCL and would mean that they would have to organize rides and not as many students would show up to other events.
- Not all the officers should run a workshop at each event.
- Scrapbook should be viewable at each event.

VI. September Mailing Packet:

1:03 pm

- The September Mailing Packet should include a calendar, information about Snowball, Kickoff, Certamen (all of the tournaments), and Classics Day. All of this information should be able to fit one double-sided piece of paper. Including new schools to JCL in the list of schools involved in MassJCL.
- There will be a flier in about convention and what happens at convention to interest new schools.
- At the end of the Certamen section there will be a State chair's contact information so if a sponsor has a question about certamen they can contact the chair for answers.
- Flier about the website and directions on how to construct a link to MassJCL.org.
- Ms. Bauer is planning on collecting all the registration money for events and is dropping off the money at the bank.
- Include the dates of the Board Meetings.

VII. Other Business:

1:20 pm

State Convention Survey Feedback:

- There were 120 Survey results from students.
- Question 1: Was this your first State Convention? Majority of responders answered no.
- Question 2: Did you access the MassJCL website or the MassJCL Twitter account during Convention? The majority of responders answered no.
- Question 3: Please rate the quality of your meals. According to responders Friday night sandwiches and chips and the Sunday morning cereal, bagels, and Pop Tarts were not satisfactory. To solve this problem we could add a cookie, brownie, or a pickle to the Friday night meal.
- Question 4: How do you rate your experience at the following events?
Family feud wasn't enjoyed as much as other events because people were comparing it to the hypnotist from the previous years and didn't find it as entertaining. The Hypnotist will be booked every two or three years. Further results stated that GA and fellowship were too long, but maybe we can make them shorter. The Amendments meeting was not effective because officers were expressing their view on the amendment and the proposed amendments were not explained effectively. Open Forum was not as useful as it has been in the past because the questions did not help them know the officers. Responders thought the questions should be more direct and not be funny, and maybe the audience should ask the questions.

Friday:

- Maybe there should be workshops on Friday night after tests instead of the Hypnotist or Family Feud. If that changes the Hypnotist or Family Feud could be scheduled for during the dance.

Saturday:

- Swimming Olympika should be better scheduled because delegates did not know where to be at what time. Fewer people were in the pool last year than in previous years.
- Maddie Kilgannon volunteered to run Swimming Olympika at this year's State Convention and will make a schedule that will be used at that State Convention and at the future State Conventions.
- Move Dramatic Interpretation and English Oratory to Saturday. Art contests overlapped and artists who entered more than one piece of art were disappointed because they could only be at one of the contests. In the future the Art Contests should not be scheduled to overlap as much.
- There needs to be more supplies for Impromptu art. Maybe opening a second room so that more students can attend (many students were turned away from joining because the event is so popular and the amount of students allowed was twenty-six).
- Less overlapping events: On Saturday morning the schedule was too full because Certamen and Olympika overlapped and the afternoon was sparse of activities because the afternoon usually revolves around the Amendments meeting and Open Forum so students had nothing to do but wait around. The delegates running for a State office need to sacrifice an

event if running for that office means something to them. Olympika should be in the morning so that after the events are completed they can ride on a bus loop back to the hotel to shower. Certamen should overlap lunch and be towards the afternoon so the delegates participating have the morning to study and prepare.

- Olympika should have been more serious with the timing.
- All the Board members do not have to be at Open Forum and the Amendments meeting.
- The Classical Art test was disorganized because the proctors didn't have a room.
- Surveyors suggested adding more gladiator games and want dodge ball replaced with gladiator games. The gladiator games should be in the gym and the Astro Park. Add more gladiator weapons so there can be more participants.
- The Club T karaoke should be improved because the DJs were playing music in between Karaoke when attendees should have been singing.
- There needs to be a better movie next year because Percy Jackson was repeated this year and many delegates were disappointed.
- There needs to be cleaner dances and there also needs to be cleaner music at the dance. There needs to be a clean-up crew organized to clean up after the dance.

Sunday:

- Teachers should receive the ribbons that are to be awarded to students. Many delegates were disappointed because it was rushed and students who were supposed to receive ribbons missed it and never received their ribbons. There should be a posting of the awards so delegates can know how they did and if they received a reward.
- There should be an alternative to the dance and the movie such as a Game Night instead with the Karaoke online and you should be able to hang out.

Other:

- Officers should be taken out of the count for lunch and the food for the officers should be bought before State Convention and should be stored for them in the Cave. There should be an adult Cave for adults to eat, relax, and take a break.
- A copy of the map and schedule should be posted on a wall in the school and should be in the packet that all delegates receive. Should the packet be made smaller so that it is used more often and be more portable?
- There were mobs at the buses when delegates were returning to the hotel at night. The SCL should help out in the future. There should be tickets with Classical pictures on them so that only delegates with that ticket can get on the bus that Classical picture on it. There needs to be at least ten adults watching on Saturday night to handle the tickets and the delegates. Maybe at the first GA meeting there should be a skit about how to board the bus the right way and the wrong way.
- Delegates need to throw their trash away!

- Overall everyone really enjoyed State Convention this year and it was well organized.

Chorus at State Convention:

- Just like at Nationals there will be a chorus at State Convention with a few rehearsals.
- Ms. Bauer's friend would be happy to run the chorus.

Alterations of Future Meetings and Locations:

- The November 17th Board meeting at Franklin High School has been changed to November 17th at Boston Latin School.

Jason Rowley moves to close the meeting.

Jeffrey Dubuisson seconds the movement.

VIII. Meeting adjourned

2:25 pm