

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting

Held at the Lunenburg Public Library on Saturday, September 15, 2007

Minutes taken by Grace Thomas (2007-2008 Secretary)

In attendance:

Board Members:

- Rebecca Gwaltney (Notre Dame Academy) 2007-2008 President
- Mark McNally (Catholic Memorial High School) 2007-2008 1st Vice President
- Grace Thomas (Lunenburg Schools) 2007-2008 Secretary
- Anthony Pan (Boston Latin Academy) 2007-2008 Treasurer
- Maria Centeio (Boston Latin Academy) 2007-2008 Historian
- Paula Luong (Boston Latin Academy) 2007-2008 Technical Coordinator

State Chairs/Sponsors:

- Ms. Fillion (Boston Latin Academy) State Chair
- Ms. Sinocola (Abby Kelley Foster) Sponsor

Guests:

- Zach Hall (Abby Kelley Foster)
- Carissa Williams (Lunenburg Schools) NJCL Parliamentarian

Minutes:

10:19 – Becca Gwaltney, Mass JCL President, calls the meeting to order, and starts the meeting off with her officer report. She has been working on the September Packet; they're nearly ready to be sent out to schools.

10:20 – Mark McNally, 1st VP, has been contacting multiple people about giving workshops for Classics Day, and 8 have responded.

10:21 – Anthony Pan, the treasurer, has stated that there is \$4797 in the Mass JCL account, not counting out-standing checks. He will check how much money there is after the checks.

10:22 –Michaella Reif, the 2006-2007 Historian, gave Maria, the current historian, a portfolio to store away all memorabilia throughout the year. Maria has yet to talk to Ms. Fillion about scrapbook ideas, but is on a good path.

10:23 – Paula Luong, Mass JCL's techie, has placed photos on the site as well as the new Forum Factorum. The NJCL website contest date has been postponed; therefore, we have to wait to start the MA website contest. On a final note, the rules and registration for Mass JCL must go onto the site.

10:31 – Ms. Fillion has gotten the stationary for the executive board. To register as a chapter in Mass JCL, there will be an Excel spreadsheet, which Paula will put on the website.

10:34 – Catapult Contest:

- As Ms. Keeley is absent, Ms. Fillion tells the board that Ms. Keeley has already sent out registration forms to all teachers for the Kick-Off Event on October 20th. Boston Latin Academy has already told her that they are bringing a bus of 55 people.
- Maria will staff the bazaar table.
- There will be no museum this year; it is already booked. Instead, there will be a special presentation from Doug Ryan as a speaker on Roman weapons.
- Possible skit ideas: We could poke fun at everyone's job on the board. We could joke about "freaking". Also, we could have a "10 years later" kind of thing. Email Becca the ideas.

10:49 – Classics Day:

- There are 2 more spaces for presenters for workshops.
- The forms are made; we are just waiting for responses.
- Flyers are going out to teachers in the end of september.
- It is on December 7th.

10:55 – Rules:

- Multimedia: Borrowed music can only comprise 10% or 30 seconds of the total time. Individual composition is fine.
- Publications – You only need to send one copy of each issue, not three. Any issues already sent for the deadlines will make it unnecessary to send again. The deadline has been changed to April 1st.

11:09 – There will be a semi-formal dance this year at the same place as before, the John Hancock Center, in March. Clearer directions will be given this year. The DJ was well-liked by all.

11:16 – Make-a-difference Day: It is on Saturday, October 27th. This will be a chapter thing. The board will promote it at the Catapult Contest.

11:22 – Noah Young: He can make it to Classics Day. Mark thinks it will be beneficial to many; he would do a workshop on maintaining a website. We need to pay for his plane ticket, however. Classics Day's theme is technology. All state officers are in favor of bringing in Noah. After making the decision that we aren't going to invite any national officers to state convention, the decision of Noah coming to Classics Day is finalized.

11:39 – Ms. Fillion brings up the issue of decisions via email is not smart. Discussion is needed for serious items.

11:41 – Grace Thomas, Mass JCL secretary, needs to give thanks for the free stationary.

11:43 – Anthony states that there is \$3500 in the Mass JCL account.

11:48 – We will show the "fun" video at Classics Day, seeing as the NJCL deadline for Nationals is right after our state convention. The movie will be shown in the beginning. Carissa and Noah, both members of the NJCL Executive Board, will give an invitation to go to Nationals.

11:59 – Outreach to New Chapters:

We will get a group, composed of board members, sponsors, and JCL members, to go to new schools or inactive schools in attempt to make them join or become active.

- We'll:

1. Talk about the fun and academic aspect of JCL
2. Give personal experience
3. Show the "fun" video

4. Discuss the events
5. Explain why it's "awesome"
6. Show pictures of winners
7. Have people give speeches
8. Give a clear list of deadlines. (November 3rd is the deadline for Classics Day deadline. Late fee is \$10. November 7th is the late deadline.)
9. Show past Forum Factorum.
10. Show scrapbooks.
11. Bring a state sponsor why they spend so much time in JCL
12. Give the details of each office
13. Bring a certamen buzzer so they can have some fun

- Schools and who will visit them:

1. Acton-Boxboro – Becca, Maria, Anthony, Paula
2. Bancroft School – Grace, Becca, Mark
3. Dougherty Memorial High School – Zack, Ms. Sinocola, Maria, Becca
4. Fitchburg High School – Grace, Carissa, Becca, Paula
5. Leominster High School – Grace, Carissa, Anthony, Becca
6. Lowell High School – Becca, Maria, Anthony
7. Lynnfield High School – Chris, Becca, Anthony
8. Mansfield High School – Becca, Mark, Paula, Maria
9. Pittsfield High School – David, Ms. Keeley
10. Sacred Heart – Becca, Chris, Jacob, Anthony
11. St. John's Preparatory School – Grace, Mark, Becca
12. St. Bernard's – Grace, Carissa, Becca, Mark

13. Groton School – Grace, Becca, Chris
14. BC High – Becca, Mark, Maria
15. Notre Dame in Worcester – Becca, Mark
16. Gardner High School – Grace, Carissa, Becca
17. Worcester Academy – Grace, Zach, Ms. Sinocola, Becca

12:15 – The board breaks for lunch.

1:21 – Meeting is re-adjourned.

1:43 – The board members put together the September packet. They're, now, ready to go.

2:27 – Meeting adjourned