

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting

Held Saturday, January 6th, 2007 at UMass Amherst

In Attendance:

Executive Board Members:

Vanessa Durand, President 2006-2007

Charlie Burke, First Vice President 2006-2007

Carissa Williams, Second Vice President 2006-2007

Grace Laidlaw, Secretary 2006-2007

Rebecca Gwaltney, Treasurer 2006-2007

Audane Leger, Parliamentarian 2006-2007

Zack Sheppard, Technical Coordinator 2006-2007

State Chairs/Sponsors:

Janet Fillion (Boston Latin Academy)

Marjorie Keeley (Mt. Greylock Regional High School)

Guests:

Tahisha Desir (Boston Latin Academy)

Jared Hicks (Boston Latin Academy)

Paula Luong (Boston Latin Academy)

Ryan Manning (SCL)

Minutes:

10:25- Vanessa calls the meeting to order.

10:26- Zack gives the technical coordinator's report. He has been updating the state website regularly and has been in touch with the national technical coordinator about the state website competition. He has also noticed persistent problems with the officer e-mail system. In order to reduce spam and make it easier for officers to access e-mail, Mr. Hannigan has suggested that we stop accessing officer e-mail through the state website and instead switch to Gmail accounts. The officers discuss, and Zack agrees to create the new accounts.

10:31- Audane gives the parliamentarian's report. She congratulates Carissa on running for national office and gives her the necessary paperwork.

10:33- Rebecca gives the treasurer's report. She reports that we have about \$10,000 in the MassJCL account. Ms. Fillion moves to use some of the money to pay off the debt of \$2000 that we owe to UMass for last year's convention. Mrs. Keeley seconds, and the motion passes.

10:35- Vanessa gives the president's report. She has booked a location for the MassJCL semiformal and has finished the (tentative) schedule for State Convention.

10:36- Ms. Keeley gives the chair's report. She is working out a contract with Barnstable High School for this year's State Convention and asks for a copy of the contract that Chair Miklosky signed with the hotel in Cape Cod.

10:39- Ms. Fillion gives the next chair's report. She discusses fellowships for new teachers coming to State Convention, and asks whether there should be an application process for teacher scholarships, which are currently awarded automatically. Vanessa postpones discussion until the "new business" section of the meeting.

10:45- Grace gives the secretary's report. She passes out copies of last meeting's minutes for the officers to review and accepts changes to the minutes.

10:55- Zack moves to accept the minutes as revised. Carissa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

10:56- Charlie moves to accept the officer reports. Rebecca seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

10:57- Vanessa begins to review the schedule for Convention, beginning with Friday. She takes questions and makes a few minor changes. She also makes note of several possible problems to check up on.

11:08- Vanessa moves on to the discussion of Saturday's activities. The board reviews the times and locations of various events and the busing schedule. They ultimately decide to move a few creative contests to Friday night in order to make Saturday less hectic. A slight revision of Friday

night's schedule results.

11:35- The board begins discussing rooming assignments for Convention and agrees to give delegates whose rooming preferences cannot be accommodated the option of rooming with people they may not know or paying extra to stay in rooms with fewer people than the hotel is willing to accommodate.

11:45- The board discusses the schedule for Sunday of Convention and makes a few minor changes.

12:01- The board breaks for lunch.

12:45- The board reconvenes and begins discussing the price of this year's State Convention. Mrs. Keeley moves to charge teachers \$100 to attend. Carissa seconds, and the motion passes.

12:54- The board decides to announce the plan for certain middle and high schools to combine at Convention in the annual convention packet.

1:01- The board discusses Convention contests and decides not to color-code academic tests this year.

1:04- The board assembles committees to judge pre-convention contests.

1:08- Carissa proposes using compatibility surveys as a fundraiser at Convention. There is general agreement.

1:11- Vanessa introduces the possibility of a school can drive contest for state trophy points at Convention.

1:17- The board discusses other Convention ideas, including team-building games and friendly competitions.

1:25- Vanessa briefs the officers on the plans for this year's MassJCL semi-formal. It will take place on Saturday, March 10th at the John Hancock Hotel and Conference Center in Boston. There will be both a DJ and a live band. The board debates ticket prices. There is some question as to whether the price of the dance will exceed ticket revenues. A discussion ensues.

2:00- Vanessa moves to proceed with the dance and negotiate her price as best she can so long as she can convince one quarter of the delegates necessary to break even with the cost of the dance to commit to attending in advance and prepay their full ticket costs by Wednesday, January 24th. Carissa seconds. The motion passes.

2:11- Ms. Fillion asks Grace to send out an e-mail reminding schools to send in submissions for this year's state T-shirt contest by Friday, January 26th.

2:15- Charlie moves to adjourn the meeting. Rebecca seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.