

Massachusetts Junior Classical League Executive Board Meeting
Held Sunday, November 19, 2006 at the Lunenburg Public Library

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

Kerri Bisaga, Newsletter Editor 2006-2007

Audane Leger, Parliamentarian 2006-2007

Michaela Reif, Historian 2006-2007

Zack Sheppard, Technical Coordinator 2006-2007

State Chairs/Sponsors:

Marjorie Keeley (Mt. Greylock Regional High School)

Janet Fillion (Boston Latin Academy)

Victoria Miklosky (Barnstable High School)

Guests:

Mark McNally (Catholic Memorial High School)

Jared Hicks (Boston Latin Academy)

Paula Luong (Boston Latin Academy)

Minutes:

10:25: Vanessa calls the meeting to order.

10: 26: Ms. Miklosky announces that the MassJCL has officially booked hotel rooms for State Convention.

10:28: Kerri gives the editor's report. She is working on the winter edition of the Forum Factorum, to be distributed at Classics Day.

10:35- Ms. Keeley asks for feedback on October's Kick-Off Event/Catapult Contest. She wonders if the catapult shooting should be held later in the day next year so that tour groups from Clark can attend.

10:37- Vanessa gives the president's report. She has found a benefactor willing to donate funds to the MassJCL, and has worked out a tentative schedule for state convention.

10:39-Audane moves to accept officer reports. Charlie seconds, and the motion passes.

10:40- Charlie announces that seventeen schools are coming to Classics Day, bringing with them a total of four hundred and forty-one people.

10:41- Charlie asks that officers try to come as early as possible to set up.

10:43- Officers discuss how much time will be needed for speeches at Classics Day; Audane will speak on running for offices, and Vanessa will speak about State Convention.

10:45- Discussion of Classics Day continues. It is decided that the opening assembly should include a welcome speech from a BU faculty member.

10:54- Vanessa mentions the JCL Dance. The board discusses possible themes and locations. It is decided that the First Annual MassJCL Snow Ball will be held in Boston from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 11. Carissa agrees to look up possible venues.

11:15- The board takes a brief break to order lunch

11:20- The board begins discussing membership. Ms. Fillion reports that membership has increased significantly over the past year.

11:25- Zack gives the technical coordinator's report. He reminds board members and chairs to make their schools aware of upcoming web contest deadlines. Charlie moves to accept the technical coordinator's report. Vanessa seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.

11:30- The board takes a brief break to call in lunch orders.

11:35- The board holds a brief discussion of community service awards and publicity.

11:50- The board breaks for lunch.

1:00- Vanessa passes out tentative schedules of this year's State Convention and opens the floor to discussion of scheduling issues. Jared voices his concerns about conflicting academic and athletic events. Vanessa explains that athletes taking academic tests will be given priority in olympika events.

1:05- Mrs. Keeley asks about the scheduling of the chariot race. She wonders whether it could be moved to an earlier time so that students could use their chariots in the toga parade.

1:11- The board discusses the scheduling of general assemblies during Convention. There is concern over whether results will be ready in time for each of the awards ceremonies. A discussion follows.

1:17- It is decided that awards assemblies for olympika and academic tests will be held during meals. Attendance will be optional.

1:20- Ms. Fillion mentions her concern that olympika awards are unfairly weighted in favor of swimmers, because the same students compete (and get points) for many different swimming events, since only one event occurs at a time, whereas runners cannot compete in all track events because many occur simultaneously.

1:22- Vanessa continues the discussion of the schedule. She asks Ms. Miklosky about possible locations for different events.

1:23- Vanessa mentions the possibility of having designated storage areas for costumes and other contest materials in the high school building so that students don't have to make unnecessary trips back and forth from the hotel. Ms. Miklosky agrees.

1:25- Mrs. Fillion asks about plans for Certamen. Mrs. Keeley stresses the need for better organization in both competitive and open Certamen. It is decided that contestants should sign up for open Certamen after competitive Certamen preliminaries are over.

1:30- Vanessa brings up the subject of the packet price for State Convention. She and the chairs have come up with \$160 as figure for this year's packet price. This does not include the price of transportation.

1:34- The board discusses decorations for Convention.

1:37- Ms. Fillion brings up the issue of shuttle buses during Convention. A discussion follows. It is decided that students will be allowed to travel back and forth from the hotel to the high school on Friday night in order to participate in events at both locations, but

students will be expected to remain at the high school throughout Saturday, returning to the hotel only to change for the dance on Saturday night.

1:42- Discussion of the shuttles continues. Ms. Fillion mentions the possibility of canceling the pool party on Friday night in order to simplify scheduling and transportation. A discussion follows.

1:49- Mrs. Keeley suggests an open-door policy on Friday night in order to ensure that students who choose to remain in their rooms are studying and not just wasting time.

1:53- The board revisits the subject of Friday night's pool party. The suggestion of limiting the pool party to only high school students in order to prevent overcrowding is discussed but ultimately rejected.

2:05- The time of the next board meeting is discussed. It is decided that the next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27th at U-Mass Amherst, followed by a meeting on Sunday, March 3rd in Lunenburg, location T.B.A.

2:06- Charlie moves to adjourn the meeting. Audane seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.