

WJCL Board Meeting
February 27, 2011, 11:00 am
Brookfield Academy Commons

Attendance:

Marnie Wallach	DSHA
Quinn Otero	DSHA
Danny Trunzo	BA
Julie Gokhman	HHS
Max Silver	HHS
Ari Pollack	Madison West Public High School for the Arts
Evan Di Prete Brown	Madison West Public High School for the Arts
Benjamin Henry Sherman Olneck-Brown	Madison West Public High School for the Arts
Aakash Shah	MUHS
Sabrina D'Agostino	Rufus King
Sarah Pritchard	Brookfield East
James Greenwald	WLTA/WAFLT
Ron Hahm	LPS
Greg Stemm	SAHS
Jennifer Ganley	DSHA
Ruth Osier	BA
Neil Sheaffer	Tosa East/West
Jenny Austino	Brookfield East
Marianne Wallach	HHS
Keely Lake	Wayland
Rebekah Faust	Wayland
Laura Petersen	Wayland
JoAnn Polito	Beliot
Gale A. Stone	Madison West Public High School for the Arts
Patrick Shirley	BA
Nicole Bray	BA
Mara Steven	BA
Safeeyah Quereshi	BA

Minutes:

- I. Welcome and Introductions- 11:07 am

- II. Review of State Convention
 - A. Testing
 1. Rooms were a little crowded, but still manageable and better than last year
 2. Finding the rooms in the hotel was difficult, so these solutions were proposed:
 - i. Announcing specific room locations at the end of assembly
 - ii. Expanding the program
 - iii. Maps spread throughout the hotel
 - b. Very well done overall, but the matching questions were tricky
 - B. Spirit

1. Officer grading system worked well
 - a. Each officer has three schools, each school is graded by three officers
 - b. But finding people at the Union was tough
 - i. Maybe schools could carry banners for identification
 - ii. So, we should have a banner contest for the WJCL schools
- C. Certamen
1. The audience is not allowed to protest questions- only captains of playing teams may protest
 2. Readers/moderators need to be more familiar with the rules
 - a. Some individual problems:
 - i. Did not allow enough time for tossups and/or boni
 - ii. Stalling tolerance was inconsistent
 - b. Solutions:
 - i. Greg will make a reader's guide
 - ii. A pre-State practice round for readers and moderators
 - Can be at a school Certamen invitational or board meeting
 - A Certamen Extravaganza!
 3. The difficulty of questions was excellent
- D. Art and Costume
1. There were not enough entry sheets for art
 - a. Thank you, front desk, for helping with that!
 - b. So some people used some entry sheets, designated for a certain category, for another category- which may have led to the confusion below
 2. Judging results were odd
 - a. Some people placed without entering'
 - b. Some pieces were not looked at
 - c. A possible reason is the ID numbers (see K. Miscellaneous)
 3. Result sheets will be given back soon
 4. Lines for Costume were very long
 - a. A possible solution is having separate sets of judges for each category (Girls, Boys, and Couples)
 - b. The Girl and Boy entrants could be judged on Thursday, and the Couples on Friday
- E. War Machine
1. The guidelines were too vague
 2. People interpreted "Resemble this picture" and material specifications differently
 3. To help Mrs. Roesch, who has been doing War Machine for the past few years by herself, there could be a group revision of the guidelines at a pre-State board meeting
- F. Lodging
1. At the hotel, there are about 520-530 chairs, so this should be kept in mind
 2. The cap of 60 students/school worked well
- G. General Assemblies
1. Ran smoothly overall
 2. The officers should practice with the mic beforehand at the hotel and Union
 3. Seating assignments and instructions were okay, but can be improved
 - a. Next time, we can put tape on the floor to mark delegations' seating better

- b. Putting numbers on the rows would also be helpful
- H. Essay Contest
 - 1. Very good question, doable for all levels
 - 2. Bring your own pencils next time; there was a pencil shortage
 - 3. The judges cannot return essays because that is too difficult and inefficient
 - 4. Nota Bene: add “Don’t write your name” on the essay prompt/instructions
- I. Oratory
 - 1. Memorized
 - a. Went 1.5 hours over, so having another room at the Union could prevent this
 - b. Rule change: a translation will still be required, but will no longer factor in point-wise
 - c. Please diversify selections!
 - i. Prose is just as good as poetry
 - ii. It makes the judges happier.
 - 2. Impromptu
 - a. The art registration can be intimidating or distracting for those waiting in line or practicing
 - b. An extra room would be helpful
 - c. The judges should be more consistent in grading pronunciation and drama/acting equally
- J. Voting
 - 1. All ballots were filled out perfectly! ☺
 - 2. Next time, maybe the sample ballots could have fake names and be filled out as a better model
- K. Miscellaneous
 - 1. The name tags
 - a. The addition of students who signed up for convention after December 1st may have led to name tag or ID number confusion
 - b. Possible solutions are having a published list of ID number for the sponsors or having bubble style fill-ins on registration forms
 - 2. Sabrina’s proposed amendment for States-of-Emergency will not be used for the May 1st elections and will not be adopted unless it passes at the 2012 State convention
 - 3. The black flashdrive found at the Top of the Park is still unclaimed
 - 4. The Madison West musical instrument confiscation will be dealt with shortly
 - 5. Chaperones need to register with sufficient time beforehand (not the night before)
 - a. Please show up if you’ve signed up as a chaperone
 - b. Paying for convention among chaperones needs to be more consistent
 - 6. If a school’s fellowship ends early, the students should go directly to their rooms per curfew, not wandering the hotel , not interrupting other fellowship
 - 7. Thank you to all sponsors, chaperones, SCL, judges, and other behind the scenes to making this convention so awesome!

III. Vacancy Voting Procedure for the Position of Treasurer

- A. **Please** turn in declarations of candidacy and all other required forms a week before the election meeting (May 1st) to Evan Brown at 3518 Lake Mendota Dr, Madison WI 53705
- B. Evan, the 2011-2012 Parliamentarian, will run the election process

1. There will be an interview
2. People who get one vote each: state chairs, officers, sponsors, and one representative from each school (who is not one a state chair, officer, or sponsor)
3. If there are more than two candidates, there will be a runoff round for the top two candidates so the person with the majority is elected

IV. WJ²CL

- A. Has been **changed** to a middle school Certamen invitational
- B. Will be at Brookfield Academy on the first floor (the Commons and approximately 13 classrooms) from 1-4 pm on April 2nd
- C. Five schools have shown interest in the WJ²CL convention and will hopefully attend the Certamen event instead:
 1. Brookfield Academy
 2. Wisconsin Hills
 3. Pilgrim Park
 4. Mercy Academy
 5. GMCHE
- D. Middle schoolers will be competing in two levels
- E. Schools who can bring machines:
 1. East and Central: 2 machines
 2. BA middle school: 1 machine
 3. BA upper school: 1 machine
 4. Anyone else?
- F. Please register by **March 25th** by emailing Nicole Bray (nicola.ricolaaa@gmail.com) with the teams of 4 (or more if there are alternates) and the names of participants
- G. WJCL officers and other high schools will be volunteering, so if you are interested in helping out, please also email Nicole Bray
- H. Mr. Greenwald has very generously offered to cover costs for the Certamen invitational- so thank you very much!
- I. The WJ²CL convention will take place in the fall after more preparation

V. Scholarship Sponsors

- A. Going off of a Homestead idea, the WJCL is considering contacting large and small corporations to raise money for scholarships to Nationals
- B. The idea is to approach businesses and asking if they will give money to support a WJCLer going to Nationals
- C. Good businesses to contact are parent's businesses, Rotary/Optimism Clubs, or famous Wisconsin businesses (like Harley-Davidson)
- D. The corporate sponsor may also have their name on WJCL spirit wear, like sweatshirts or t-shirts

VI. Service Update

- A. The Relay for Life is upcoming at Homestead on May 14-15 (overnight event)
- B. The American Cancer Society' Relay for Life involves a team of at least 15 people
 1. At least one person from each team must be walking around the track for the entire night (people can trade off to take a rest)

2. The entrance fee is about \$80 for the entire team
- C. Jennie Gehl will email out more information, but here is the WI Relay for Life website:
<http://www.mwrelayforlife.org>

VII. Miscellaneous

- A. The Border Battle will Illinois will take place in the spring when Wisconsin will voyage to Illinois
- B. Duncan Adams will launch the website shortly after he gets the login information
- C. Nationals information (!!!)
 1. July 24-30 at Eastern Kentucky University
 2. The packet request cost is \$450 per person
 3. The pre-convention extra night fee, which includes dinner on the 24th and breakfast the following morning, is \$35 per person
 4. The WJCL is using a double decker bus to travel
 - a. The cost has very generously been covered by the WJCL (thank you!)
 - b. Its first stop is Madison West, then it will go to the Petit Ice Center for the Milwaukee pickup
 5. Numbers of people going are needed by **March 25th**
- D. Upcoming meetings
 1. April 2nd at 11:00 am, Brookfield Academy
 2. May 1st at 1:00 DSHA
 - a. **This is a very important meeting: the election meeting for the position of Treasurer**
 - b. Please send at least one representative from each school to vote! (see point III. Voting... for more information)

VIII. Adjournment at 1:00 pm