

WJCL Board Meeting

February 28, 2010, 1:00 pm

Brookfield Academy Patriot's Hall Commons

Happy Roman New Year's Eve!

Attendance:

Drew Boldt	MUHS
Mara Steven	BA
Kyle Goryl	MUHS
Rebekah Faust	Wayland
Genevieve O'Meara	DSHA
Sidhi Gosain	BA
Bridget McGowan	Homestead
Nicole Bray	BA
Lizzie Kontarovich	Homestead
Marnie Wallach	DSHA
Ben Lamers	BA
Alicia Van Hecke	GMCHE
Mavis Roesch	RKHS
James Greenwald	MUHS
Greg Stemm	MUHS
Jennifer Ganley	DSHA

Gale Stone	Madison West
Keely Lake	Wayland
Marianne Wallach	Homestead
Jennifer Fotsch	BEHS and BCHS
Sir Isaac D. Stafstrom IV, esq. KCB	Madison West
Thess Dobbs	DSHA/Eastbrook
Sabrina D'Agostino	RKHS
Jackson Reed	RKHS
Neil Scheaffer	Tosa West/Homestead
Brian Earl	BCHS
Ruth Osier	BA
Jack Trunzo	BA
Safeeyah Quereshi	BA

**Minutes:**

- I. Call to Order- 1:10 pm (est.)
  - A. First meeting in Patriots Hall!
  - B. There were tasty cookies and Chex Mix
  - C. The Binders were transferred to the new officers
- II. Review of 2010 WJCL State Convention- 1:12 pm (est.)
  - A. Testing
    1. Crowded especially in Level II but still better than last year
    2. Lower levels harder than more advanced levels
    3. Director of tests should be allowed to switch questions
  - B. Spirit
    1. Needs more specific guidelines
    2. Door decorations need to be within door frame
    3. Be more clear about General Assembly disqualifications
  - C. Certamen

1. Having Level I and II rounds at same time was good and prevented schedule implosion
  2. Readers need to be more clear on rules or someone experienced needs to be in the room
- D. Art Competitions
1. Running the costume contest at two times was a good idea
  2. Next year the convention forms could include a place to say if interested in costume and list potential conflicts like Certamen
- E. Lodging (Numbers)
1. This year was more manageable
  2. There is potentially room for other schools to attend with the limit of 50 delegates
- F. General Assemblies went well
- G. Essay Contest
1. Mr. Greenwald proposed that people could arrive after start time but everyone finishes at same time
  2. This year's topic was excellent
- H. Voting Procedures
1. Some ballots were not correctly formatted and then not counted for many schools
  2. Vote number for officers vs. amendments are different
    - a. Officer votes determined by chapter members not delegate attending
    - b. Refer to constitution articles VIII and IX for specifics
    - c. Guidelines should be laid out before convention, maybe in December
- I. Miscellaneous
1. Certamen
    - a. Questions should be brought in earlier for review
    - b. Proposed code for behavior during rounds
  2. Level II test scores missing for BCHS, BA, and RKHS (maybe others)
  3. Saturday's General Assembly
    - a. Too long
      - i. Individual awards to be posted on 8" x 11" pieces of paper
        - Includes 6-10<sup>th</sup> place
        - It was suggested that the individual results could be posted this instead of announcing everyone
      - ii. "Big Awards" like sweepstakes still announced
    - b. Screen behind podium could display convention/delegate pictures or invitation to Nationals video
  4. Rules on Nerf guns, grills, bubbles, etc. are undetermined
  5. Toga Banquet Decorum
    - a. Shirts must be worn underneath togas
    - b. By everyone
- III. State of the Treasury (post convention)- 1:43 pm
- A. \$33,040.18 with all expenses paid
  - B. Bus to Fargo is estimated to be \$5,350

#### IV. Publicity Contest Briefing- 1:47 (est.)

- A. Nicole (1<sup>st</sup> VP) talked to Taylor Locks (NJCL 1<sup>st</sup> VP)
  - 1. There is a national chapter publicity contest (see <http://www.njcl.org/pages/njcl-publicity-contest>)
  - 2. States with the highest percentage of chapters in national contest get certificate
  - 3. A state publicity contest is in the works
- B. Any publicity counts, even school newspapers or (possibly) wearing Latin t-shirts in public as a group
- C. National Classics Week (April 18-24) is a great way to get publicity
  - 1. A packet with more information is to be sent electronically to the state chairs
  - 2. Rough outline of themes with suggestions:
    - a. Apr. 18- Meet the Press
      - Publicize with press release
    - b. Apr. 19- Rush JCL
      - Spread spirit
    - c. Apr. 20- Olympika
      - Play mini-games
    - d. Apr. 21- Birthday of Rome
      - Bake/ decorate birthday cakes to sell for the Great American Bake Sale
    - e. Apr. 22- Giving Back to Ancient Roots
      - Same day as Arbor Day, maybe you could plant a tree(s)
    - f. Apr. 23- Gift to Public Baths
      - Run a drive for toiletries to donate
    - g. Apr. 24- Service Saturday

#### V. Website Briefing- 1:53 pm

- A. Mara plans to launch by March 15
- B. Send list of officers and their contact information by March 10 to Mara

#### VI. Service Briefing- 1:55 pm

- A. Schools should branch out to service organizations for statewide service
- B. Tie-blankets and coin wars are easy ways to be helpful
- C. Rufus King volunteers once a month at The Gathering
  - 1. Next time will be on March 15 from 7am-10am
  - 2. Contact Mary Ann at 414-272-4122 for more information if your chapter is interested in volunteering or visit <http://www.thegatheringwis.org/index.htm>
    - a. Tell how many people are coming
    - b. Can volunteer on Mondays, Wednesday, Fridays, or Saturdays

#### VII. Nationals Preliminaries- 1:59 pm

- A. Applications available now and due May 1
- B. Takes place July 27 to August 1
- C. Transportation is 9-10 hours in bus with dinner on the road
- D. NJCL Packet Award
  - 1. Online at <http://njcl.org/pages/njcl-packet-award>
  - 2. Due March 15

#### VIII. Miscellaneous- 2:04 pm

- A. Officer emails ([position@wjcl.org](mailto:position@wjcl.org)) made

- B. Marquette Certamen Spring Invitational
    - 1. March 14 from 1 pm to 5 pm
    - 2. Attendees- please make and bring rounds/questions
  - C. Summer Certamen at MUHS
    - 1. Prep for Nationals (last year all levels make semis!)
    - 2. Mornings on days TBD
  - D. “Ketan’s Ludicrously Comprehensive Outline Of Latin Literature” to be made more extensive- please keep within the **WJCL only!**
  - E. Latin Spelling Bee proposed by Mara, and Mrs. Wallach suggested Go Bananas/Banana Grams in Latin
  - F. Harvard Certamen on April 10- Mr. Greenwald and Mr. Stemm may attend
  - G. Newsletter almost ready, but it is waiting for pictures
- IX. Adjournment- 2:17 pm
- A. Nicole motioned with Genevieve seconding, and the motion passed
  - B. Next meeting Sunday April 25 at 1:00 pm. at DSHA

PS- Thanks to Brian Earl and Kyle Goryl for helping me out with these minutes!

