WJCL Board Meeting
February 22st, 2015
Homestead High School

Attendance:
Jay Chand*  Brookfield Academy
Jason Tan    Brookfield Academy
Rohan Nangia Brookfield Academy
Ram Gollapudy Brookfield Academy
Steven Chen  Brookfield Academy
Mark Bechthold Brookfield Academy
Aliyah Quereshi Brookfield Academy
Peter Arndt  Brookfield East
Abby Guenther Brookfield East
Lauren Arndt  Brookfield East
Luke Bartsch  Brookfield East
Liz Tripi    Brookfield East
Avery Ulschmid* Brookfield East
Trace Carrasco Brookfield East
Paul Weiskopf Brookfield East
Teddy Stravropoulos Brookfield East
Julia Lingo  Catholic Memorial
Ariel Jaeger  Catholic Memorial
Graydn Lentz* Catholic Memorial
Nathaniel Langlie Edgewood
Ruby Ladd*   Edgewood
Maddie Frank Homestead
Andrew Mullins Homestead
Priya Khullar* Homestead
Elena Gratton Madison West
Lexi Slater  Madison West
Eli Judge    Madison West
Fiona Adams  Madison West
Hazel Brown  Madison West
Matt Daley  Madison West
Lauren Bayouth Madison West
Frances Bartolutti Madison West
Mathilda Harris* Madison West
Charlie Baker  Madison West
Michael Kearney Marquette
Myles Roeske  Marquette
Ted Chisholm* Marquette
Valentina Buccoliero* Wayland Academy

Mags        Madison West
Magis       Homestead
Magistra Rheinmuller Homestead
Mrs. Ruth Osier Brookfield Academy
Allan Lubben Brookfield East
Daniel Tess  Brookfield Central
Call to Order: 11:16a.m. By Eli Judge

I. Introductions: “The gang’s all here.” -Simon Rosenblum-Larson (iocus)

II. Treasury Report: $31,453.43

III. Vacancy Election
   A. Candidates:
      i. Lauren Arndt  Brookfield East
      ii. Nathaniel Langlie  Edgewood
      iii. Hazel Brown  Madison West
      iv. Katya Mikhailenko  Homestead
      v. Steven Chen  Brookfield Academy
      vi. Valentina Buccoliero  Wayland Academy

   B. Voting:
      i. One vote per 2014-2015 board member, one vote per state chair, one vote per present chapter representative
      ii. Asterisk on attendance denotes chapter representative.

   C. Congratulations to our new historian, Steven Chen!

D. Swearing in of new board… again.

IV. Convention Recap
   A. Schedule: General consensus is a lack of planning. (i.e. Incorrect times and testing rooms in program) Do we make the schedule in December to avoid mistakes?

   B. Testing: Parent chaperones could be more informed on how scantrons are to be filled out et cetera.

   C. Certamen
      i. Regular Certamen
         i. Good questions, On schedule (even with a machine breaking mid-round)
         ii. Some Certamen readers could be better informed of the rules and try to make pronunciation somewhat clearer.
      ii. WSOC: “So good.” –Michael Kearney

D. Spirit
   i. Officers should allot sections for each school in Varsity Hall
   ii. Transparency in grading rubrics
   iii. Winning the first day of spirit does not remove one from placing on the second day
   iv. If a school is disqualified, their teacher must be informed right away so they may attempt to remedy the situation
v. Homestead was disqualified from spirit for not saying the important details in their roll call (# of delegates) However, they did in fact include all of the basics.

vi. **Possible solutions:** One officer listening solely for important details (# of delegates, etc.), Spirit points being tallied on a wall of the hotel, et cetera

**E. General Assemblies:** Consensus is that Assemblies ran long, but people appreciate the officers’ humor. (You’re welcome)

**F. Elections and Voting**

  i. Officers could’ve planned for a run-off election in case.
  ii. Defacing, ripping down, or tearing up posters is not allowed.
  iii. There should be an amendment meeting.

**G. Art:** There was an issue with art being stolen. Please don’t do that. If anyone has information regarding this, please contact an officer.

**H. Mandatory Entertainment**

  i. **Conflicting viewpoints**

    i. **Pro:** We had planned for it but the hotel had not, People loved it and that it was mandatory because they wouldn’t have gone otherwise, having the act remain secret was cool and mysterious, other acts may be interesting.

    ii. **Against:** Seemed forced into the schedule and last minute (Especially with so many other activities at the same time), people didn’t love it and think it shouldn’t have been mandatory, just calling it “Mandatory Entertainment” sounds less fun than “The Odyssey In Song: Mandatory” and keeping it a secret hyped it up more than it should’ve been, other acts could be worse.

  ii. **Things to Consider:** Do we have him back next year or every other year or at all? If not him, then other acts? Do we make it mandatory?

**I. Oratory**

  i. **Memorized:**

    i. Rubric could be more clear online (Whether or not translation must be original work or not)

    ii. Scheduling it on Friday seems to have worked well!

  ii. **Impromptu:** If students from separate chapters want to perform together, should they be able to split up points? This happened this year and the immediate solution was that one student would sacrifice the points, but could there be a better one?

**J. Essay**

  i. **Complaints:** Lack of pencils (Events are generally BYOP… bring your own pencils), lack of testing rooms

  ii. Participants **do not** need to preregister for essay
iii. Compliments: Excellent Topic!

K. Costume Contest
   i. Costumes spilled over into Friday. This is probably something we want to avoid. (Apparently it was better than last year, but still)
   ii. We should implement a costume parade/runway or photo montage so we can all enjoy the beautiful costumes.

L. Chess: Hoped for more girls, but there’s not much we can do about that.

M. War Machine: Ran well, criteria was met by most participants. Wasn’t during Certamen which was nice, but scheduling it late on a Friday left little opportunity to watch (Next year, the machine will change so this shouldn’t be a problem)

N. Bowling
   i. When people initially went down to bowl it wasn’t open and although it eventually was open, many missed it.
   ii. Some were informed that bowling isn’t free (It was free)
   iii. These were both results of miscommunication with UW. Perhaps next year we should send an officer to confirm our reservation earlier in the day.

O. Bazaar: People basically don’t even know what bazaar is… Shout out to Brookfield Academy for keeping it alive.

P. Miscellaneous: “Officers, you did a great job!” – Mr. Greenwald

V. WJ^2CL
   A. Instead of WJ^2CL, Kearney would like to hold a Certamen tournament in mid-April (likely a Saturday) for both middle school and high school players.
   B. Please fill out the survey on potential dates.
   C. It would essentially be an Open Certamen (3 round) tournament ran similarly to State Certamen, with randomly assigned Level 1, 2, and Advanced teams.
   D. Location: Possibly Marquette High School
   E. Questions: Officers and Top Players would write questions.

VI. Membership
   A. Kearney will be contacting a list of potential new schools.
   B. Intra-school membership: Try to promote membership amongst your own chapter as best you can!

VII. Nationals
   A. Time/Location: Trinity University // San Antonio, TX // July 27th - August 1st
   B. Packets were released March 1st
   C. Please have approximate numbers by March Board Meeting; hard numbers by April Board Meeting.
   D. Every 10 students require a chaperone of same gender. This is each school’s responsibility

VIII. Miscellaneous:
A. GJCL hosts an event for smaller schools to encourage candidacy and participation. Perhaps this is something we could consider implementing as well. –Aliyah Quereshi, NJCL

B. Sign up table could be moved to another location, at least while schools are still arriving.

C. It was brought up at least once that some didn’t know how to contact officers. One can find each officer’s email on wjcl.org

D. Next Meeting: Marquette HS // March 22nd, 2015 // 11:00a.m.
Motion to Adjourn: Andrew Mullins (Hey, Mullins is still relevant!)
Second: Eli Judge, pleb.
Adjournment: 1:20p.m. By President Michael Kearney