

MLFA Fall Meeting

October 13, 2012

St. Sebastian School

Attendance: Meeting participants listed on Appendix at the end of the minutes.

President Patrick Russell welcomed members at 8:18 A.M. He reviewed the agenda for the morning. Committees met first, followed by the plenary session and finally workshops. President Russell instructed members to participate in one of the five committee meetings.

The plenary session was called to order by President Russell at 9:05 A.M. The executive board was introduced: Densise Kegley (President –Elect); Pam Cullen (Past President); Maggie Menard-Mueller (Treasurer), and Jody Herbert (Secretary).

Committee Reports:

Judges Standards and Training, chaired by Joe Danek. Joe reported that judges training sessions will be offered by the following schools: Cudahy, Stephan, Whittman, Golda Meir, Nature Hill, St. Sebastian, and Whitefish Bay. If additional schools are willing to open their judges training sessions, please submit to Joe Danek at DanekJa@Milwaukee.k12.wi.us or go to the MLFA website and fill out the form that will be posted there. These satellite offerings are provided for member convenience. Coaches are welcome to provide their own training for judges, but all must use the MLFA standardized training materials (PowerPoint, performance video, handouts). The training DVD with PowerPoint, performance videos, and handouts, this can be acquired from Patrick Russell. Currently there are no changes in the DVD from the last season.

The committee is working on improving on-line training by adding more videos. There is a plan to set up a room at state to tape students. Permission forms for participation will be on-line.

Category, chaired by Helen Andrews. Helen described the new category, Group Improvisation. The rules and rubrics for this category are available. The nature of a prop is defined in the new rubrics for the acting categories: Solo Acting, Group Acting and Group Improvisation.

The time period for Moments in History is 1970-1979.

Helen also reported that the misalignment of rule numbering for time infractions on category rubrics has been fixed by having the Infraction Table simply use a "T" (not the rule number) on the infraction sheet for time infractions.

Regarding infractions, it will be clearly written on the rubrics that when a rule is infringed, the judge is instructed to proceed directly to the infraction table before turning in the form.

State Tournament, co-chaired by Barb Hallman and Sarah Lichey: Sarah announced that the 2014 state tournament will take place at South Milwaukee High school. The 2013 tournament will again take place in Neenah on March 23rd.

Barb Hallman will again be in charge of arrangements at Neenah and for hotel, food and entertainment in the Neenah area. There is a March 1st deadline to block rooms. The Holiday Inn will donate \$5.00 per room to the association. The judges' buffet may be catered by Noodles and Company. Barb will make sure there is a gluten-free option. The student concessions will be available and run by a parent organization. Information on hotels will be posted on the website, as well as emailed to all members.

Sarah reported that registration for state will be done through a google form. Sarah also shared that more volunteers are needed at the State tournament and the executive board will need to determine whether schools will be required to provide volunteers.

Tournament Practices and Policies, chaired by Brian Gallineau. Brian addressed best practices for tournament hosts (see handout provided by Brian). Tournaments must be provided to Pam Cullen by November 1st and they will then be posted by November 15th. To address concerns related to sufficient tournament/festival opportunities, each student/entry should only register for 5 tournaments throughout the season prior to state.

In an effort to tighten procedures for power round judges, all three judges will be required to turn in ballots together. No discussion among the three should occur until they reach the infraction table. The infraction table judges then decide about the infraction. If an infraction table judge feels he or she cannot make an unbiased decision due to a conflict of interest, he or she will be replaced. An infraction form containing the entry code and reason for infraction will be included in the respective school folder.

Technology, chaired by Jim Vaughn. Jim reported that the committee is looking at future on-line payment options. It would be helpful to have a database on-line of contact information of members. There is also a suggestion for an on-line database of meet performances.

T-Shirt, chaired by Diane Wood. Patrick reported on behalf of Diane that the 2012 season tee shirt sales brought a \$3,040.58 profit. We had a new printer in place last season, who worked out very well. The 2013 tee shirt design has been selected.

Treasury report: Maggie Menard-Mueller reported that our expenses/revenues were basically even last year; we have a nice cushion in our treasury.

Tournament/Festival Scheduling: Pam Cullen presented the current tournament calendar. She is in the process of confirming scheduled tournaments, as well as adding tournaments. Any additions to the schedule should be emailed to Pam (cullenp@cudahy.k12.wi.us). The official schedule will be posted on the website by November 15th.

Constitution Revisions: Proposed changes were distributed to examine during the 2013 season and will be addressed at the 2013 spring meeting.

A motion for meeting adjournment was made by Bruce Coates and seconded by a number of members. The meeting adjourned at 10:33 A.M. Various training workshops were then held until 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Herbert
MLFA secretary

Appendix: Meeting Participant List

The following participants signed in for the meeting. Please excuse any names that are misspelled due to typos or unclear handwriting.

Patrick Russell	St. Sebastian
Kathy Kirkpatrick	St. Sebastian
Nikki Prelesnik	Oak Creek East
Robin Stein	Oak Creek East
Vickie Knouts	Steffen Middle Mequon
Marge Gengler	Holy Angels
Katie Gengler	Campbellsport
Mary Beth Mills	Mercy Academy
Regina Mills	Mercy Academy
Michele Merws	Maple Dale
Sarah Gibbs	Silver Lake Int., Oconomowoc
Jim Vaughn	Brookfield Academy
Mike Gotthardt	Brookfield Academy
Joe Danek	Clement Ave.
Nathan Whitcomb	Forest Park, Franklin
Tyne Turner	Golda Meir
Eileen Scheer	Roosevelt
Patricia Krug	Groppi

Joan Falter	St. Mary's, West Bend
Lynn Guyer	St. Kilian, Hartford
Karin Buhle	St. Kilian, Hartford
Lynn Schmitz	Brown Deer Middle
Jim Ross	Milwaukee Jewish Day School
Kris Kuchenbecker	St. Mary, Hales Corners
Stacey Seim	St. Dominic
John Mehandyke	Immanuel Lutheran
Jodi Schlender	Nature Hill Intermediate
Melissa Krahn	Nature Hill Intermediate
Mary Beth Vinogradsky	Cudahy
Cyndy Verhagen	Webster
Dawn Spaeth	Slinger Middle School
Darlene Junker	Lake Shore
Curly Wacker	Bayside Middle School
Marlene Pechura	Whitefish Bay Middle School
Peter Kao	Whitman Middle School
Diana Pifer	Holy Apostles
Ann Marchek	St. Francis Borgia
Mary Koller	St. Matthias
Theresa Dixon	St. Catherine
Sarah Aguila	St. Catherine
Mary Lou Qualler	Lake Country Christian
Robin Mitchell	Trinity Academy
Maggie Menard-Mueller	Woodlands
Maryangela Roman	Blessed Sacrament
Denise Kegley	Our Redeemer
Laurel Peckenpaugh	St. Boniface
Dean Clayton	Waukesha Catholic
Brian Galineau	Woodlands
Kathy Bowers	Mary Queen of Saints
Jacquelyn Frost	Milwaukee School of Languages
Anne Brown	St. Matthias
Helen Andrews	Pilgrim Park
Sarah Lichey	Longfellow Middle School
Jody Herbert	
Anne Cyganiak	St. Monica School
Ronda Davis	BEAM
Deb Cull	North Lake
Pam Cullen	Cudahy
Betty Ferguson	Starms
Diane Wood	St. Margaret Mary
Regina Stingley	(Northwest) Highmount CS
Kathleen Wiesner	St. Francis Cabrini
Carol Kellogg	St. Francis Cabrini
Deb Diven	Greenfield Middle School

Barbara Hallman
Brian Hallman
Linda Markovich
Catherine Robinson
Lynn Dziadulewicz
Mary Ali-Masai
Tirshatla Wilson
Sr. Mary Menke
Roslyn Jones

Shattuck/Horace Mann, Neenah
Shattuck/Horace Mann, Neenah
St. Gabriel
Starms
Christ King
Starms
Starms
MQSCA
High Mount