

Call meeting to order: Denise Kegley 9:38 AM

Approval of minutes from last meeting at State

Motion: Melissa Krahn – Nature Hill

Second: Helen Andrews – Pilgrim Park

Treasurer's report: Maggie Menard-Mueller

Question: (Not sure of the ladies name who asked this question.) We only made \$800.00 from the state tournament? I ask because we are thinking about hosting a meet and we're not sure what to expect in terms of profit.

Answer: Patrick Russell and Maggie Menard-Mueller: The MLFA state tournament is not designed to make money, but to at least break even. Regina Stingley - HiMount: Robin Stein of Oak Creek MS has a book that breaks down how much to sell concession items, etc., at a tournament.

Question: Anne Brown- St. Matthias: Are we (MLFA) a 501c3 organization?

Answer: Patrick Russell: Yes.

Follow Up: Anne Brown: We could ask for operating fees for the state tournament.

Motion: Patrick Russell – St. Sebastian

Second: Brian Galineau – Woodlands School

Secretary's report: N/A

Past-President's report: Patrick Russell – St. Sebastian

Duties as listed in the MLFA Constitution: "The Past-President shall become a resource to the President and serve as a liaison to the Wisconsin Forensics Coaches' Association, arranging an informal meeting with the WFCFA President and Past-President during summer. The Past President shall be responsible for updating the constitution and by-laws, as well as coordinating the process of selecting middle level award recipients. The Past President shall be responsible for creating, updating, and distributing the calendar of MLFA sanctioned events."

Motion: Sarah Lichey – Longfellow MS, Wauwatosa

Second: Jim Vaughn – Brookfield Academy

President - Elect's report: Melissa Krahn

Includes closing of nominations...Offices voted on: President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary
Election: Winners

- President-Elect: Regina Stingley - HiMount

- Treasurer: Maggie Mernard-Mueller - Woodlands

- Secretary: Robin Stein – Oak Creek MS

Motion: Anne Brown – St. Matthias

Second: Barb Knuten-Smith – Silver Lake

President's Report: Denise Kegley

New Insurance Carrier

Number of participating schools this season: 126

Motion: Aneesa Schaeffer – St. John the Baptist - Plymouth

Second: Regina Stingley - HiMount

State Tournament Report: Sarah Lichey – Longfellow MS - Wauwatosa

Number of Schools: 85

Number of Students: 1,389

Number of Entries for Each Category:

- Humorous Solo – 128
- Storytelling – 62
- Informative Speech – 15
- Moments in History – 23
- Non-Original Oratory – 31
- Persuasive Speech – 25
- Impromptu Speaking – 31
- Poetry – 82
- Prose – 115
- Serious Solo – 45
- Group Improvisation – 22
- Farrago – 26
- Demonstration – 20
- Group Acting – 98
- Group Interpretation – 65
- Infomercial – 93
- News Reporting – 15
- Special Event – 35

Overall: The State Tournament was Very Successful!

Concern: The chairs in one room were out of order.

Committees Reports (if any committee chairs want to report or are able to report)

Tournament Practices and Procedures: Brian Galineau - Woodlands

1. Received very positive feedback about the electronic posting of the power information. Suggestion: Post power information (speaker codes and room numbers) electronically on a screen at all applicable meets/tournaments.
2. Training session on how to use Google Docs.
3. Need to work on updating the infraction guidelines. The goal is to have this completed by the fall meeting. Brian and Helen have agreed to meet over summer.
4. Need to provide a guide sheet for the TAB ROOM.

Categories: Helen Andrews – Pilgrim Park – Brookfield

1. The three categories on watch, Moments in History, News Reporting, and Persuasive Speaking all did okay this year.
2. We will continue to watch News Reporting, and add Informative Speech to the “on watch” list for next year.
3. The timeframe for the 2014-2015 Moments in History category will be, 1965 – 1975.
4. Motion from Patrick Russell: That the Category Committee studies and possibly changes the rubric for the Storytelling category.
5. The Category Committee will work on the Storytelling category this summer.

Website Report: Barbara Hallman – Neenah

Usage

February Hits: 700

March Hits: 1,365

Update: Added Coach’s Corner and Coach’s Resource Pages. Will move some things around on the judges’ page.

Judges Standards: Patrick Russell – St. Sebastian

Judge Concerns: The judges concerns have been more about low scores in the past. Now the concerns focus on the quality of the feedback. The “how do you give better qualitative feedback” question is an ongoing discussion.

Comment: Rhonda Davis – BEAM: “We need judges who will pay attention (be present) throughout the entire process during the season. For example, I noticed a couple of judges who were talking throughout the judges training instead of paying attention to the information.”

T-shirts: Diane

- \$3,000.00 this year
- Rhonda Davis & LaNell Gill – Whitefish Bay MS will co-chair this committee during the 2014-2015 season.

Old Business

New Coaches Mentor Program, Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Jim Vaughn Brookfield Academy
IDEAS for NEW COACHES:

- Shadowing
- Joining MLFA
- How to register for meets/tournaments
- How do you get a host schools password
- How do you develop a base of judges and coaches
- Brian Galineau suggest that we collect a database of coaches that would be willing to mentor a new coach.
- Maggie Menard Mueller suggest that all new coaches be encouraged to attend the fall MLFA meeting to get all of the information needed to get started with the forensics season.

Question: Jim Vaughn: Do we want to discuss at the fall meeting a better, more fair way to get to the meets that you want?

New Business – Melissa Krahn

- Transfer of duties from Denise Kegley to Melissa Krahn
- Fall meeting date TBD
- What will the fall meeting look like? For example, will it include Business Meeting, Committee Meeting, and Workshop?
- Motion from Denise Kegley: We establish the committee meetings to take place prior to the fall business meeting. Second by Aneesa Schaeffer
- Motion from Helen Andrews: Give Barbara Hallman a \$250.00 stipend for web master duties. A one-year proposal with the possibility of a change to the By-Laws. This was voted on, all agreed, and passed.
- Survey to collect data on how to operate better (Rhonda Davis made a reference to SMARTER Balanced)
- Email accounts may need to be looked at, because some school district may object to non-school related use.
- It was suggested that all coaches be trained on the judges training.

The following coaches volunteered to use their school building for the fall meeting:

- Jim Vaughn – Brookfield Academy

- Anne Brown – St. Matthias

- Ann Marchek – St. Francis Borgia

- Barbara Hallman – Neenah

- Helen Andrews – Pilgrim Park

- Terry Brehm – St. Gabriel - Hubertus

(I may have missed one coach/school.)

Projected 2015 State Tournament Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015