



Forensics!

Public Speaking & Acting

Minutes MLFA Fall Meeting and Workshops

Saturday, October 21, 2017

7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

St. Francis Borgia Catholic School

1425 Coverage Bridge Rd.

Cedarburg, WI 53012

7:45 am - Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 am - Full Membership Meeting Agenda

1. Call the Meeting to Order

LaNell Gill, President, called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m. Ms. Gill thanked the coaches present for attending.

2. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report: Janette Schroeder

Ms. Schroeder presented the Fall Treasurer's Report. The MLFA had another productive year and Ms. Schroeder would like to put \$10,000 of the organizations funds into a CD so that it can earn more interest than a bank savings account.

Barb Dodd, Xavier, moved to allow the Middle Level Forensics Association Treasurer, Janette Schroeder, to put \$10,000 of the organization's funds into a CD. Pam Cullen, Cudahy, seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed.

Helen Andrews, Pilgrim Park, moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Eileen Scheer, Roosevelt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the report was accepted.

b. Past President: Joe Danek

Joe Danek spoke on the calendar for the 2018 season and asked coaches having a meet please enter it on the MLFA Website.

c. President: LaNell Gill

LaNell Gill made a friendly amendment to the agenda to accept the minutes from the Spring Meeting. Barb Dodd, Xavier, moved to accept the agenda change and to change the name of the Past President to “Melissa Krahn” and Helen Andrews, Pilgrim Park, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

d. State: Sarah Lichey and Kathleen Wiesner

Kathleen Wiesner, St. Frances Cabrini, is the Co-Chair of State is at the West Bend High Schools on March 24th. State was a success at the school which had plenty of room to accommodate all the students who qualified for state.

e. Category Committees: Helen Andrews

Helen Andrews, Pilgrim Park, reported the category committee met over the summer. The following items were discussed/decided:

- The time period for Moments in History will be the 1980's.
- It was added that a story in the Storytelling Category could not be a “rhyming” story or stories in the first person. The storyteller should make the story appear spontaneous and not memorized.
- Prose, the committee is aligning the walking rule with the rules for Poetry, accept during memorized transitions.
- Special Events and Informercial will both require props.

f. Judges' Standards: Patrick Russell

Patrick Russell, St. Sebastian, reported on the following:

- The Judges Standards Committee is hosting a train the trainer session. They are training the judges to MLFA standards, not your personal standards.
- A reminder that judges must be registered before the tournament. If we get a judge's concern form and you have not registered your judge, there will be a monetary penalty.
- Judges training sessions have not been posted on the calendar yet. Barb Dodd will put it up on the sign-up. It is helpful if you allow judges from other schools to come to your judges training. Please fill out the form on the website.
- This year there will be a bounce back email stating they received the concern.

g. Technology: Barb Hallman

Barb Dodd, Xavier, reported the following on MLFA technology:

- If you have not received an email this year from MLFA, you have not signed up yet, please register.
- So far this year MLFA shows 86 schools registered as members which is down from 112 schools last year.

- If you are hosting a judges training, please register your training so other schools have the opportunity to make plans to attend.
- This years rubrics have been updated to say 2018 and can be found under tournament documents.
- If you have extra critic sheets, please send them to Sarah Lichey so they can be used at the State competition.

h. Tournament Standards and Practices: Tyne Turner

Tyne Turner, Golda Meir answered questions for those present, which included:

- In previous years there was a recommendation that students not attend more than five meets per season, this recommendation was due to a lack of meets. Since having enough meets has not been an issue, this is no longer a recommendation.
- There were a number of complaints about schools registering to attend a meet and then backing out or changing a list of 20 students attending to two students attending. If you are registering for a meet, please be considerate to your meet host and register the appropriate number of students and do not cancel out on a meet without appropriate notice.
- Please make sure you use the appropriate years rubric and do not use previous years rubrics.

i. T-Shirts: Kari George and Ronda Davis

Ronda Davis and Kari George reported on:

- The were working with a graphic artist on the years design.
- Reminded those present to send all payments to the address listed - sending it to the 3815 W Kilbourn at Story School.
- To please use the electronic form
- The email for t-shirts should be 4n6tshirts@gmail.com

j. Mentor: Regina Stingley

Regina Stingley reported on:

- If you know a new coach please reach out to them. Also, please notify Regina Stingley at stinglrl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us if you would like to be a mentor.

k. Historian: Bob Herman - Not Present

l. Small School Representative: Results of Survey

No report

4. Old Business

No Old Business

5. New Business

- Meet Registration Dates (recommendation to schedule common dates to open registration)

LaNell Gill, Whitefish Bay, explained there would be common meet registration days this year. Meets in February would be one day and the March meets would be the day after.

6. Announcements:

2018 MLFA Spring Business Meeting

President Elect, Pam Cullen, Cudahy, thanked Mary Beth and Danielle for hosting the Fall Meeting.

7. Adjourn

The Meeting adjourned to the workshops.

9:45 am - Break

10:00 am - Workshops (classrooms TBA)