



NCFL Newsletter

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Introductions: President Mike Nailor called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. Representatives from the following diocesan leagues were present: Milwaukee, Orlando, Scranton, Pittsburgh, Green Bay, Erie, Rockville Centre, Salina, Arlington, Palm Beach, Miami, St. Petersburg, Washington DC, Brooklyn, Worcester, Wilmington, Atlanta, Chicago, Lafayette, Boston, Baltimore, Buffalo, Rochester, Philadelphia, Newark, New Orleans, New York.

President's Report: Mike recognized the Past Presidents that were present. Jo Ann Hamm was congratulated for her work at the Rochester 2000 Tournament.

1st President's Report: Carmen asked for help with LD and Extemp. topics.

2nd President's Report: Roland, asked for help finding old tournament catalogs so that we may update our file about past.

Enrollment cards are in the mail and should be there soon. Dues are \$20.00 per school. Moderators should feel free to copy the enrollment cards if necessary. Moderators should remind coaches to sign these and have the principal sign them. Cards are due by December 1st. New schools may still come in after Jan.1st, but these will not change the quota, which is set Jan 1. Late schools will also be assessed an additional 10% fine.

Publicity Director/Recording Secretary's Report: Lynda will update the scrapbook. Please give her any pictures or newspaper articles you wish to have included. We are interested in updating our history, thus we are looking for the names of moderators who were NCFL competitors. If you know of any, especially some who were not present at this fall's meeting please contact Lynda.

Grand Tournament Director' Report: Jim Lyness reported that Rochester 2000 was an error-free tournament. He thanked all those who made that possible. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed the NCFL Grand Tournament on its advisory list of activities. Jim also asked that each league moderator poll the league membership and return a debate topic selection ballot to him ASAP.

Rochester 2000: Catherine Luhr and Joann Hamm gave an upbeat end of the tournament report.

New York 2001: Jim Lyness reported that Hyatt and Roosevelt are the headquarters hotels. Moderators will receive a form in January to reserve rooms. Reservations may then be made.

Policy debate is at both hotels (about an 8 min. walk away from one another). LD will be at Regis High School as it was 10 years ago. Jim is still working on this. Student Congress may be changed, but is presently being planned for Regis and Loyola. Speech events will be at Bronx High School of Science and at Fordham University. All Sunday rounds will be at the Grand Hyatt. Sunday octo-final rounds in speech events will be staggered. Please make sure food requests follow the deadlines.

TAX EXEMPTION: Schools are not necessarily tax exempt here. You must have New York tax exemption and it must be applied for before hand. It is not an easy task; it takes time so you are advised to start now. Tax is about 8 %. If a diocese gets a tax exempt status the diocese must pay the bill. Jim distributed information for obtaining tax exempt status.

Pittsburgh 2002: Beth Young reported that everything seems to be in place. A second site is under consideration.

Arlington 2003: Eleanor Wright reported that contracts are signed; everything is on schedule.

Secretary /Treasurer's Report: Dick Gaudette gave his report (Enclosed) It was moved Mary Beth; 2d by Tom Durkin to accept treasurer's report passed. Mary Beth McCarthy moved, Laura Cristiano 2nd, to accept the budget. Passed

The following schools have outstanding fines:

Baltimore Catonsville \$50
Chicago Regina Dominican \$50
Philadelphia Holy Ghost Prep \$50
Philadelphia Truman \$50
Richmond Manchester \$50
St. Petersburg Niceville \$100
St. Petersburg Acad of Holy Name \$50
Louisville Boone \$50
Providence Dighton \$100
Atlanta Rome \$50
Atlanta Gainsville \$50
Green Bay Hortonville \$50
Washington Heights \$100
Sante Fe Valley \$50
Houston Strake \$50
Houston Klein \$50 Kansas City Emporia \$50
Kansas City Atcison \$50
Ogdensburg Potsdam \$100
Scranton Danville \$50
Scranton Abington \$50
Scranton Pocono Mt. \$50
Camden St. Joseph \$50
Cincinnati Dayton \$50
Portland Cape Elizabeth \$400

Old Business: Jim Lyness gave the report on Duo ballots. An addition to # 7 was suggested. (See enclosed) Discussion followed. An ad hoc committee was formed to study the issue that evening and report back to the group in the morning. Moved Greg Cunningham; 2d Tom Durkin, to table the

discussion until tomorrow. Passed

Mike thanked the New York league for hosting the meeting.

Items 7 a and b were discussed. No motion was made at this time. After discussion, it was moved by Greg Cunningham; 2d by JoAnn Hamm to form an ad hoc committee to review the ballots. Passed

After a straw pole concerning the split of Oral Interpretation and Dramatic Performance each into humorous and serious categories, it appeared that there was a lack of significant support. Therefore, Mike suggested that those dioceses, which supported this split, create a presentation for the next meeting if they wanted to pursue it further.

There was a discussion about Patterson's concerns regarding questionable literature. It was moved by Joann Hamm to "Have a letter to all coaches and moderators to remember the dignity of the audience in their selection of material" 2d Janet Dezenzo. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Moved by Catherine Luhr to add literary merit criteria to Duo and DP. (The wording from OI) "Important consideration is given to the quality of the selection" be added to ballots and By laws. 2d Mary Beth McCarthy. A motion to amend and clarify was presented. Mary Beth withdrew her 2d. Tom Durkin 2d the amendment. Motion passes on a unanimous voice vote. The letter will be sent out separately to inform moderators and coaches of this. This change will also be reflected in this year's ballots.

New Business: Discussion on Tab room issues. Moved by Sarah Donnelly: "A designated person in each of the interp. events committee be kept out of the vital process of tabbing, thus adding another person to that event" 2d Greg Cunningham. Discussion followed and the motion was recalled Moved by Mike Colletti to: "Create a protest committee at each site." 2d Beth Young. "Speech site" amendment made by Steve Sexton; 2d Tom Durkin. Amendment passed. The amended motion passed.

Greg Cunningham moved for a recess until the next morning; all seconded. Meeting recessed .

Deb Simon demonstrated the variety of sources available for Interp events. Discussion followed. Greg Cunningham moved: "Form an ad hoc committee to study 21st century source sites." No second; more discussion. Trish Zenczak moved; 2d Helen Rao to "Include internet sources." Motion failed. A clarification of our present rules was offered: If you buy a print copy from an Internet source, it is acceptable; if you just download it, it is not. If a piece meets the criteria for multiple events, it is multi-genre, and it is ok to use it in multiple events. Coaches are reminded to have original sources at the tournament in case of questions.

Greg Cunningham moved "We develop a system of checking a piece in DP, Duo And OI prior to the national tournament". 2nd Judy Seward. Discussion followed; motion failed.

Mike Colletti moved "That protests (challenges) must come from outside of the Tab room." 2nd Kieran Larkin. Discussion. Previous question was called. Passed. On a weighted vote per diocese 56 yes 79 no, main motion defeated.

Mike Nailor reminded directors that proposals to host nationals are due between December 1st and January 1st. Bidders are to use the bid packet which may be found on the NCFL web site.

There was a discussion about filing protests in final rounds. No motion resulted.

Greg Cunningham moved; Janet Dezenzo 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 Saturday.

Respectfully submitted, Lynda Luce

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