Massachusetts Speech & Debate League

Board Meeting

27 August 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Susan Marianelli.

Present: Susan Marianelli, Joyce Albert, Marc Rischitelli, Josh Cohen, Joe Curran, Amanda Parker, Sue Hennessey, Jim Honeyman, PJ Wexler, Greg Cunningham, Chris Sheldon and Lisa Honeyman

The board received Greg Cunningham’s resignation and then discussed how to proceed.

Nominations to fill the vacancy:

Susan Marianelli was nominated by Curran.

2nd by Wexler.

The board voted to appoint Susan Marianelli to the position of President.

9 for 0 against 2 abstention

Novice Meet

Susan let us know that Sacred Heart cannot host the Novice meet on October 10. We discussed the possibilities of alternative sites and/or dates. People will check to see where we can hold this tournament and we’ll let the league know as soon as we have a site.

We discussed registration fees for the novice tournament. The fee will be $5 per student, per entry (that means DUO and PFD will be $10)

Jobs for the novice tournament and who will do them:

* Susan M. will print ballots
* Joyce will work with the host school to identify rooms once we know where it will be held
* Lisa & Jim Honeyman will conduct the speech judge training.
* Chris will coordinate the performers at the exhibition round.  
  (we identified some students who will be asked to present so that there will be a variety of events presented.)
* Joyce will draft the invitation and circulate it to Susan, Josh and Lisa for comment before posting it.
* We will have a coaches meeting during the day. Chris will coordinate.
* Sue H. will take care of ordering “I survived . . . “ buttons
* Joyce will take care of collecting/copying the Radio material
* The Group Discussion committee will take care of writing group discussion prompts
* The Extemp Question writing committee to write questions for extemp
* The Impromptu Topic committee will take care of writing the impromptu prompts

III. Ballots

The ballot committee is working on them and will distribute them to the board for comments soon. PJ has already sent around copies of proposed congress ballots. The goal is to have all of these completed in time for the novice tournament.

There was a discussion about the two new NSDA events: POI and Informative Speaking. We are not going to add them to the official list of MSDL events, but tournaments will be encouraged to offer one or both if they have space and interest in doing so this season.

Joe reported back about his examination of the Rules & Regulations as well as the Bylaws documents. He reports that there are no contradictions between the two documents, but the Rules & Regulations document needs to be updated. The board appointed Joe, Jim, Josh & Amanda to a subcommittee to work on this project.

Move to adjourn at 9:00 pm – Sheldon

2nd – Rischitelli

Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Honeyman

Clerk/Secretary