

## Board Meeting – March 8, 2010

### Milton Academy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the president, Joyce Albert.

Present: Patrice Jean-Baptiste, Susan Marianelli, PJ Wexler, Rob Croteau, Dan Sapir, Joyce Albert & Lisa Honeyman. Sarah Sanchez arrived around 8:00 pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to plan the 2 state tournaments for the 2009-2010 school year.

### **Speech States – April 10<sup>th</sup> at Westford Academy.**

Trophies – Rob has already ordered them for both Speech & Debate tournaments and will arrange for delivery. We need to find the 7<sup>th</sup> place medals.

Invitation – We updated the invitation. It will be posted on Massforensics.org soon.

Congress legislation is due to PJ Wexler by March 31, 2010. It is expected that every school with competitors in congress will submit legislation or receive a waiver from Mr. Wexler by March 31st.

Extemp – Domestic, Economic, International. The final round will be announced at the tournament and will cover traditional topics.

Group Discussion topic area: Gender Issues

Judges – Schools must bring judges that have judged at a minimum of one speech tournament.

Schedule – same as last year. See invitation.

Awards – same as last year. See invitation.

Fees – In an effort to help teams with ongoing expenses, the board voted to waive individual entry fees at States. There will be a school entry fee of \$25. Drops and adds made after the registration deadline will cost \$10 each. Please make checks payable to Massachusetts Forensics League.

Any school that has not paid it's 2009-2010 membership dues will not be allowed to participate in the tournament until their dues and late fee have been paid.

**Motion to accept language about fees (above) by Dan.**

Seconded by Patrice.

For – 6, Against - 1, Abstain – 1

Motion passes.

Jobs -

Rob - flowers.

Susan - cake.

Susan will copy the ballots.

Joyce will set up the computer system.

Susan will make the changes to the invitation and post it.  
The extemp committee will write the extemp questions.  
Joyce will create the radio material and Rob will copy it.  
Impromptu topics – we will ask the committee to write them.  
PJ has a league debate computer and printer.  
Lisa will try to get the rest of the computer equipment from Chris.  
She will also try to locate the Hall of Fame plaque.  
Susan & Joyce will do the bid-check.  
Awards ceremony – Rob  
Staffing - Susan & Joyce will figure out who will do what on the day of the tournament.  
Coach gifts – Rob  
Joyce – Labels

Hall of Fame – Joyce will contact the committee about nominations.

**Debate States – March 27 at Oak Hill Middle School in Shrewsbury.**

There will be no bids necessary to compete in Policy Debate at States.

The tournament invitation will be pretty much the same as last year with minor changes. (Date and location have changed as has some of the contact information and a few details.)

Staffing – Sarah & PJ will take care of assignments and ask folks to help as needed.

Fees: The cost is \$5 per student entered + \$25 school fee. The school fee will be waived for teams that have 2 or fewer students entered.

Flowers – Susan

Cake – Susan

Ballots/Cards – Sarah & PJ will take care of it

Sarah Sanchez will check bids.

Motion to adjourn made by Sarah Sanchez

Second – Dan Sapir

Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm by the president, Joyce Albert,

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Honeyman

Secretary/VP