

01:39:38 PM PJ calls meeting to order, thanks Cindi for lunch

01:39:50 PM Prayers

01:40:27 PM Fall minutes are approved

01:40:52 PM President's report from PJ; nationals prep is proceeding slowly; everyone is encouraged to take notes at NCFL nationals: lunches, merchandise, venues, etc.

01:43:01 PM Just over \$5000 in treasury; league plans to open a separate account for NCFL Nationals and for the Chicago CFL to help with accounting

01:44:54 PM Discussion about money raised from nationals; about 10K last time; useful for scholarships and helping tournament hosts

01:46:47 PM Reflections on tournaments; Mary Beth praises scheduling of due dates for legislation and the Congress tournament administration

01:49:25 PM PJ working with Brett Hinkle to develop legislation entry template (to facilitate the assembly of bill packets); Jeff suggests that we put NFL templates for legislation on the CCFL website;

01:53:22 PM PJ reminds us about trophies and ties; he and Mike will work on getting those trophies ordered

01:54:11 PM PJ reminds everyone to send tournament invitations at least a month in advance of the tournament

01:55:13 PM Tracey suggests developing a template for tournament invitations; Jeff will work on it;

01:57:26 PM Tournament dates; much discussion about conflicts with national and local tournaments

02:02:54 PM Mike updates us about Baltimore nationals; reminds schools to submit entry checks for NCFL's (checks made out to CCFL); all schools need to submit itinerary information: arrival/departure, hotel, cell numbers for judges; urges us to stay within the hotel block to help the tournament run; no pre-sale lunches this year;

02:12:27 PM Tracey asks about high judge ratio; suggestions to email our league and Baltimore league about available judges

02:15:34 PM Congress chamber apportionment/size: Constitution determines number of chambers based on first tournament; PJ proposes that chamber apportionment be determined by tournament hosts, and teams submit entry forms that account for a 4, 5, and 6 chamber tournament; maximum of 20 kids, but maybe no minimum

02:23:12 PM Discussion about chamber apportionment; league seems in favor of pairing students and randomly assigning to chambers to limit political distribution of students; probably look at a four/five chamber option

- 02:29:06 PM LD tournaments have really limited entry (12 varsity); Fremd might not participate if it's two tournaments again; Jeff thinks we should have a more narrow qualifying window; Laine suggests one tournament for LD; Mary Beth says go five rounds, power-matched after 2 rounds; widespread agreement about having a single five-round tournament for LD
- 02:39:06 PM Tab Staff/Officers: issues when officers are all away when a tournament runs; Tracey is in favor of open tab rooms, helps people learn how to host; Scott suggests that hosts shadow the tabroom staff to learn how to tab/run a tournament; oral critiques are not permitted;
- 02:50:23 PM Proposed that we set tab staff schedule at beginning of year; Jeff will assemble tournament host chronology/checklist
- 02:52:33 PM Tournament schedule is discussed and roughly set  
10/13 – PF 1 at Fenwick  
10/27 – Congress 1 and IE Festival at ETHS  
11/10 – IE 1 at Antioch  
12/1 – Congress 2 at New Trier  
12/8 – IE 2 at Notre Dame  
1/19 – LD 1 and PF 2 at Stagg  
2/9 – Congress 3 at Fenwick
- 03:27:31 PM Fall meeting at Sandburg on August 25<sup>th</sup>
- 03:32:22 PM Spring meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> at Fremd
- 03:32:29 PM Membership push with flyers for fall meeting; Laine and Tracey will coordinate
- 03:34:00 PM Reminder that NCFL's in 2013 are in Philadelphia
- 03:35:02 PM Tracey updates us everyone on middle school involvement; encourages everyone to get involved with middle school programs; big tournament on May 5<sup>th</sup> for NJFL
- 03:38:15 PM Jeff suggests committees to write up interp guidelines and Congress revisions to bring our league into line with NCFL's
- 03:48:05 PM Meeting is delightfully adjourned