

CCFL 2015 Spring Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2015

- Meeting called to order
- Introductions around the room: Jonathan Horowitz (New Trier), Elizabeth Krymski (St. Ignatius), Rebecca Orr (De Paul), John Bellaire (De Paul), Claire Morrison (ND), Michael Colletti (Stagg), Bernadette Colletti (Treasurer), Wanda Teddy (Antioch), Kathie Foszcz (Resurrection), John McClusky (Fenwick), Mary Beth Logas (Fenwick), Art Wieckiewicz (Fenwick), Lainee McGraw (Sandburg), Scott McGraw (Sandburg)
- Opening Prayer
- Fall Minutes Approved
- Officer reports
 - Wanda Teddy (President) Nothing to report
 - Mary Beth Logas (VP) Nothing to report
 - Jeff Hannan (Secretary) Not in attendance
 - Bernadette Colletti (Treasurer)
 - CCFL financial information was presented and approved.
 - Would like to keep in place *try the league for free for first year* – 5 new schools this year because of this
 - Bank requires tax exempt status (EIN) for the league – there will be a fee to do this
- Mike Colletti (Diocesan Director) Will report in New Business
- Review of league tournament procedures discussion
 - Ending the season in February was too late, kids dropped out of tournament
 - Numbers in Speech and LD qualifiers were low
 - Congress qualifier went well, pre-qualifier had issues
 - LD at Fenwick did not go well
 - JV LD at Fenwick had to move kids to varsity level & they qualified for Nationals
 - Suggestions for 1 qualifier for PF, 1 qualifier for LD, 2 qualifiers for Congress – would result in better participation
 - Poor communication about tournaments and league events
 - Schools hosting should raise fees
 - Schools hosting should purchase their own trophies, ZIP trophies too expensive and too many mistakes and confusion
 - Might be incentive for joining league having only 1 qualifying tournament
 - Lots of events happening in Northern Illinois in Speech and Debate
 - Much growth of ICDA
 - Attendance at Antioch and Fenwick qualifiers were very low
 - Cost of trophies at Fenwick tourney from ZIP was \$445
 - Some Catholic schools only compete in CCFL, need to offer tournaments for them
 - CFL rules are different than NFL and IHSA
 - Schools not showing up for tournaments really hurt us this year
 - Suggestions for speech tournaments were:

1. 3 tournaments with cumulative scores
 2. 2 tournaments with cumulative scores
 3. 3 tournaments with best out of 2 cumulative scores
- Results of league tournament discussion and vote
 - 1 qualifier for Lincoln Douglas
 - 1 qualifier for Public Forum
 - 2 qualifiers for Student Congress
 - 3 qualifiers' for Speech with best out of two tournaments scores to qualify
 - Review of current CCFL Constitution (90's version) put off to this summer break (NOTE: Jeff Hannan sent copies of the Constitution and By-Laws out in late May, converted to word documents and Google docs. Please contact him if you did not get them.)
 - 2015 Nationals Update
 - Invoices passed out to schools that were in attendance at this meeting
 - Registration is at Hilton Marina – Mike Colletti will register for league materials
 - Mike or Bernadette will pass out league materials in Fort Lauderdale
 - Tournament judge requirements and judge cards discussed
 - No box lunches/everyone on their own for food
 - For more info on Grand Tournament go to NCFL.org & NCFLnationals.org
 - Trophies discussion
 - Too expensive through ZIP
 - Everyone has trophy contacts they could use when hosting
 - This year's trophies vs medals
 - Need to be consistent for same tournaments
 - Result of trophies discussion
 - Speech Awards (3 schools hosting Speech qualifiers will present same awards)
 - Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd place teams will receive trophies
 - 1st through 3 place students will receive trophies
 - 4th through 6th place will receive medals
 - Congress Awards (in addition to the debate awards below)
 - Best Legislation will receive a trophy
 - Best Presiding Officer will receive a gavel
 - Sweepstakes: 1st through 3rd place teams will receive trophies
 - Debate Awards
 - 1st through 3 place students will receive trophies
 - 4th through 6th place will receive medals
 - Entry Fees discussion
 - Speech is currently \$75 plus \$5 for each 3rd entry per category
 - Congress is \$10 per student entry fee
 - LD and PF are \$10 per entry
 - We give food to judges which is costly, but would continue to do so

- o Low attendance at tournaments means host schools lose money
- o Trophy cost not covered/extra trophies due to low attendance
- Result of entry fees discussion
 - o Speech entries
 - \$50 for 1-5 student entries
 - \$10 for every additional student entry with a cap of \$150 entry fee
 - o LD and PF entries
 - \$15 per entry
 - o Congress entries
 - \$12 per entry

****Schools are required to pay original entry fee when they register their school for a tournament

- Communications Issues
 - o Web site problems
 - o Need to have one up and running for great communication and invites for the league
- Communication issues resolution
 - o Mike will hire Jesse Kearns to set up new web site
 - o Voted that Jesse will be paid with a cap of \$500 fee

- 2015/2016 CCFL Calendar (tentative until schools check with their buildings)

o August 29	CCFL Fall Meeting	DePaul
o September 12	Congress Workshop	Fenwick
o September 26	LD/PF Workshop	Sandburg
o October 24	PF & LD Invitational	Fenwick
o October 31	1 st Speech & 1 st Congress Qualifier	Stagg
o November 14	PF & LD Qualifier	Sandburg
o December 5	2 nd Speech Qualifier	DePaul - confirmed
o January 16	3 rd Speech Qualifier	Antioch
o January 23	PF & LD & Congress Invitational	Sandburg
o January 30	2nd Congress Qualifier	Fenwick
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- Meeting adjourned with poor attempts at high fives and fist bumps!