

8:48am: Fall 2016 CCFL Meeting begins

Coaches in Attendance:

Rebecca Orr- DePaul College Prep

Sam Paoletti-Marist

Kathy Foszcz- Resurrection

Claire Monson-Notre Dame

Arthur Wieckiewicz- Fenwick

Libby Kincanon- Fenwick

Wanda Teddy- Antioch

Sarah Nyquist- Antioch

Spencer Howland- ETHS

Lainee McGraw- Sandburg

Scott McGraw – Sandburg

Mike Colletti-Stagg

Jack Helbig-Holy Trinity

Ursula Gruber- New Trier

8:53am: Prayer

8:54am: Took a look at meeting minutes from the last meeting; Claire, Kathy, and Arthur's names were misspelled. All are very sorry. Claire moves to approve minutes. All minutes were approved.

8:56am: Wanda has no report; Jeff and Mary Beth are not here.

8:56am: Treasurer's report by Colletti- CCFL financial information was presented and approved.

8:57am: Bernadette says get registration forms in as soon as possible. Fee statements are available at the meeting today. If you only do one event, base amount for membership is \$135. If you add an event, Make checks payable to CCFL and send to the PO Box on the forms. Registration forms and fees are needed by the first tournament. You must have fees in to be able to compete at the first contest.

8:59am: Nationals went very well; the tournament was very expensive on the side of the NCFL. Not sure if we will go back to Sacramento for a number of reasons. Director and events coordinator had to go to Sacramento 4 times in the past year so the tournament became expensive.

9:00am: Results of nationals can be found on the NCFL website on the homepage. The results packet is 127 pages. We had several successes in the league and congratulations to all of the finalists from the CCFL. As a whole the tournament was done very well.

9:02am: Feedback from the app for the NCFL tournament was for the most part positive. Sam liked how everything was also posted on Twitter and the fact that parents really liked the application. Application was useful. Printing of programs for a tournament is very expensive- this year at the National tournament we had programs and applications, but printed fewer programs. Mary Beth says that kids don't need the booklets. Perhaps booklets for just judges and head coaches. For the most part, kids did not want to carry around their books.

9:05am: Tournament feedback-how was the pipe and drape situation? Many coaches hated it; Sam said they were horrendous. You could hear people next to you and you could hear the applause. Kids spoke into the hallway and the drapes were also very thin so the sound was loud. Could not hear students if you were not 3 feet in front of them. The reason we had the pipe and drapes was because of a space issue. Louisville will use traditional classrooms. In DC, all rounds will be in one space. This year the pipe and drape will not be an issue, but will return when we travel to DC.

9:12am: Mike will be in Louisville in September and will bring up our given feedback from the Sacramento tournament.

9:14am: Question- has oratory has transitioned into a performance category? Colletti- oratory rules in CFL are very general; people can push the boundaries; it does not necessarily have to be

persuasive. Most speeches seen in quarters/semis were more traditional from the perspective of Sam from Marist.

9:16am: Any other feedback from nationals? It was very expensive, especially if you were flying direct. We are all excited to drive to Kentucky!

9:17am: Review of bylaws- Jeff is not here today but will post something on the website for us to see. He will put his notes and changes on the website. Please make notes for the spring meeting so we can discuss. Jeff also came up with a new idea for qualifications by category-he wants to make sure that everyone understands how people qualify from the different categories.

9:19am: It was not clear that congress qualification for nationals was going to be cumulative.

9:20am: The website [www.chicagocfl.org](http://www.chicagocfl.org) is active. If you go to the website you will see some old content. We were able to find a new webmaster and was able to save our old content when our website was shut down. Right now all pages are active but need to be updated. Eventually, we would like the webmaster to be the exclusive person to post on the website. When we need to post something to the website, we will just send it to him. We will get his email address.

9:22am: Website-Sweet Home Chicago logo from the national tournament will be incorporated on the website. Website will have a title screen/different pages/how to contact. Invitations, results, info for people hosting tournaments, congress legislation, photos can be posted on this website.

9:24am: Requested that a trophy list be posted to the website for hosting schools. If you have suggestions for the website, send them on to Colletti or Bryan Travers our webmaster.

9:25am: Calendar for next year- would like to propose moving the Halloween weekend tournament for IE. Weekends in November will NOT work for most teams. Marist, Stagg, and DePaul will inquire about space reservations for the tournament on the 29<sup>th</sup> since Antioch will no longer be able to host.

9:32am: Fenwick had to cancel their Congress training on 9/24.

9:33am: Congress dates look good; PF/LD dates look good

2016-17 CCFL Calendar

Speech Dates:	Congress Dates:	PF/LD Debate Dates:
10/29 @ Stagg		09/17 @ Sandburg-PF training
12/03 @ DePaul	10/22 @ Fenwick	11/12 @ Sandburg
01/21 @ Fenwick	01/14 @ Stagg	02/02 @ Evanston

9:35am: Speechwire will be used for speech events; Congress will continue to use previous spreadsheets

9:35am: Nationals website will become active in the next month or 2. Colletti will go to Louisville in September and will provide us with an update. Travel will be a lot cheaper! Hotel range should be \$100-\$160 estimated.

9:38am: Chicago Nationals Update- no updates right now, but if you have contacts with any downtown universities, please let us know. The plan is to not have to bus anyone around.

9:41am: Other new business- kudos to coaches on your representation at Nationals!! Love that CCFL congress tournaments have good PO's. We need more competition in CCFL congress.

9:44am: Spring meeting date: May 6, 2017 at DePaul College Prep.