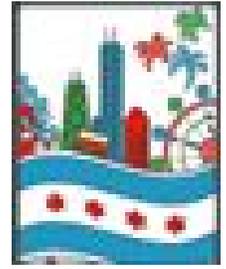


Chicago Catholic Forensic League

Fall Meeting Minutes

Saturday, August 29, 2015



The Fall Meeting of the CCFL was held at DePaul College Prep, 3633 N California Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

In Attendance:

Jeff Hannan, Evanston Township HS
Scott McGraw, Laine McGraw - Carl Sandburg HS
Rebecca Orr, Mina Rodriguez - DePaul College Prep
Bernadette Colletti, Mike Colletti - Amos Alonzo Stagg HS
Wanda Teddy - Antioch Community HS
Kathie Foszcz - Resurrection College Prep
Samantha Paoletti, Marist HS
John McCluskey, Mary Beth Logas - Fenwick HS
Barb Heyrman, Holy Trinity HS
Tom Herman, Northridge College Prep

8:41 Prayers offered

8:43 Minutes offered for review

John asks clarification about speech tournaments; best two results from three qualifiers

8:44 Minutes are accepted

8:45 Officer Reports; Bernadette (treasurer): CCFL financial information was presented and approved. We changed banks to not pay fees. Encourages people to pay in a timely manner

8:46 Mike (diocesan director), will be going to Sacramento for fall meeting, NCFL 2016 will be using Convention spaces (pipe and drape) for some competition rooms
2015 NCFL Results: Marist had an Octafinalist in Oratory and a Quarterfinalist in Declamation, Antioch had a Quarterfinalist in Declamation, Sandburg in Double-Octas of PF, New Trier in Double-Octas and Quarters of Policy, New Trier had a Semifinalist in Congress, Fenwick had a Quarterfinalist in LD, Evanston had a National Champion in LD

8:50 NCFL 2015 still dealing with poor bus contract fulfillment; couldn't fine anyone for missed assignments

8:51 Some additional concerns about the bus situation; with any luck this will be cleaned up by more rooms at centralized location (hotel provided rooms, etc)

8:55 Revisiting tournament procedures

One qualifier for LD and PF, at Sandburg on 11/14

Two qualifiers for Congress, 10/31 at Stagg and 1/23 at Sandburg

Three qualifiers for Speech, 10/31 at Stagg, 12/5 at DePaul and 1/16 at Antioch; only top two are accepted: invert all ranks (include final round), add best two complete tournaments, then speaker points are the next tie-breaker, then drop high/low speaker points, then paper/rock/scissors (accepted by vote)

9:02 Much consternation about late notifications; need a deadline for notification; sign commitment forms

9:04 Deadline for nationals entry notification will be March 1st, and will carry a locked registration fee penalty (if you commit, then drop out after the deadline, you will cover the registration fee for the alternate that ends up in the spot); (accepted by vote)

9:09 LD and PF qualifier will be five rounds, power matched after round 2, tie-breaker order will be wins, speaker points, drop hi/low speaker points, then paper/rock/scissors (accepted by vote)

9:11 Congress is best six ranks; then total speech score; then speech average; (accepted by vote)

9:17 Constitution and By-Laws will be rewritten by Jeff to reflect current practices, then submitted for approval at the spring meeting

9:18 Trophies will be re-evaluated to help control costs;

Speech - 1st through 3rd trophies, 4th through 6th medals

Speech team - 1 through 3 get trophies

Congress - best PO gavel, best legislation trophy

Congress - 1 through 3 team trophy, best six scores (minimum six students)

Congress - 1 through 3 student trophy, 4-6 students medals

Debate - 1-3 students trophies, 4-6 students medals

Debate - 1-3 team gets sweeps trophies: best three varsity finishes, only above .500 teams

9:23 Congress - unlimited entry; LD/PF - 4 entries each; Speech - 3 per event; unlimited JV/Novice entries in LD and PF

Double entry discussion, may slow down or complicate tournament, but would better suit student interests; (accepted by vote)

9:45 Entry notification: by two weeks after the final CCFL qualifier, all students who are potentially double-entered to nationals need to commit to an event; upon committing, they drop to the next alternate spot in the event they chose to forgo; (accepted by vote)

9:46 Entry Fees! All entry fees are based on **original entry**, not who shows at the tourney.

Speech: \$50 for first five entries (even if it's just 1); then \$10 per additional entry, cap at \$150

Congress: \$12 per entry

LD and PF: \$15 per entry

9:50 Communication Issues; Jesse Kearns could do website for us; need to do invitations ahead of time;

9:53 Calendar:

- 9/19 - Congress training, run by Fenwick, hosted at Stagg
- 9/26 - LD/PF training at Sandburg
- 10/24 - LD/PF invitational at Fenwick
- 10/31 - First Congress/IE qualifier at Stagg
- 11/14 - PF/LD qualifier at Sandburg
- 12/5 - Second IE qualifier at DePaul
- 1/16 - Third IE qualifier at Antioch
- 1/23 - Second Congress qualifier (at Sandburg's invitational tournament)

10:14 2016 NCFL Nationals: fly to SF, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento, Reno (2 hr drive)

10:17 Spring meeting at DePaul College Prep, May 7th, 8 AM

10:18 Congratulations around the table, and have a fun and educational year!

Okay, but also pay your registration fees.

High fives all around!