

CCFL Fall Meeting Minutes  
Eagle Rock Community Church (Hosted by Marist)

SCHOOL	IE	Congress	PF	LD	Policy
Sandburg			X	X	
Evanston	X	X	X	X	
Loyola	X	X	X	X	
Holy Trinity	X		X	X	
Regina	X	X	X		
Res	X				
Notre Dame	X	X			
Marist	X				
Buffalo Grove	X			X	
Northridge	X	X	X	X	
Stagg	X	X	X	X	
New Trier	X	X	X	X	X
St. Ignatius	X	X			
Fenwick	X	X	X	X	

Attendance:

PJ Samorian (Loyola Academy), Scott McGraw (Sandburg HS), Laine McGraw (Sandburg HS), Aaron Solomon-Mills (Marist), Jeff Hannan (Evanston), Tom Herman (Northridge), Francesca Smith (Buffalo Grove), Tracey Repa (Buffalo Grove), Linda Oddo (New Trier), Paul Denning (St. Ignatius), Mary Pat Haley (St. Ignatius), Dave Rosenzweig (Notre Dame), Tyler Beattie (Notre Dame), Sue Valentino (Regina Dominican), Barb Heyrman (Holy Trinity), Mike Colletti (Stagg HS), Emily Anderson (Fenwick), Kathie Foszcz (Resurrection), Mary Beth Logas (Fenwick)

I. Call to Order: 9:04 am

II. Greeting and Prayer

Prayers for Sr. Diane (hospitalized), prayers for a good year and a good season

III. Attendance, Intros.

09-10 Participation (see grid above)

IV. Approval of Spring Meetings-APPROVED

Point of Clarification

Linda-Can non-member schools participate in just one IE event (DUO) or all events?

PJ-Is it just IE?

Several Members-Yes. Non-member schools can participate in IE only, you must be a member to compete in all other events

V. Officer's Reports

A. Diocesan Director (Mike Colletti)-

- In Albany our league did well in debate, but not so good in speech, non-member schools should help with competition for our IE participants
- LA was one of 5 excellence in debate schools this year at Albany
- Four CCFL students went to elimination rounds in three debate categories
- Omaha, meeting later in Sept.-should be a nice tournament, Miller West HS and Creighton (potential sites) other sites if necessary depending on size of the tournament
- NCFL is growing, there have been additional dioceses added in the Midwest as well as inquires for starting new diocesan chapters in Alaska
- Dave-Concerns about Nationals being ND graduation weekend, other schools have a similar issue

- Omaha tournament Headquarters will be the Hilton (3 miles from the airport); the tournament will be less spread out than Albany; more information will be forthcoming
- NCFL school membership data form (one per school) is DUE OCT 15, with membership dues (see sheet-send to Sr. Diane). The membership form should be sent to Mike Colletti at the address found below. There is a copy of the form available on the new CCFL website (see President's Report for more information)

Mike Colletti  
5414 N. Lynch Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60630

B. Treasurer (PJ Samorian for Sr. Diane)

- Currently the league has \$5, 527.64. There is only one bill outstanding and then another small outstanding item.
- A special thank you to schools who brought extra judges so the league didn't have to hire judges
- Dave-ND has several trained Congress judges if needed for Congress tournaments  
PJ-We have not had to hire congress judges in the past, but thank you for the offer

C. Secretary (Sue Valentino)

- Please make any changes or updates needed to the CCFL contact sheet; the coaches directory will be posted in a PDF to the CCFL website

D. President (PJ Samorian)-

- CCFL website: ([www.chicagocfl.org](http://www.chicagocfl.org)) Has been updated. The site was left over from the last time Chicago hosted Nationals and has been updated to reflect various items for the league. Please take pictures at the tournaments and submit them to PJ so he can add them to the slide show (picture will rotate after each tournament)

Sue-Do we need an imaging permission form for the league so the students can be pictured on the league site?

PJ-Loyola has a form through the school.

Kathie-I think we need one for the league.

PJ-We will work on that.

- Upper right corner of the site provides a link to NCFL (also in links)
- Tournament calendar will be posted on the website  
PJ-Should we publish a coach list on the web?  
Linda-It would help for new coaches, and those who want to join the league.  
Francesca-Make sure it is saved a certain way to avoid spam mail to all of the coaches' email addresses.  
PJ-If I save it as a PDF is that ok?  
Several Members-Good.
- Constitution-will be posted as a PDF so it cannot be changed or edited, you will be able to print it only.
- Member School Info. Form is also on the web, this is the form that gets mailed to Mike Colletti  
Tracey-Is there money attached to this form?  
Mike-No. The money goes to Sr. Diane depending on the events you will participate in.  
The fees are listed on the fee sheet PJ made available.  
Tracey-Can we email the form to you?  
Mike-Yes, but you need the principal's signature so it might be more difficult to email it
- CCFL Meeting Minutes will be posted, archive will remain up on the site
- Sample documents for tournament hosts are posted (under each event category there are between 15-18 documents which are needed when hosting a tournament). These documents include sample invites, info. sheets, etc. and can be used as templates for any tournament in CCFL.
- Schedule-CCFL tournament schedules
- Tournament Invitations-tournament invites

- Anything else needed?
  - Mike-A Results section.
  - PJ-Yes, we will post results as a PDF so no one can “doctor” the results.
  - Tracey-A descriptions of events.
  - Mike/PJ-There is a link to the NCFL page for further info. on each event. But we could do a list with basic descriptions.
  - PJ-All the NCFL documents are the same except for the PF ballot.
  - Linda-We might think about a section on the side to share resources.
  - PJ-What should we call it?
  - Lainee/Mike-Resources.
  - Tracey-Is there a possibility of a FAQ section? That would be helpful.
  - PJ-Definitely. Anything else?
  - Barb-A join the CCFL section.
  - Aaron-There should be lots of redundancy within the site, a join CCFL link on every page
  - Linda-Maybe links to officers so people can figure out who to contact for what.

## V. Old Business

- Schedule

Linda-Was there a change in the third Varsity IE tournament?  
 Barb-Holy Trinity is going to host it instead of Stagg HS.

## VI. New Business

- Calendar-Calendar approved. See attached
  - Lainee-Point of clarification: Where it says PF qualifier does that mean only PF is offered at that tournament. How many tournaments do you need to attend to qualify for Nationals?
  - PJ-You need to attend the series, but there have been times in IE where there are teams that only go to one or two IE tournaments that are 6th or 7th in the league and go to Nationals.
  - PJ-The November LD qualifier is still the November topic correct?
  - Mike-Yes.
- Public Forum Workshop
  - Lainee-PF team workshop. See invitation. \$10 per student. Students can come with a partner or they will find the student a PF partner; the students receive coaching on the October topic, every kid participates in a round, there is a coaches meeting, and a meeting for judges, the students will write a case and actual do a round. There are take home things for the students as well.
- Awards and trophies-
  - Zip trophies:
    - PJ-Sr. Diane was really good about getting the duplicate trophies to the schools, she ordered, picked up, and then delivered the trophies to the school. Zip has been great about taking back extra trophies and reusing them or crediting the account. Please continue to use this company for awards and trophies.
- Extemp Questions
  - PJ-please give feedback on the way we do Extemp. questions. If you like it good, if you don't let me know.
  - Sue-Just clarifying that we are using the previous year's National's topics?
  - PJ-Yes, we try to rotate the combination of topics through each round.
  - Mike-Topics can be found in the Executive minutes through the NCFL website.
- 2013 Nationals (Chicago) Update
  - Mike-The downtown Chicago Hilton is not available until 2016, so we are not going to host Nationals until then.

- Invitations
 

Tournament invitations need to go out ASAP, at least a month ahead of time. We had lots of late invitations last year. It is really helpful to have the invitations out early. Also, please make sure you are meeting the deadlines for entries and legislation. If there is a call in, make sure that you make any changes or drops at that time. Tournament hosts should decide how they want to do the call in, etc.

Linda-Will it still be necessary to send out the invitations now that the website is up and running?

PJ-As long as it is out and posted a month in advance.

Sr. Diane (through PJ)- For the first year, I would like to do both; on the web and through email.
- Fundraising Opportunity.
 

Tracey-At NFL Nationals we ran across a fundraising idea. The company is called Simply Functional, it is an off shoot of Schwan. Schwan no longer supports the NFL, but they are using this product. With this program, you do not have to collect products or money. Salad dressings cost \$20 for a box of three and the school makes \$5 on each box. Customer service is really good, the company is just starting, the gentleman who is heading this program was head of a division at Schwan. So far, we are really pleased with everything.

Francesca-The product is really healthy and kid friendly.

Tracey-New products could include nut butters, BBQ sauce , and salsas.

#### VIII. Other Business

- Congress Critique Sheets
 

PJ-Diane would like to have a committee that looks at the Congress critique sheets. (Linda, Jeff, and Mary Beth), changes in the critique form will be proposed at the spring meeting
- NCFL Nationals Results
 

Mary Pat- Do they post winners of IE categories and their selections on the NCFL site?

Mike-Not selections.

Mary Pat-I just ask because IHSA does a list and it is really helpful for looking at new material.

Tracey-The NFL also publishes lists of their winners and piece

PJ-The NFL video will be out earlier this year.

Linda-Does NCFL ever video any of the final rounds?

Mike-No.
- Speechwire
 

PJ-Speechwire is out and tracks the kids from tournament to tournament.

Tracey-Other tools are out through the same publisher which can track the practice time and tournaments through the site. It is so easy.

Linda-Do you have Ben's contact info.?

Tracey-Yes, I will send it out right away. (please see emails from Aaron Solomon-Mills and Tracey Repa-Sent on Saturday, August 29, 2009)

PJ-I can make it a link on the site. It would be good for tracking NFL points.

Tracey-He would love to get hooked into the NFL

Mike-He is so accessible, he is available on the day of your tournament.

Tracey-I have seen Ben at a tournaments literally sit down and reconfigure something because a coach wants to have the information in a different way.

Tracey-There is a fee to use the services, but there are schools in Ohio that are charging a technology fee to cover the use of Ben's programs..

Kathie-Is Ben affiliated with a school?

Tracey-No he is from Wheaton and is a former competitor in Radio. He had always done web stuff on the side and then started this company after knowing how difficult it was to do tournament registration, etc.

Tracey-We have had a lot of great experiences with Ben, I don't even worry about anything the week before the tournament.

- Topic Voting/ISTA/IHSA/Other Workshops and Tournaments

Mike-If you are an NFL member you can vote for the LD topics. Also, on the IHSA website you can click the IE link and where it says terms and conditions, you can click on the changes section and vote on the Informational Speaking addition to the Individual Events categories. On the debate side there is a Policy Debate tab and you can vote on those topics as well.

The ISTA convention is coming up at the Marriott Oakbrook, September 24-26. There is a speech coaches workshop ([illinoisspeechandtheater.com](http://illinoisspeechandtheater.com)) early registration is by Sept. 1. It is really very good.

State debate will be held at ISU again this year.

Tracey-There will be a Speech and LD scrimmage on October 8, which is a Thursday night, there will be two rounds. Contact Tracey for more information. There are veteran students to help novices memorize and practice.

Francesca-We also do a fashion show on the dos and don'ts of tournament attire

Tracey-It is a great program.

- Omaha Nationals

Jeff-Does anyone know how long it is to drive to Omaha?

Mike/Linda-It's about 8 hours.

Jeff-Could we, as a league, charter a bus?

Dave-We have busses, we couldn't take your kids, but if there are coaches that bring their teams we could work that out.

Jeff-That sounds good. Does the league think about helping to pay for any of that [transportation costs]?

Mike- There is one train that goes to Omaha that leaves at 2 and arrives around 10 when running on time.

- Thank You

Aaron-Kevin Lacompt was an assistant at Marist and is now at Thornridge, and I would like to publically thank him for his service and participation in the league.

- Suggestions for Summer Camps/camp Experiences

Mary Beth-We had students go to several different camps and I went to the Baylor coaches camp and all were great experiences. The sessions were outstanding and I really learned a lot. They do Policy and LD and some of the sessions are run by Texas state champs.

Francesca-I will put in a chirp for the ISU camp. I taught there for LD this year and it was really good.

Mary Beth-My kids who went really liked it.

- Middle School Speech and Debate Programs

Tracey-I am interested in doing a middle school speech and debate league in my area. Things have fallen together and it is a pet project of mine. I have a contact in Wisconsin that wants to come down and talk to coaches who want to do this because they have a strong Middle School program up there. If you are interested let me know.

## IX. Spring Meeting

- Spring meeting at Resurrection on April 24.

Adjourned 10:35.

Respectfully submitted by, Sue Valentino