

08:36:49 AM Mike calls meeting to order

08:36:54 AM Introductions around the room: Trey (Josephine/Ecvanston); Beth (Loyola); Clare Monson (ND speech); Sean Miller (Depaul); Rebbeca Orr (Depaul); Katie Wanner (Depaul); Wanda Teddy (Antioch); Mike (Stagg); Bernadette (Treasurer); Mary Beth (Fenwick); Arthur Wicwicz? (Fenwick); Kathie Fosccz; Kate Cole (Ho-Flo); Laine (Sandburg); John McCluskey (Fenwick)

08:38:27 AM Prayers are offered

08:39:09 AM Spring minutes approved? Spring minutes approved.

08:40:19 AM Officer Reports: Cindi (Pres) out of town; Wanda (VP)/Jeff (Sec) nothing to report;

08:42:10 AM Bernadette (treasurer) reports: CCFL financial information was presented.

08:45:36 AM Treasurer's report is approved.

08:46:12 AM General applause for Mike and Bernadette's tremendous efforts to arrange and facilitate the national tournament; Mike shared positive feedback from NCFL's, people were very happy with Chicago's hosting efforts.

08:48:55 AM National's results: Congressional Debate, two Fenwick students in semis, one New Trier student in finals; Cook Country Board Pres Toni Preckwinkle spoke to the Congress before it started; LD, Buffalo Grove had a student in double octas, ETHS had a student in quarters; in PF, ETHS had a team in octas; in Policy, Niles North had a team in octas, New Trier had a team in double octas; in OI, Marist quarters; Duo, New Trier in quarters; DP, BG had a student in octas and a student in quarters; Dec, Marist had 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish;

08:52:12 AM At NSDA nationals, BG was a speech school of honor; ETHS was a debate school of excellence.

08:52:51 AM Fee schedule and NCFL team data cards distributed; data card needs to be fully filled out, with principal or headmaster's signature; due date for cards and fees is October 15<sup>th</sup>, or the first tournament; fees are payable to Chicago Catholic Forensic League; fees and data card should be mailed to the Chicago Catholic Forensic League, PO Box 31785, Chicago, IL 60631

08:56:05 AM Fee schedule explained; fees are charged for each event that teams choose to participate in.

08:57:00 AM Calendar review from Spring meeting:  
10/18 – Congress/LD at Fenwick  
11/8 – Speech/PF at Antioch  
12/6 – Congress/Speech at TBD (about 40 rooms needed, Stagg is possible)

1/24 – LD/PF at Sandburg (moved from 1/17 at Stagg)  
2/21 – Debate District Qualifier (Congress/LD/PF/Policy) at ETHS  
2/28 – Speech District Qualifier at Notre Dame (tentatively, will be confirmed soon)

- 09:06:33 AM Procedures for District Qualifier tournaments brought to the table; Mike suggests a discussion on possible limits on who qualifies to nationals from a particular school; it is possible to enter full teams at the qualifying tournaments, and then bring six (or more) entries in an event to the District tournament; Wanda has questions about philosophy of league, Mary Beth expresses concerns about new and small schools being pushed out by big schools, and the opportunity of travel to inspire students and programs;
- 09:19:29 AM Proposal for entry limits: same limits at qualifiers (3 per team per event in speech, 4 per team per event in debate), any student who qualifies to the District Finals may enter that tournament; in speech, only three entries from a team may make the final round (top 6) in any event and attend nationals; all limits on nationals qualifiers are removed once the alternate process begins, so a team may bring more than 3 entries if other qualified entries drop out;
- 09:32:36 AM Speech Final: students from a team CAN compete against each other in prelims; three prelims then finals in each event; if numbers justify a semifinal round, tournament officials can add it into the schedule.
- 09:39:37 AM THESE ARE DRAFT RULES, PEOPLE, EVERYTHING CAN BE TWEAKED LATER.
- 09:40:06 AM LD/PF: five rounds, two pre-paired, rounds 3-5 are powered; if there is a clean break, based on record, for the top 6 teams, they advance; BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE ISN'T A CLEAN BREAK!?!?!?!
- 09:46:04 AM Laine suggests just taking the top six, period, based on whatever tie breakers are settled on (record, hi-lo speaker points, speaker points, judge variance). And this is agreed upon.
- 09:52:02 AM Policy will be hashed out by policy schools at a later time.
- 09:52:14 AM Try to keep novices paired with novices and JV paired with JV.
- 09:55:45 AM Congressional Debate is very confusing; qualifier tournaments will stay the same; at the Diocesan Final tournament; two sessions, 8:30-11:00, 12:00-2:30, advance an equal number from each chamber, resulting in a final round between 15 and 20 students, prefer the larger possible advanced number; limit final to base 2; adult parliamentarian; final round starts ASAP; legislation for finals will be submitted separate from normal leg, one finals legislation per school; judge panel will have one judge from every school who was represented at the tournament, and drop the school's judge from each student's aggregate rank; student PO; 1 judge for first ten; if there is an unaffiliated judge filled in

for a school, then they cannot rank the school they are filled in for;

- 10:23:24 AM Best PO and best legislation awards will still be given; anyone can run for PO in finals
- 10:26:08 AM Mary Beth concerned about students having to choose an event to participate in; it just is what it is, though;
- 10:32:02 AM Speech critique and ballot changes will be reviewed and pushed out to the speech coaches by Wanda;
- 10:36:47 AM We have a Constitution and by-laws; Arthur will review page 1-4 of by-laws; John and Wanda will review page 5-10 of by-laws; Laine will write PF rules; Mary Beth will review the Congress rules; Mike will review pages 1-5 of the Constitution; everyone will send their work to Jeff for compilation; deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>;
- 10:42:09 AM Wanda is our new President; Mary Beth is our new Vice President; JEFF IS STILL SECRETARY, LONG LIVE THE SECRETARY; Bernadette is our continuing treasurer;  
Mike is our continuing Diocesan Director;
- 10:44:30 AM Mike traveling to Ft Lauderdale soon to begin planning for NCFL Nationals 2015; if anyone has suggestions for nationals, send them to Mike
- 10:45:30 AM The Colletti's still have a bunch of left over merch from Nationals; everyone should buy that stuff to support the league;
- 10:52:45 AM Book hotels early for Ft Lauderdale tournament;
- 10:52:56 AM 2016 – Sacramento; 2017 – Louisville; 2018 – Washington, D.C.;
- 10:55:21 AM Website is currently down (virus?); we need to find a new web solution if the old website isn't going to come back.
- 10:56:18 AM Qualifier tournament procedures are largely up to the discretion of the coaches who are hosting.
- 10:59:32 AM Continue sending feedback to the Colletti's
- 10:59:41 AM Repurposing trophies is great
- 10:59:49 AM Need to make another push for school recruitment; new schools this year will have their fees paid by the league for this year.
- 11:02:54 AM Trophies will be ordered by the league, but paid for by the schools that host each tournament; overages (extra trophies) will be paid for by the league
- 11:05:39 AM Three debate training opportunities: Fenwick Congress 9/6, Fremd LD 9/20, and

Sandburg PF 9/27.

11:06:58 AM Laine suggests using some of our nationals money to create a scholarship for students; could be merit based, could be for college or camp, could be to cover nationals expenses; could be picked randomly, could have coach nominations;

11:14:15 AM Same fee structures will be used at the District Finals tournaments.

11:14:26 AM Spring meeting will be on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at DePaul College Prep

11:18:10 AM Meeting is adjourned: high fives are exchanged and fists are bumped.