

08:44:16 AM PJ Calls meeting to order with greeting and welcome, thanks Martin and Fremd HS for hosting

08:44:42 AM Prayers offered

08:46:08 AM Introductions around the room

PJ Samorian, New Trier
Kathie Foszcz, Resurrection HS
Barb Heyrman, Holy Trinity HS
Holly Cox, Marist HS
Aaron Vinson, New Trier
Jeff Hannan, ETHS
Marybeth Logas, Fenwick
John McCluskey, Fenwick
Craig Siegler, St Ignatius
Mary Pat Haley, St Ignatius
Melissa Young, New Trier
Cindi Schliesmann, Notre Dame
Wanda Teddy, Antioch
Martin Zacharia, Fremd
Darrell Robin, Schaumburg
Dorothy Robak, Fremd
Bernadette Colletti,
Mike Colletti, Stagg

08:49:16 AM Fall minutes approved with changes (Kathie's name, Laurie Hrad?)

08:50:38 AM Officer's reports (nothing from President, VP, Secretary)

08:51:05 AM Balance is \$5352.31 in CCFL account

Mike urges ppl to get registration checks in for NCFL Nationals
Checks should be made out to Chicago CFL, mailed to
Mike Colletti, PO Box 31785, Chicago, IL, 60631

08:52:51 AM PJ reports that checking accounts for Nationals are being set up

08:53:10 AM Trophy ties; Mike and PJ put together a duplicate trophy list at Fenwick tournament and once they are delivered PJ will get it all delivered to people

08:55:28 AM Extra trophies for Congress and speech tournaments can be returned to PJ and hopefully a credit will be obtained

If tournament hosts lose money on a tournament, they should talk to the league because that shouldn't happen

Tournament hosts need to fill out duplicate trophy forms AT THE TOURNAMENT so that the league can order and ship duplicates; form is available on the website

08:57:34 AM Mike begins discussion of 2013 NCFL Nationals

10 dollar surcharge per entry to cover attrition fees; additionally \$50 per entry for teams staying outside of the block

09:02:18 AM Entry and judge sheets distributed to each team so people can confirm their judges and assignments; speech judges were assigned to try to keep judges with students from each school

09:04:51 AM Additional information will be posted on NCFL.org and NCFL2013.org as it becomes available

09:05:54 AM Mike will register the league Friday afternoon, people need to connect with Mike Friday afternoon or evening to get their registration materials
Everybody needs to get cell numbers and hotel information to Mike so he can contact judges or coaches as necessary at the tournament

09:08:35 AM PF and LD topics are up; Congress legislation will be posted around the end of April

09:08:53 AM 20th place in Congress; 10th place in LD; 10th in OO; top 6 go in Dec; 11th in OI; 10th in DP; 12th in Duo; 9th place in PF;
Graduation is the big issue, lots of schools graduate on Memorial Day

09:13:55 AM 2014 NCFL Nationals in Chicago Update

Chicago Hilton is the contract hotel;

De La Salle can host extemp; second campus available but not big enough for a second extemp

Jones College Prep a second school, owned by CPS and Chicago Park District

Roosevelt's price went up considerably

DePaul's prices were too high, and downtown campus was not a good venue last time

UIC's calendar is still in flux

Columbia can't make a commitment, they are very frustrating

Cindi suggests Northeastern University

09:19:35 AM 35 rooms per event in speech, 210 total

70 rooms for LD and PF, 140 total

100 rooms for policy

12 Congress rooms

Each event needs a large tab room and a gathering place

09:21:52 AM Trying to avoid a bus contract and keep everything downtown

Philly bus contract is \$28000

09:32:27 AM 2014 Tasks

Hotels, venues, bus contracts will be taken care of by Colletti

Saturday morning: need bus loaders/traffic control for walkers

Need liaisons for each venue/event

Shuttle van for miscellaneous tasks/runs

Need school nurse at each venue

Lunch preparation needs to follow rules of diocese and venues

Concessions are also a consideration depending on the venue

Corporate donations for registration packets, diocesan directors, etc

- 09:43:48 AM Saturday evening mass needs someone to arrange it
Awards in Grand Ballroom need some volunteers to help set up
T-Shirt design, Program cover design contests among schools/students?
Consider black market t-shirt
Welcome letter solicitation (mayor, cardinals, etc)
Printing and stuffing for ballots gets arranged after venues and NCFL fall meeting
- 09:52:27 AM All that Jazz suggested as a theme for the tournament
- 09:56:35 AM Current website can't handle traffic for NCFLNationals site
Could have access to the NCFLNationals site left over from Baltimore
- 10:03:23 AM Congress discussion/reflection
Darrell asks about congress rules/manual, which doesn't exist?
Mary Beth: some kids whined about procedures; also a problem when speech scores don't match up with rankings; how does participation get factored in?
Craig and Mary Beth are pleased with rankings' ability to capture legislator as a whole
Maybe need some guidelines for Congress judging;
Discussion about Reason for Rank section added to Congress ballot;
- 10:23:01 AM Mike points out that numbers were down a bit in Congress; results after second tournament were pretty consistent with results after third tournament
Mary Beth brings up idea for CFL training; Darrell describes existing ICDA novice training tournament
- 10:26:26 AM Interp guideline discussion/reflection
Feedback is positive, but need to make more progress with judging expectations
- 10:32:06 AM IE Festival feedback is positive, people and kids like it
- 10:32:16 AM Nationals workshop didnt happen this year
Conflicts
Need nationals feedback and get coaching teams together for specific events for nationals preparation
- 11:10:55 AM Lengthy discussion about schedule changes; Jeff proposes three monthly tournaments for all events followed by a Local Grand Tournament for qualification purposes
Pros: Fewer committed weekends throughout the year for programs; more weekend opportunities for students; more opportunities for students to try different events
Cons: Worried about numbers for each tournament; qualification questions surrounding students who can't make certain tournaments and other tournaments don't run; difficulty of finding date for Local Grand Tournament
Discussion is tabled until after we host nationals...
- 11:22:43 AM Schedule discussion (Wanda has notes for schedule)