NJSDL Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2016

Chimney Rock Inn, Bound Brook, NJ

1. Introduction
   1. Members Present – Kyle Johnson (Bedminster), Mary Gormley (Montville), Ger McKnight (Bridgewater-Raritan), Peter Quinn (Randolph), Renee Drummond (Elizabeth), Renee Juechter (Ridge), Matthew Tkachuk (Calvary Christian School, Old Bridge), Andrew Monagle (Ridge), Martin Page (Delbarton), John Cierpial (Union Catholic), Adam Leonard (Hunterdon Central), Phil Drummond (Freehold Township), Frank Torres (Freehold Township), Anne Poyner (Summit), Amisha Mehta (Westfield), Laurie Schmid (Phillipsburg), David Yastremski (Ridge)
2. Financial Report
   1. Attached
3. Judges for States/Districts
   1. Improvement with quality and how to continue to guarantee a great judge pool? Certification? Preventing mistakes from this year.
   2. Dave Yastremski – some observations from this year: “experienced” judge is subject to interpretation; judge training has clearly impacted ballots positively; possibility of using Speechwire to track how much a judge has been used over the year and give them support (currently possible on Tabroom); can someone can focus on this (position, ad hoc committee, etc.) and review judges? Can we put together a Dec/Jan judge training (Bridgewater)? VPs Speech/Debate facilitate a list of high-quality judges who can be used as resources/trainers? Difficulties getting Congress and LD judges
   3. Anne Poyner – possibility of getting information from judges on their event preferences? Would this affect randomness and equity of who judges what?
4. OI
   1. Should we keep it?
      1. Mary Gormely – now that it’s known that students need both PRO/POE, kids will be okay; only concern is the possibility that CFL schools get an advantage because they do it there once per month
      2. Peter Quinn – biggest concern was early-year competitors not have both PRO/POE ready, but at Randolph, there were record lows in both events, so it’s likely they will combine into OI at all league tournaments
   2. INFO as well – it will be fine now that it’s more well known
   3. General consensus to keep it since there are only small issues
5. Website
   1. Peter Quinn – website is well-polished but not very comprehensive, could cut down on emails from parents/coaches asking about easy subjects
   2. Renee Drummond - Send pictures to rotate on the website!
6. Middle School
   1. Last meeting talked about expanding the scope due to increased interest with students and NSDA, attempt to provide more opportunities; need to hear from everyone on what their MS program looks like and how to get people out
   2. Fridays work well; any possibility to get an earlier start, perhaps in October?
      1. Difficult to get that going with HS kids coaching, sports, small schools, etc.
   3. Possibility of setting topics in advance for unity among tournaments
7. Schedule
   1. Highlights – Penn and Harvard now different weekends; CFLs still unconfirmed
   2. Districts – Delbarton is a possibility if Summit not available, but stays Summit for now
   3. Jan 21 – Phillipsburg/Lafayette Invitational (in PA)
8. Elections
   1. Secretary/Treasurer
      1. David Yastremski nominated Peter Quinn, accepted
      2. All in favor, none opposed; Peter Quinn elected Secretary/Treasurer
   2. VP Outreach
      1. Mary Gormley nominated David Yastremski, accepted
      2. All in favor, none opposed; David Yastremski elected VP Outreach
   3. VP Debate
      1. Mary Gormley nominated Laurie Schmidt, accepted
      2. Renee Drummond nominated Martin Page, accepted
      3. Vote conducted by Peter Quinn and David Yastremski; Laurie Schmid elected VP Debate
   4. VP Speech
      1. David Yastremski nominated Mary Gormley, accepted
      2. All in favor, none opposed; Mary Gormley elected VP Speech
   5. President
      1. Phil Drummond nominated Renee Drummond, accepted
      2. All in favor, none opposed; Renee Drummond elected President
   6. Executive Board
      1. David Yastremski nominated Martin Page, accepted
      2. John Ceripal nominated Adam Leonard, accepted
      3. Laurie Schmid nominated Ger McKnight, accepted
      4. Phil Drummond nominated Frank Torres, accepted
      5. Phil Drummond nominated Anne Poyner, accepted
      6. Martin Page nominated Andrew Monagle, accepted
      7. Renee Drummond nominated Amisha Mehta, accepted
      8. Renee Drummond nominated Kyle Johnson, accepted
      9. Peter Quinn nominated John Cerpial, accepted
      10. Dave nominated Matthew Tkachuck, accepted
      11. Renee Drummond nominated Phil Drummond, accepted
      12. All in favor, none opposed; slate elected to Executive Board
9. For the Good of the Order
   1. Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm

2015-16 Treasurer’s Report

**2014-15 Carryover: $6,752.97**

2015-16 Income

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| **Item** | **Expected** | **Collected** | **Outstanding** | **Notes** |
| Dues | $4,300.00 | $4,300.00 | $0.00 | 46 schools @$150 or $200 |
| Borelli | $5,860.00 | $4,450.00 | $2,095.00 | 3 outstanding |
| States | $17,785.00 | $16,565.00 | $1,220.00 | 4 outstanding |
| District Congress | $2,410.00 | $2,165.00 | $245.00 | 2 outstanding |
| Districts | $7,505.00 | $5,980.00 | $1,525.00 | 7 outstanding |
| Miscellaneous | $1,842.00 | $1,842.00 | $0.00 | T-shirts, reimbursements |
| Total Income | $39,702.00 | $33,137.00 | $6,565.00 |  |

205-16 Expenses

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| **Item** | **Expected** | **Paid Out** | **Notes** |
| Scholarships | $4,050.00 | $4,050.00 | 29 students |
| League Meetings | $1,234.90 | $834.90 | 5/12/16 meeting unpaid |
| League Tournament Expenses | $12,358.09 | $12,358.09 | Software/supplies/awards/etc. |
| Judge Hires | $7,431.24 | $7,181.24 | 2 outstanding |
| Outreach & PR | $2,588.24 | $2,588.24 | NJEA/reimbursements |
| Miscellaneous | $954.10 | $954.10 | Banking, reimbursements, etc. |
| Total Expenses | $28,616.57 | $27,966.57 |  |

**Current Balance: $11,923.40**

**Expected Closing Balance: $17,838.40**

*Outstanding Accounts: Freehold Township, Hanover Park, Long Branch, Manville, Matawan, Newark Prep, North Star Academy, Ridgewood, Summit, Timothy Christian, Whippany Park*