Executive Board Meeting of the North Carolina Junior Classical League

September 19, 2020 via Zoom

1:30 PM

NCJCL Officers in Attendance: Harper de Andrade, Sophie Wilkins, Katrina Hu, Olivia Cole

NJCL Officer in Attendance: Communications Coordinator Nolan Heinrich

Chairs in Attendance: Bennett Henkel, Travis King, Charles McCants

Sponsors in Attendance: Jessie Craft, Melissa Lido

I. Call to Order - Harper de Andrade - 1:37 PM

II. Reading of Minutes from June 13th Meeting

   A. Motion to dispense of the reading of minutes stated, seconded, and adopted

III. Financial Report - Charles McCants

   A. We are in a financially sound state despite not receiving revenue from State Convention

IV. Swearing in of Communications Coordinator - Katrina Hu

V. Officer Reports

   A. President - Harper de Andrade

       1. Harper has created a Google Form to create an email list to which he will send monthly emails updating members on NCJCL happenings.

       2. Harper has also created signups for anyone to attend virtual board meetings.
B. 1st Vice President - Lauren Olarte
   1. Absent

C. 2nd Vice President - Sophie Wilkins
   1. Sophie is creating document to help members virtually learn NCJCL spirit cheers, with guide videos to aid in learning the motions
   2. She is compiling a list of service project ideas

D. Parliamentarian - Katherine Buchanan
   1. Absent

E. Communications Coordinator - Katrina Hu
   1. Her goals for this year are to:
      a) Post at least one photo of a JCL event every month on Instagram
      b) Remove outdated information on the website
      c) Write up an annual report at the end of the year

F. Torch Editor - Olivia Cole
   1. Olivia would like to add to the website’s Torch Archive area
   2. She has created a Google Form for image submissions for the Torch

G. Historian - Iris Henry
   1. Absent

H. Middle School Representative - Charles Miller
   1. Absent

VI. Vacancy for Certamen Coordinator - Travis King
   A. The position of Certamen Coordinator is currently vacant.
   B. We know of a few people who are interested, including a teacher who has expressed interest last year and a former JCLer who is not a teacher.
C. Mr. King and Mr. Henkel will work with the new Certamen Coordinator to ease the transition.

VII. State Convention - Travis King

A. Host Facility

1. We are considering hosting State Convention at UNCG or Wake Forest.
   a) Mr. King will reach out to both of them.

2. Wake Forest
   a) At the moment, nothing on the Wake Forest website indicates they are not doing facility rentals.
   b) We held State Convention at Wake Forest in 2019, so we have people who are already familiar with the process at Wake Forest.

3. UNC Greensboro
   a) Last year, UNCG was dismissed as a facility to host State Convention because we did not want to host Fall Forum and State Convention at the same place.
   b) We could alternate hosting State Convention at UNCG and Wake Forest every year.
   c) UNCG Facilities are less expensive and perhaps better than Wake Forest.
   d) Mr. King lives closer to UNCG and is familiar with their Classics department.

B. Virtual vs. In-Person State Convention

1. We have decided to plan for a virtual State Convention but still hold out hope for an in-person Convention.
2. How can we garner interest and excitement for a virtual convention and virtual events in general?
   a) We can hold mixers to allow more social interaction.
   b) For more ideas, we can keep up with what other JCL chapters are doing through social media.
3. We can use Fall Forum as a testing ground for virtual State Convention.

VIII. Fall Forum

A. Dues

1. Fall Forum may be free for NCJCL members.
   a) Dues largely depend on Zoom cost.
   b) This will encourage early membership and promote JCL.

2. Motion to waive financial payment deadlines made, seconded, and adopted.
   a) It is very difficult for us to gather the money, since some schools are unable to take money (even virtually).
   b) We will need to keep a well organized list of members who have signed up but have not yet paid.

B. Fall Forum will be held on November 14th, 2020.

C. Potential Workshops

1. Starting and Managing a New JCL Chapter - Harper de Andrade (& Lauren Olarte)
2. Recruiting people to run for NCJCL executive office - Katherine Buchanan
3. How to get members to learn spirit virtually - Sophie Wilkins
4. How to design a visually appealing page - Olivia Cole
5. How to design a website or How to run a social media account for a club -
Katrina Hu

6. This year, we could ask teachers or sponsors to host workshops

D. Modified Certamen - Mr. Henkel

1. Instead of holding Certamen, we could hold something more similar to a team trivia game.
   a) Every team would have a chance to answer: there would be no buzzing and locking others out. Since this is no longer a game of speed, it should be less stressful for people newer to Certamen.

2. So many moderators would not be required: one person read the question to everyone.

3. Team trivia could be split into two rooms: one room with conventional Certamen questions and another room with more “fun” Classics-related questions.

4. Ms. Lido and Harper would like to host a GimKit.
   a) This is similar to Kahoot, but includes extra features like boosters and sabotaging.

E. Spirit - Sophie Wilkins

1. Motion made, seconded and adopted for “Reap What You Sow” as the 2020 Spirit Theme.

2. Sophie could create a showcase of videos of spirit chants collected by a Google Form, similar to National Convention.

3. To determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, we should consider the percentage of the chapter’s attending members who submitted, as well as the size of the chapters.
4. We could have multiple (2 or 3) variants of spirit competitions throughout Fall Forum, similar to National Convention.

F. Guest speaker

1. We have not talked to UNCG about guest speakers.
   a) UNCG Classics Club has a new advisor (Mara Heyn).

2. With everything else going on, it is not absolutely necessary to have a guest speaker.

3. We can consider having pre-recorded lectures.

4. We should reach out to professors from other places and universities.

G. Event organization

1. National convention used Sched to distribute links, but the service costs $250 per event.

2. We can transfer the Fall Forum calendar to members’ Google Calendars.
   a) We can use a Google Form to collect everyone’s emails.

H. Mixers

1. Diversity mixer

2. A general mixer where everyone can join and be put into random breakout rooms.

IX. Student officers were asked to fill out a Google Form (sent by email) so that introductions for each officer can be put in the Torch. - Olivia Cole

X. We should start the photo of the month on Instagram as soon as possible. - Harper de Andrade

XI. Adjournment - Harper de Andrade - 2:41 PM