

Executive Board Meeting of the North Carolina Junior Classical League

September 16, 2023 Via Zoom

5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order- Nick Smemoe at 5:27
- II. Reading of minutes from last meetings - N/A
- III. 5:27 - St. Timothy's Certamen event is reviewed and information will be put on the website  
(Certamen report is read by Mr. Henkel in lieu of Mr. Swanger)
- IV. 5:30: Officer reports read
- V. New Business - Fall Forum
  - A. Mr Harris: Fall Forum will be October 28, 2023, booking process is ongoing. Officer seminars and other events will be discussed by officers. Locations on campus for different events are discussed. A halloween theme ought to be incorporated into Fall Forum. Contestants might be able to wear Halloween costumes. Nick Smemoe suggests a ghost story themed officer seminar. An email chain with ideas for the theme will be laid out. Outside of the theme, most buildings and event schedule will remain the same as Fall Forum 2022.
  - B. Mr. Henkel and Mr. Harris clarify that price for Fall Forum is about \$15
  - C. Mr. Harris leaves the meeting
  - D. Officer seminars begin to be discussed by Mr Henkel. Officers have two weeks to decide a topic.
  - E. Mrs. Stehle asks Mr Henkel whether he will do his Hot Plate seminar at states.

New Business - State Convention

- A. Mrs Stehle States: Davidson College can host 2025, Wake Forest and Chapel Hill cannot host. Duke might be an ongoing option. Meredith College and Peace College are possible options. Lainey Crisp adds that Peace is not large enough to host.
- B. UNCW is proposed by Chloe Cookson. Mrs. Stehle will put it on the list. Nicholas Smemoe proposes NC State and Charles Miller proposes Campbell. Charles Miller proposes Elon and Central Carolina.
- C. Mrs. Stehle, the Handbook must be revised. Mr Henkel explains that Amanda Mccarthy at Thales Waxhaw has the editable copy. Nick Smemoe will send Mrs. Stehle the officer handbook. By February 13, all preconvention contests must be submitted and people will be registered. States will be in March 1-2. Henkel will send Stehle the 2017 handbook for revisal. Mrs. Cox suggests amending the Precon and Registration deadline to be the February 2nd, which is accepted by Mrs Stehle.
- D. The role of the officers in the contests is discussed and the nature of the judging system, which is outdated. President does creative writing, coco does website and multimedia, classical meme is middle school rep, slogan is also middle school rep, scrapbook and digital art is historian, publicity and poetry is first vp, community service is 2nd vp, parli is virtual models, torch is modern myth
- E. The status of the Chariot Design contest is discussed and defended by President Smemoe. The transfer of a chariot from Masters Academy to St Timothy's is discussed between Stehle and Crow.
- F. Testing and the validity of pentathlon is discussed. All five tests remain. Possibility of a Greek test discussed. A cumulative Greek test incorporating Hellenic History, literature, and derivatives are given. Longer testing time is needed to incorporate all six tests. Nick

Smemoe suggests an hour and 30 minutes which is accepted.

- G. Stehle - Tests might be administered in classrooms because auditoriums are difficult to secure. This follows with what has been done in the past according to Henkel.
- H. Cox - volunteers will be plentiful because nothing happens except testing.
- I. Test writers Stehle, Cox - An academic testing chair is needed to orchestrate the writing of the test. Using college students or professors is an option. An honorarium may be needed to incentivize them. Henkel - does not have an idea for academic chair. Need for an academic test chair. \$150 honorarium for tests has been done in the past (Cox), working with other states for tests is an option. Henkel - \$50 per test or \$1 a question.

6:13 - Nick Smemoe leaves the meeting.

- J. Additional contests are discussed, will be administered by adult volunteers.
- K. Stehle - Graphic Arts. Two co chairs needed for middle and high school. Organization needed for judges to judge. Officers and students can help administrate competition.
- L. -Mr Henkel is in charge of Olympika. A catapult contest will be held.
- M. Colloquia, so far two.

6:19 - Mr. Henkel discusses officer duties for colloquia

6:19 - Crow, officers need to send a blurb and picture for Torch.

6:20 - As the meeting was wrapping up, the zoom room booted the board. The meeting is adjourned by Zoom/ Tobin in lieu of Nick.