

The BLSJCL MINUTES from September 4, 2007

Those present:

Enid (Co-consul) Jacob (Co-consul)

Shu Yi (Vice-consul) Eli (Assistant Vice-consul)

Megan (Treasurer) Tom (Webmaster)

Allie (Historian) Jessica (Secretary)

Duration: 1hr 2m (62 minutes)

Highlights of the gathering:

Recruitment Fundraising Field trips

Community service Publicity plans -for '07-'08 school year

Upcoming events, requests, and deadlines:

- \* Getting ready for the Extracurricular Fair
- \* Contacting booksellers about potential gift-wrapping opportunities
- \* Pictures from National Convention to Historian

2:58 PM-Meeting commences with Enid, Jacob, Megan, Allie, Shu Yi, Tom, Eli, and Jessica in attendance.

2:58 PM-We introduce ourselves (first names and office held) and discuss how Nationals was not up to par on account of the planning and execution by the board.

2:59 PM-Enid and Jacob ask if the constitution is acceptable by the other officers.

3:00 PM-Everyone agrees that it is dandy.

3:00 PM-Jacob enforces the fact that any officer can be kicked off the board if they do not fulfill their duties stated in the constitution and bylaws.

3:00 PM-Shu Yi did not know that the Flamma must be put out about 10 times a year.

3:01 PM-Enid answers Shu Yi that they must be.

3:01 PM-Shu Yi wants all officers to contribute to the Flamma this year.

3:01 PM- Jacob states that the BLS JCL Flamma won 5th out of 7 entries this year at Nationals. Jacob recaps Nationals and how well certain members of the club did. He wants people to send pictures and such to the historian

3:03 PM-Jacob says that we always have a hard time getting people to join JCL and how the teachers don't really care and we have practically nobody below 10th grade in the club as of now. 1st week of school we've always gone around to Latin classes trying to recruit, which is not an exceptionally effective method.

3:04 PM-Jacob says we should show a multimedia presentation at the Extracurricular Fair, which he has ordered. Enid says we should use our bulletin board.

3:04 PM-Jacob and Enid says we need to get teachers such as Ms. Ledang and Ms. Trainer back into JCL. Allie mentions the fact that some people, such as herself, do not even hear about JCL until sophomore year.

3:05 PM-Enid point out that there are more aspects to JCL than just Latin, such as sport and website design.

3:06 PM-Jacob suggests we should have teachers do projects related to JCL, to push people in that direction but not force them. We only have Upper certamen players. We should post certamen notes online.

3:07 PM-Shu Yi asks at whom we are aiming our recruitment.

3:07 PM-Enid answers Sixies and B-sies (incoming 7th and 9th graders).

3:08 PM-Enid and Jacob says we should put the bulletin board between the Junior and Senior hallways to better use. We can post people's pictures from the JCL dances.

3:08 PM-Megan wants to censor the faces of the people dancing.

3:09 PM-Jacob says we want the bulletin board to project an overall image of "fun-ness." He states that we are planning a lot of trips, such as trips to the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York City), Museum of Fine Arts (Boston), ect. The consuls are always up for suggestions as long as it is relative to the classics.

3:11 PM-Jacob says we will have a lot of events scheduled and should give memorabilia to Allie early on so she won't have to rush to finish the scrapbook.

3:11 PM-Jacob says States is going to be in April and he would like most people to come.

3:12 PM-Enid says we should focus on fundraising and we wonder how many bake sales the club can sign up for.

3:12 PM-Megan wants us to schedule bake sales before trips so nothing overlaps.

3:13 PM-Enid wants people to tell Jessica if planned events ever interfere with their personal schedule.

3:13 PM-Jacob wants to raise the club dues threefold from 5 dollars to 15 dollars so we will have a greater base in funds.

3:14 PM-Megan suggests a more gradual raise instead, maybe to 10 dollars first as to not scare people off.

3:15 PM-Enid reminds us that we are not all made of money.

3:15 PM-Shu Yi wants to know if we should spread the payments out over several terms or seasons.

3:15 PM-Jacob wants to figure it out later because the club does not need the money so much at the beginning of the year.

3:16 PM-Jacob says the Barnes and Noble in Brookline really wants us back for gift-wrapping.

3:16 PM-Megan needs to get this done and reserve our spot.

3:16 PM-Megan would like some help with phone calls

3:17 PM-Jacob wants to go to Barnes and Noble and maybe try to get the Borders in the Copley area as well. We really need to get it up there as one of our topmost priorities as the spots go fast.

3:19 PM-Jacob reminds us we have candy selling. Enid thinks we are still talking about gift-wrapping.

3:20 PM-Jacob says candy selling is a great success. We should do it more maybe. We should especially sell it in Latin classes. We need to find Latin teachers who let kids eat candy.

3:20 PM-Allie says it's hard to get teachers to do that.

3:22 PM-Enid says we should try mail order book selling.

3:24 PM-Jessica suggests we do a penny wars among homerooms

3:25 PM-Megan says she's seen success with that before if people are willing to roll up a lot of pennies.

3:25 PM-Jacob says we need volunteers for the Extracurricular Fair. He suggests we should get a volcano symbolizing Mt Vesuvius for display. We just need to have a plan, he says. For multimedia, we can use the recap of 2007 Nationals.

3:25 PM-Jacob says we can show the Sixties our "prizes."

3:26 PM-Shu Yi says that could potentially be too intimidating

3:26 PM-Enid says we should think about it. Shu Yi says we should wait about a month and approach them just before the Extracurricular Fair.

3:26 PM-Jacob says we need to do some community service and publicity, especially since he's the judge of community service at the state level.

3:26 PM-Megan and Allie agree that we should do a lot of walks. Shu Yi is a spokesperson for the walk for breast cancer.

3:27 PM-Shu Yi suggests that we attach ourselves to other clubs such as Red Cross for such activities.

3:27 PM-Jacob says we're going to change the structure of the club meetings. We should talk to other people at meetings and meet the new folk. We should have a group activity during every meeting.

3:28 PM-Megan wants to color things.

3:29 PM-Jacob says we have a lot of hospitals near us, which we should visit.

3:29 PM-Megan wants to visit sick cancerous children.

3:29 PM-Borrowing off the coloring activity idea, Jacob wants to make coloring books for poor sickly children.

3:31 PM-Allie just found out this morning about designing a t-shirt.

3:31 PM-Enid brings out her personal JCL t-shirt collection to discuss how well made they are and how well each design sold.

3:33 PM-Jacob says the southerners are very conservative, especially at this past National Convention, and we should not put questionable media on our t-shirts.

3:35 PM-Jacob wants the Flamma to come out even if we need to use fillers like comic strips just to showcase our talent and the "diversity" of the club.

3:36 PM-The spotlight is turned on Tom. Jacob says we want a website that is functional, informative, appealing, and interactive. We want photos and Minutes. We want highlights of our constitution. We want the latest editions of Flammae. We want some history. We've only been around for 7-ish years.

3:38 PM-We want the website to be aesthetically pleasing to enter it at State and National levels.

3:39 PM-Jessica wants to have a password-protected section of the forum for officers.

3:40 PM-Jacob wants an agenda for a meeting at least every month, especially if we have events coming up. We don't need meetings to be as long as this one. Enid says half an hour or so is fine.

3:42 PM-Megan wants to have movie outings at the end of the week.

3:43 PM-Tom understands his responsibilities.

3:44 PM-Jacob says we need to start planning for Catapult if we should have one since Mr. A B is gone.

3:46 PM-Enid wants to have a dinner and movie. Even a potluck at someone's house is fine.

3:47 PM-Everyone agrees the end of the year gathering w/ Latin dishes was good and compliments Enid's "Wonder Bread drizzled with honey."

3:48 PM-Jacob says we just want to get our name out there. It could be as simple as having a sign at a sporting event.

3:48 PM-We could call up news people. We could work with a prison book outreach group. We could always collaborate with BLA in their efforts.

3:50 PM-Jacob suggests we could have a flyer describing our group and even a Flamma during gift-wrapping to generate interest, publicity, and possibly larger donations.

3:51 PM-Jacob asks if there is anything else people want to address. Shu Yi wants to have a drink and settles on Sprite Zero after asking what that is.

3:52 PM-Jacob says we usually host a scrimmage at the beginning of December. We need to remove people from the corridors and work with various people to see that it happens.

3:53 PM-Jacob says we could work on spirit. We did pretty well as a local chapter. He states that at Nationals, Massachusetts had such a disadvantage being one of the smallest large states and being in the back with limited view and not being put on bleachers.

3:55 PM-Everyone knows their role and Jacob stresses that we could always email and call upon people for help.

3:55 PM-Jacob is vibrating. It's his phone. The meeting is interrupted by the father of Jacob. The other officers chatter as he receives his call.

3:57 PM-The meeting resumes and Allie wants pictures, pictures, pictures!

3:57 PM-Enid wants a gavel.

3:58 PM-We have a complete homeroom list of everyone present.

3:59 PM-Jacob asks if there is a motion to adjourn. Shu Yi is sounds her support and Megan seconds.

4:00 PM-The meeting is adjourned.