

***BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE***  
MINUTES REGARDING THE FOURTH MEETING  
BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL ROOM 301  
JANUARY 21, 2016  
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***Dramatis Personae***

***Present Board Members:***

Allyson Ping	MassJCL First Vice President (Arrived at 2:38)
Daniel Sherman	MassJCL Secretary
Louis Delano	Triumvir
William Gao	Triumvir
Michael Gao	Triumvir
Tim Liu	Secretary
Molly O'Halloran	Treasurer
Ashley Chou	Deputy Treasurer
Randy Chen	Parliamentarian
Peter Wang	Publications Editor
Will Burnett	Co-Historian
Ada Chai	Co-Historian
Oliver MacNeely	Webmaster
Clair Fu	Deputy Webmaster
Carina Layfield	Publicity Director
Ina Beinborn	Deputy of Publicity
Anna Aldins	Publicity Committee Member
Jonathan Yuan	Publicity Committee Member
Kayla Riker	Head Spirit Coordinator
Jamie Doyle	Deputy Spirit Coordinator
Christina Yee	Community Service Czar
Jairam Rao	Officer at Large
Nicholas Weiske	Officer at Large

***Regrets:***

Linda Qin                      MassJCL President

***Sponsors:***

Ms. Foley (Left at 2:47)

Mr. Howard (Arrived at 2:29)

Ms. Hausey (Arrived at 2:29)

***Guests:***

Ting Wei Li

**Highlights:**

1. The tentative date for Lupercalia has been set, and most of the details surrounding it have been sorted out. (For details about Lupercalia, see Minutes 2:27 to 2:43.)
2. The board is introduced to the new Mass JCL Praetoria event, which is being arranged by Linda and Allyson, following a brief mentioning of the celebration of Rome's birthday. Praetoria is an event that seeks to eliminate barriers between large and small schools and familiarize people with the process of campaigning for officer positions in Mass JCL. (For details, see Minutes 2:47 to 2:49.)
3. The entire board is notified of all the arrangements necessary for BLS Certamen, specifically the various roles that each officer will fill. The Treasurers will play an important role in organizing foodstuffs, the raffle, and merchandising. The Publicity Crew will be running a Latin pun contest on Twitter throughout the tournament. Those without a prescribed role will undertake whatever assignments the teachers provide them with. (For details, see Minutes 2:51 to 3:24.)

**Pre-Meeting Discussion/Activity (If any):**

- 2:26 – The meeting schedules are distributed by the Triumvirate

**Minutes:**

I. Beginning of Meeting

2:27 PM

**Discussion of Lupercalia and Other Matters:**

**2:27 to 2:28** – William begins the meeting by introducing the topic of Lupercalia. Carina believes that the most important aspect to be discussed is the date. She initially announces that it will be on February 15th, which is a Monday, until she is reminded by Ina and Ms. Foley that the date in question is during February Break. In response, Carina asks if anyone has propositions for alternative dates. Anna believes that it should be on a Tuesday, but Carina reminds her that the relatively unsuccessful pumpkin painting event was on a Tuesday. However, Ms. Foley attributes the limited success of the event not to its date, but to its lackluster planning. Kayla suggests having Lupercalia on a Thursday, as that day of the week is most often associated with BLS JCL events. Ms. Foley states that February 11th may be the optimal date for Lupercalia, which is met with general consent. Additionally, she believes that the dining hall won't be necessary for the event.

**2:29** – Anna makes mentions of her plans for Lupercalia. She explains that her plan is based around the dining hall. Ms. Foley says that her room is already set up in a way that could accommodate the event, but Michael supports Anna’s idea of using the dining hall. Should the number of attendees exceed thirty people, her classroom may not be large enough. Furthermore, the space between stations and room for concession stands would help create a more enjoyable experience. Ms. Foley is convinced, and states that she will try to email the school authorities in order to ascertain whether or not the dining hall will be available. Ms. Hausey and Mr. Howard make their entrances.

**2:30 to 2:31** – Anna lists the various stations that she had planned out for Lupercalia, which are as follows: board and dice games, possibly a card-making station, a community service station (pinwheels for Syrian refugees, letters for soldiers), trivia or “street Certamen”, and a prize/concessions stand. A stamp system will be implemented as well, with stamps allocated to victors of certain activities. “That’s Entertainment”, which will be incorporated into Lupercalia, as it cannot be done as a separate event, will be surrounded by the various stations, which will create an audience for the performers.

**2:32** – Ina asks about when the auditions for “That’s Entertainment” will happen. Anna says that she had originally scheduled it around the February 16th, which she now realizes is during February break; thus, she thinks that auditions should be hosted in Ms. Foley or another Latin teacher’s classroom on the week before Lupercalia. Also, there should be a run-through of the performances a few days before the event itself. Will asks about events that will take place after Lupercalia. Anna states that the event following that will be a celebration of Rome’s birthday.

**2:33** – Ms. Foley thinks that Lupercalia would be good promotion for the Mass JCL dance. Ms. Foley asks if any of the state officers have information about this, but none are present at the moment. Anna proposes an “open microphone” section during “That’s Entertainment” as solution to the possibility of there being a lack of performances at the event. Will asks about when the event for Rome’s birthday will be, but Publicity Crew explains that it is still being decided upon.

**2:34** – Ms. Foley asks whether or not the entirety of the board will be at Lupercalia, which is sent with confirmation. She recommends the board members to remind themselves beforehand. The topic is once again shifted back to the date of Lupercalia. Anna says that moving Lupercalia back would be easier than forward, but Ms. Foley already sent an email regarding the proposed date of February 11th.

**2:35 to 2:36** – Ms. Foley praises the design and the promotional stickers of yesteryear’s Lupercalia. The stickers were able to be counted as in-school publicity. Molly makes a clever pun about the stickers, suggesting that they could read: “I answered the ‘Lupercall’”. This is met with great amounts of laughter and agreement. Ms. Foley says that Molly could be the pitcher for the stunt. She strongly believes that it should be done all throughout the week of Lupercalia, but she must first speak with Mr. Flynn to obtain permission for the placement of stickers on lockers throughout the school.

**2:37** – Ms. Foley asks Daniel about the Mass JCL dance. He confirms that it is going to happen on March 12th, although its theme has not been chosen yet, but shall be by the jurisdiction of the Mass JCL populace, who will be presented with five options. Additionally, it will contain a talent show, but the winner will not be guaranteed a spot in “That’s Entertainment” at State Convention; instead, they will receive an award of monetary value.

**2:38** – Anna sums up logistics of Lupercalia, laying out all of the stations that will be there. Ms. Foley is curious as to how the Publicity Crew will advertise for ‘That’s Entertainment’ auditions. They state that it will either be done through email or a Google Form. There are questions about how the winner will be rewarded, and how they will be judged. Anna addresses these questions: a select few board members could judge the performances, the victor will receive a basket containing items such as gift cards, and furthermore, all participants will receive fifteen stamps while auditionees will automatically receive ten stamps. Allyson makes her entrance.

**2:39** – Ms. Foley thinks that the “Dance Central” video game could be brought in as a station at Lupercalia, considering its success two years ago. Lupercalia discussion is (more or less) closed.

**2:40** – Will explains that the t-shirt for the State Convention competition is still being developed, although factors such as a malfunctioning Photoshop program have affected its progress. The shirt is due at the next Mass JCL board meeting. Ms. Foley believes that colors should be avidly incorporated into it. Anna inquires about when the promotional video for State Convention should be created, but she is reminded that it is too early to consider such matters.

**2:41 to 2:42** – Ms. Hausey asks for confirmation about the date of Lupercalia. Ms. Foley responds by saying that the event will hopefully be on February 11th, although this has not yet been confirmed. Ms. Hausey thinks that Lupercalia and BLS Certamen are too close to each other. She is assured by Anna and Ms. Foley that it will be manageable, as Lupercalia is not as enormous in scale as BLS Certamen. However, she is also curious about how Allyson will be involved within the planning of Lupercalia, since she was responsible for it the previous year. Ms. Foley suggests having a special meeting for Lupercalia sometime during the upcoming week to iron out any additional details, such as how Allyson will be involved.

**2:43** – Anna thinks that Molly should develop the slogan for Lupercalia. She doubts her ability, but Ms. Foley thinks that she can do it in conjunction with Ada, who did it last year. Carina says the celebration of Rome’s birthday could be during Classics Week. Like usual, it will most likely be during April break, so BLS will celebrate it in one of the surrounding weeks, as per usual.

**2:44** – Allyson interjects that she changed the date for Mass JCL Classics Week. Last year, BLS JCL’s decision to celebrate it a week earlier created a general stir of confusion, as people thought that it was the *actual* Classics Week. Ms. Foley says that Classics Week details should be fully sorted out before the Publicity Crew plans the date pertaining to the celebration of Rome’s birthday.

**2:45 to 2:46** – Ms. Foley speaks about the possibility selling keychains at State Convention for both identification between Mass JCL members at National Convention and the opportunity of acquiring profit. The design of these keychains should be vague, so they can remain marketable

to other schools. The bulletin board needs to be in service soon, in preparation for BLS Certamen. Regarding State Convention, Ms. Moguel will be the point sponsor this year. The Applications for State Convention will be discussed at a later date. Ms. Hausey asks about the State t-shirt contest. Will informs her about the details.

**2:47 to 2:49** – Ms. Foley leaves, but directly before doing so, she congratulates the individuals who took Medusa Myth Exam. Allyson speaks about “Praetoria” an upcoming MassJCL event designed to develop relationships between chapters and bridge the gap between large and small chapters. Each chapter will be able to send two representatives. Additionally, there will be workshops that detail the process of campaigning for state office. These will most likely be taught by Allyson and Linda. (For more information about Praetoria, consult the Mass JCL website at <http://www.massjcl.org/> and the Mass JCL Minutes.) Ms. Hausey mentions that the idea was adapted from Georgia JCL, and while on the topic of Georgia, she congratulates the individuals who competed in Certamen there during the previous weekend. Anna wonders when Praetoria will take place; Daniel and Allyson inform her that it will occur on February 27th.

### **BLS Certamen Tournament Planning:**

**2:51** – Michael recommends moving on to the BLS Certamen Tournament. William says that attendance from everyone is expected. Although Lupercalia draws involvement from people within the school, BLS Certamen is publicity outside of school. Included in the event this year will be workshops and outreach for schools that are unfamiliar with Certamen.

**2:52** – The board will be vital to the planning and arrangement of the event the days before and of the event. Thus, involvement from the officers is of utmost importance. Ms. Hausey asks the officers to raise their hands in order to indicate whether or not they attended the event last year. Michael tells the board that they should mark carefully on their calendars the dates of February 5th and 6th, and make sure that they are free to help with the tournament on those days.

**2:53 to 2:55** – Kayla asks if the officers should confirm their ability to attend. In response to this, Michael asks if anybody has major conflicts on that day. Multiple officers respond with information about their attendance. William starts to circulate a sheet of paper for officers to record this information, but Ms. Hausey interjects, saying that an email would be more efficient. This year, teachers will be signing up certain people to prepare specific aspects the tournament.

**2:56** – The main people arranging the tournament will be finishing organization and folding programs. Additionally, people are needed for drawing and managing the scoreboards. On the day of the tournament, a significant amount of people need to be administering the raffle.

**2:57** – Ms. Hausey will be assigning people to moderate and scorekeep throughout the various rooms. During the second round of the tournament, there will be a short workshop; the room allocated for that will also be a “hospitality room” for adults. Somebody will have to keep maintenance of the “hospitality room”.

**2:58** – The treasurers may need help with registration and handling money. A runner will be responsible for telling Ms. Hausey when the various schools have signed in. In the morning, a

station for the selling of breakfast items (coffee, donuts, etc.) must be arranged. Due to the customary turmoil regarding that, the prices for each breakfast item must be established beforehand. Afterwards, the business of food will be focused on lunch; thus, the treasurers must organize food donations and prepare the ordering of pizzas. Louis will assist in this matter.

**2:59** – Not many of the BLS Certamen players will be able to compete, as the majority will be focused on coordinating the event. Hopefully, there will be a student from BLS as a welcomer in each of the rooms. If that does indeed occur, there will be a total of three people regulating each room. Friday is extremely important, as the preparations made on that day will ensure the smoothness of the following day.

**3:00 to 3:02** – The award for the raffle will be a basket that includes the usual assortment of gift cards, but more importantly, a “BB-8” droid from the most recent *Star Wars* film. This package will be worth around two-hundred dollars. The raffle promoters will need to take pictures of this basket for the purpose of promotion. William begins discussion about pre-event activities. Ms. Hausey will have a separate meeting with the Publicity Crew. This will be in regards to the promotion of the tournament on the various BLS JCL social media pages.

**3:03** – The Historians should get the bulletin board read by the Friday preceding the tournament. Ms. Hausey mentions that the some of the dates that the Historians set up regarding the bulletin board were disregarded. Will clarifies this predicament by ascribing the delays to problems with the printing the officer photographs. As this is being redone, the Historians will be creating photographic collages.

**3:04** – Ms. Hausey emphasizes the concern of communication. The sponsors do not want to “feel like horrible human beings” for constantly reminding the officers to complete certain tasks. Regarding the Publication Editor, William mentions that the second edition of *Paws Romana* should be completed before the Mass JCL imposed deadline of February 1st, so Peter can receive extra credit for it. He could also work with the Historians to have it placed on the publications bulletin.

**3:05 to 3:07** – Ms. Hausey praises the communication between Peter and Michael involving the improvement of the first publication. Louis speaks about role of the treasury during BLS Certamen. He reminds them that their main responsibilities are to deal with food and the raffle. The two surges of activity for the Treasurers will occur in the morning and lunchtime, so in between those times, preparations can be made. The prices of food items should be determined on Friday. Finally, Louis provides details concerning the acquisition of pizzas. Molly asks if the prizes for the raffle have already been ordered. Ms. Hausey answers in the affirmative.

**3:08 to 3:09** – Ms. Hausey states that all people selling raffle tickets will need manilla envelopes. She congratulates Kayla for her previous efforts regarding the raffle. William mentions that the officers with no pre-prescribed roles for the tournament are expected to be present and help with their assigned roles. Michael says that the teachers will choose whom they wish to help with certain jobs.

**3:10** – William mentions that the Publicity Crew had a question about the creation of a promotional video. Ms. Hausey says that such a video could be incorporated in the next email sent out about the event. The email list was created with a great amount of care and effort, so it would be optimal if the list could be utilized to its full potential. If the Publicity Crew wishes, they may also post the video on BLS JCL social networking pages.

**3:11** – Anna explains that the publicity crew has already created a script for a video. Ms. Hausey tells the Publicity Crew to speak to her once the details have been ironed out further. William asks if anyone has remaining questions. Christina says that she can help with the coordination of volunteers by creating a document to help keep track of who is helping which teacher.

**3:12 to 3:13** – The topic of assigning community service hours to volunteers at the tournament is brought up, specifically the failure to do so the previous year. Ms. Hausey says that such things will need to be arranged with Mr. Kennelly this year, which is more “kosher” than having the students individually sort out the details for receiving service hours. Christina mentions that Connie had compiled the hours served by volunteers throughout the previous year into a spreadsheet, which was submitted to Mr. Kennelly.

**3:14 to 3:17** – Although the majority of the board wants in-school hours for volunteering, Ms. Hausey says that this is not possible. Kayla asks if she can work with the Treasurers, which is met with an affirmative answer from Michael. Jonathan brings up the “Latin pun” contest on Twitter, which will take place throughout the duration of the tournament. Anna explains that this contest will not take place during the Certamen rounds. Ms. Hausey says that during the introduction of the tournament, the attendees should be informed about the necessary “hashtag” for the contest; in addition to that, there should be printout detailing the contest. These could be handed to people as they sign into the tournament, and could help them understand what the appropriate times for submitting to the contest are. Jairam asks if board officers have permission to enter the contest, but is not received with a solid answer. Ms. Hausey asks the Publicity Crew how they will handle the contest on the day of the tournament. Jonathon says that they will allow people to submit puns in the morning during the beginning of the rounds and during lunch.

**3:18 to 3:19** – Ms. Hausey says that examples of Latin puns should be presented to attendees at the beginning of the event, and possibly even more during lunch. She emphasizes that the Publicity Crew must make sure to disqualify anybody who attempts to submit a pun during the middle of a round.

**3:20 to 3:21** – Michael raises the question of whether or not submissions will be accepted between rounds. Ms. Hausey clarifies that they will not be accepted at those times. Ashley asks if merchandise will be sold, to which Ms. Hausey responds affirmatively; she also reminds the board of the leftover merchandise from yesteryear.

**3:22** – Ms. Hausey states that an email will be sent out regarding food donations, and William will notify the board about when that will happen. Anna suggests a baking competition to encourage people to bring food, but there is general discontent over this.

**3:23** – Ms. Hausey’s final question is about who will send out the form for officers to confirm their attendance on. She hopes that all officers will respond by the end of the following day. The results from this form must be sent to the sponsors.

**3:24** – Will and Ada say that they can create flyers for any upcoming events. Allyson mentions that last year the Lupercalia logo was selected from three equally viable options, and that another one of those logos could suffice for this year’s tournament.

**3:25** – William concludes the meeting.

II. Conclusion of Meeting

3:25 PM

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**Duration:**

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**Summary:**

The board spent the first portion of the meeting discussing the details of Lupercalia. This was followed up by a short introduction of Praetoria, a new Mass JCL event being arranged by Linda and Allyson. Finally, the board went the many facets of planning necessary for BLS Certamen and the new Latin pun contest (on Twitter) that will take place during the tournament.

**Lessons Learned/Reflection:**

- Communication among officers, sponsors, and school administration is key to the successful execution of events.

**Upcoming Events/Dates:**

- BLA Certamen (tentative) ----- *January 23, 2016*
- Due Date for T-Shirts and Constitutional Amendments ----- *January 29, 2016*
- MassJCL Meeting ----- *January 30, 2016*
- Early Due Date for Second Newsletter ----- *February 1, 2016*
- BLS Certamen ----- *February 6, 2016*
- Lupercalia (tentative) ----- *February 11, 2016*
- Snow Date for MassJCL Meeting ----- *February 13, 2016*
- Praetoria (tentative) ----- *February 27, 2016*
- SCL Certamen ----- *March 5, 2016*
- Snowball ----- *March 12, 2016*
- Harvard Certamen (tentative) ----- *March 26, 2016*
- Rome’s Birthday Party (tentative) ----- *April, 2016*
- Due Date to Register for State Office Candidacy ----- *April 1, 2016*



- ☐ MassJCL Meeting ----- April 9, 2016
- ☐ MassJCL State Convention ----- April 29 to May 1, 2016
- ☐ NJCL Convention ----- July 25 to 30, 2016

***Entertaining Latin Quote:***

*“Consuesse enim deos immortales, quo gravius homines ex commutatione rerum doleant, quos pro scelere eorum ulcisci velint, his secundoiores interdum res et diuturniorem impunitate concedere.”*

“The immortal gods are wont to allow those persons whom they wish to punish for their guilt sometimes a greater prosperity and longer impunity, in order that they may suffer the more severely from a reverse of circumstances.”

– **Gaius Julius Caesar, *De Bello Gallico*, Book I, Ch. 14**

***Insightful Literature Quote:***

*“He says, no varnish can hide the grain of the wood; and that the more varnish you put on, the more the grain will express itself.”*

– **Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations***

Minutes by Zhaoyang (Tim) Liu