

BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
MINUTES REGARDING THE SIXTH MEETING
BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL ROOM 301
APRIL 7, 2016
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Dramatis Personae

Present Board Members:

Daniel Sherman	Mass JCL 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
Clair Fu	Deputy Webmaster
Carina Layfield	Publicity Director
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	Mass JCL President
Allyson Ping	Mass JCL First Vice President
Ada Chai	Co-Historian
Oliver MacNeely	Webmaster
Ina Beinborn	Deputy of Publicity
Anna Aldins	Publicity Committee Member

Sponsors:

Ms. Foley
Ms. Hausey

Mr. Howard
Ms. Moguel

Guests:

Ting Wei Li
Joshua Lomasney
Tran Nguyen

Highlights:

1. The Triumvirate states that BLS JCL elections will occur near the end of May. (See Minutes 2:31 to 2:32)
2. The Publicity Crew talks about the State Convention promotional video, Rome's Birthday Party, and the Togathon. (See Minutes 2:33 to 2:35)
3. The Spirit Coordinators discuss the preparations for spirit at State Convention. (See Minutes 2:36 to 2:54)
4. The Community Service Czar introduces a card-writing competition. (See Minute 2:55)
5. The Treasurers talk about Coin Wars and Clair's new merchandising idea. (See Minutes 2:56 to 3:06)
6. The Historians give details pertaining to the Scrapbook and the Scrapbook Committee. (See Minutes 3:07 to 3:10)
7. The board and sponsors dwell upon miscellaneous matters. (3:11 to 3:19)

Pre-Meeting Discussion/Activity (If any):

- 2:25 – The Triumvirate hands out the agenda.

Minutes:

I. Beginning of Meeting

2:31 PM

Officer Reports:

2:31 to 2:32 – Ms. Moguel warns of a “mean email” from Mr. Bartoloma for those who have not yet paid their State Convention dues. Ms. Foley believes that the board should soon figure out the details for the BLS JCL elections, such as when they will occur. William says that they will most likely occur in the latter half of May. The Triumvirate does not have anything more to disclose.

2:33 – The Publicity Crew gives their report. Jonathan mentions that the deadline for the State Convention promotional video has been extended to April 15th. The video is a parody of Meghan Trainor's song, “Better When I'm Dancin'”, and is thus entitled “Better Learning Latin”. The Publicity Crew has finished filming and compiling the audio for the video, but are still in the process of editing it.

2:34 to 2:35 – They will present the the video to the board and sponsors on April 10th. Should anyone have suggestions regarding the video, they can send an email to the Publicity Crew. Carina mentions that the Publicity Binder deadline has also been extended to April 15th. Jonathan says that the arrangements for Rome’s Birthday Party are still be solidified. Since Anna is absent, Jonathan speaks on her behalf about the proposed Togathon. The event, which is a “charity-walk”, will occur after State Convention. The audience will have the ability to pledge money to participants based upon how many laps they walk around a field. The proposed date is May 14th, and it could possibly take place at Clemente Field. Additionally, Anna suggested that the proceeds could either go to BLS JCL, charity organizations or both.

2:36 – The Spirit Coordinators give their report. Kayla wishes to reach a consensus on prop ideas for Saturday spirit at State Convention. She believes that it may be a good idea to choose only one main concept, in order to avoid confusion, and suggests witches, since they are closely related to Massachusetts. Hopefully, this matter can be decided upon by the end of the meeting, so that prop creation may subsequently commence. Michael asks what the two themes are. Kayla responds that on Saturday it will be “Massachusetts Monster Mash” and on Sunday it will be “Classical Bays/Baes”. The props for Sunday (hearts and signs with puns) have already been determined, albeit this is not the case for Saturday. Carina thinks that the theme should focus on Massachusetts monsters and urban legends.

2:37 to 2:38 – Will mentions that it may be hard to incorporate witches as monsters, as they lack many characteristics that are generally attributed to monsters, although making props for witches would not be a monumental task. Louis asks what the alternative would be. Kayla says that it might be a combination of witches, snow (which in this case may be considered a monster), and various mythological creatures. Ms. Foley states that the film *Jaws* was based around Massachusetts, and due to that fact, could also be incorporated. Kayla summarizes the currently proposed ideas for props, which are as follows: a large “mash” of both Massachusetts and mythological monsters, a “mash” of Massachusetts monsters, or simply using one monster. Ms. Foley suggests that because the theme is a “Monster *Mash*”, it would be wise to treat it as such, and not focus on a singular type of monster. Will reminds the board that having too many different types of monsters could be tumultuous. Also, from his experience, it is easier to mass produce one prop design than a large variety.

2:39 to 2:40 – Kayla adds on to Will’s thoughts by mentioning that a low variation in props would be beneficial to coordination. She asks the board if they are okay with settling on the idea of witches. They begin to consent, but Ms. Moguel interjects, instead believing that it should be a mythological creature (Perhaps the monsters are attacking Boston?). Will thinks that the monsters could be following a paper skyline of Boston. Jamie mentions that the spirit event on Saturday occurs at General Assembly, so the skyline banner should be behind the monsters. However, Carina notes that the seats in the auditorium of Barnstable High School rise upwards, and due to that, the banner would be more visible at the front. Louis suggests that the banner could be “animated” or moved, in order to created a vivid effect. This idea is greeted with much

praise. Kayla says that the banner must be made, and that the board needs to figure out how to coordinate prop production.

2:41 to 2:42 – Jamie mentions that he has access to five leftover dragon heads from a stage production. These could be used to make a Hydra. Will believes that there may not actually be that many heads available. Michael asks about how many props will be needed. Kayla says that there would not need to be too many, since everyone will be wearing identical t-shirts. Will suggests that if both the skyline banner and the mythological monsters idea are utilized, the monsters could be represented by heads attached to sticks, which could be held up.

2:43 to 2:44 – Kayla says that three types of mythological monsters would be the ideal for the props, since the Boston skyline is representative of the Massachusetts aspect of the theme. She provides a list of possible monsters, which are as follows: cyclopes, gorgons, the minotaur, the pegasus, harpies. Gorgons, cyclopes, and the minotaur are chosen. Additionally, various board members discuss the idea of using headbands to represent these monsters.

2:45 – Kayla moves on to the topic of cheers. Based on popular vote, “BLS Hymn” should be removed, as it sounds too much like a song. The dates and the quantity of spirit practices must also be settled. William says that there will only need to be two practices, as per usual. Kayla mentions that they could occur on either the week before April break, or the week after.

2:46 – The prop-making must also be accounted for, so Kayla suggests having prop creation from 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM, followed by the spirit practices from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Will says that there should be universal instructions for prop-making, which Kayla agrees with.

2:47 to 2:48 – Kayla talks about potential conflicts between Certamen practice and spirit activities. William asks Ms. Hausey if she has any comments about that, but she does not have an exact answer. However, she believes that players will most likely want to have practices on the week preceding State Convention. Kayla says that the spirit activities should take up no more than two days worth of time. Additionally, with enough active hands, the prop-making should not consume too much time, and thus only one day may be necessary for spirit proceedings. The Wednesday after April break would be an ideal time, as it ensures that attendees do not forget anything over break.

2:49 – Will suggests holding a weekend practice. This is met with general discontent, but nevertheless it is acknowledged that practicing for spirit is of utmost importance. William says that the board can set up any date as mandatory for State Convention attendees. Ms. Hausey asks Kayla to reiterate her plan.

2:50 – Ms. Hausey mistrusts the idea of having prop creation and spirit practice on the same day. She believes that once prop-making begins, it may end up taking more time than originally allocated for it.

2:51 – Ms. Moguel suggests sending out information about prop-making in order to prepare participants. She could also volunteer her room for the purpose of making props; students could go there after school, create a few props, and then leave. If nobody shows up, then the board

could set up a mandatory day for the activity. Christina says that making an exemplary video would be good for preparing attendees.

2:52 to 5:53 – Carina suggests using the BLS JCL YouTube channel in for this purpose. Kayla says that the prop-making preparatory content could be sent out during April break, and Ms. Moguel's plan and the spirit practices would occur on the following week. Ms. Hausey suggests sending out a Doodle survey in order to facilitate Ms. Moguel's method. Louis says that if people are responsible for their own props, then they will be compelled to attend the prop-making.

2:54 – Kayla says that over the weekend, she could produce an email with informational videos, information on the prop-making in Ms. Moguel's room (which will occur on the weeks preceding and following April break), and an announcement of the mandatory spirit practice on the week right before State Convention. The cheers will also be included.

2:55 – The Community Service Czar gives her report. Christina mentions that the Community Service Binder is due at convention and is ready. She proposes a community service contest, which will involve writing cards to hospitalized children. Whoever writes the most cards get an award. Nick mentions that the pinwheels for Syrian refugees ends on April 20th. Will asks Christina about when she plans on holding her card-writing competition. She says that people will be writing the cards on their own time, and that she will send out an email regarding this. She has already created the instructions for it.

2:56 to 2:57 – The Treasurers give their report. Molly says that Coin Wars will happen during the the two weeks following State Convention, although this has not yet been completely finalized. Molly states that the “punishment” this year will be an “egg roulette”. This involves taking a carton of eggs, hard boiling a certain amount of them, and then having the participants choose eggs to smash over their heads. The sponsor who wins Coin Wars will choose a board member to undergo the challenge with.

2:58 to 3:01 – There is passionate and chaotic discussion about “certain clubs taking ideas from other clubs” and the quantity of eggs that should be used for the roulette. For your sake, dear reader, I will refrain from disclosing any details.

3:02 – Will acts responsibly, saying that egg numbers can be discussed at a later date. Ashley mentions that Clair has an idea for merchandising, and invites her to explain it.

3:03 to 3:06 – Clair explains her idea. It is similar to Ms. Fillion's tradition of selling jewelry at State and National Convention. Clair thinks this will be good for creating merchandise that is not school specific. She mentions that there either could be an event, where people learn how to make their own jewelry and then purchase it, or BLS JCL could simply sell the jewelry as merchandise. To conclude her explanation, she passes around an example of the aforementioned jewelry, which she had created herself. Will thinks that it is a fantastic idea, but should be developed and workshopped for next year, as there are already a number of events happening after State Convention. Kayla mentions that the jewelry could be viably sold at National Convention. Clair talks about simplifying the idea.

3:07 to 3:10 – The present Historian, Will, gives his report. The Scrapbook is being put together. Multiple people had expressed interest at the beginning of the year and after the General Meeting about joining the Scrapbook Committee, and those people will be picked for it. The Historians will soon be sending an email to this. Those interested in joining the the committee will have to reply by April 10th. There will be Scrapbook meeting on April 14th, and subsequent meetings will be held at a library between the dates of April 15th and April 23rd. The Historians are planning to make a Doodle survey concerning those meetings once the committee is fully assembled. Artwork for the scrapbook can be submitted by other people, as long as it is given the due credit. The Historians will be drafting an email requesting artwork for the title pages of the nine sections of the Scrapbook, each represented by a Muse. The Scrapbook will be completed on April 20th, but could possibly be delayed if not enough art submissions are sent in by that time. The final subject that Will mentions is the criticism of the Scrapbook’s cover at the previous National Convention, due to its lack of content. There will be a detachable cover this year.

3:11 to 3:14 – Ms. Hausey has concerns regarding the Bulletin Board. She is excited that content is being added to it, although certain components seem to have been falling off. Will says that the Historians have addressed these issues. Ms. Hausey hopes that the Historians will create plans for assembling an excellent post-State Convention bulletin board; Will affirms that they shall do so. On a different note, Kayla asks the board about whether or not the spirit props should be collected, or if students should be individually responsible for them. Most of the board believes that they should be collected. It is decided that they will be compiled in Ms. Moguel’s room. Furthermore, Kayla says that she, along with Jamie, will arrange the props for Sunday’s spirit procession.

3:14 – William asks if there are any remaining topics that the officers would like to discuss. Peter mentions his most recent edition of *Paws Romana*. Clair says that the BLS JCL website has been submitted for currency points at State Convention. Currently, the Webmasters are working on implementing the Constitution and an archives section.

3:15 – Clair asks if any officers have content to be archived. Ms. Hausey says that William’s previous website has the archives. William believes that updating the website in preparation for State Convention is currently more important than integrating the archives, however. Randy states that he had shared the Constitution near the end of September.

3:16 – Michael says that the submissions should be done in conjunction with their respective rubrics. Clair explains how Delena gave the Webmasters advice in conjunction with the rubric. Will notes that there is no rubric for the Individual Website contest.

3:17 – Will remarks that the graphic arts booklet has been posted on the National Convention registration page of the NJCL website, which is convenient, since it was difficult to locate in previous years. Ms. Hausey says that she has sent an email to advanced Certamen players in regards to National Convention, and will be sending an email to intermediate players over the weekend.

3:18 – Randy says that Carina sent a constitutional amendment to Dalena, and asks her if she wishes to speak about it. Carina says that it was discussed at the previous Mass JCL board meeting, and has moved on to the voting at State Convention.

3:19 – She describes her amendment. Currently, a chapter can only hold a certain state office for two consecutive years. If passed, the amendment will allow chapters to hold a position for three consecutive years in a state of emergency. After Carina’s explanation, the meeting is officially adjourned.

II. Conclusion of Meeting

3:19 PM

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Duration:

48 Minutes

Summary:

The officers gave their reports. Most of the discourse was focused on preparations for State Convention and the BLS JCL events that are slated to occur after convention. A few miscellaneous matters were also considered.

Lessons Learned/Reflection:

- Based on the commotion caused by “egg roulette”, it appears that this Coin Wars punishment will be exceedingly successful when compared to pies and water balloons.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

- MassJCL Board Meeting ----- *April 9, 2016*
- State Convention Spirit Preparation (undecided) ----- *April, 2016*
- Rome’s Birthday Party ----- *TBD*
- Togathon (tentative) ----- *May 14, 2016*
- MassJCL State Convention ----- *April 29 to May 1, 2016*
- NJCL Convention ----- *July 25 to 30, 2016*

Entertaining Latin Quote:

*“Quare aut hendecasyllabos trecentos
exspecta, aut mihi linteum remitte”*

“Therefore expect either three hundred hendecasyllabic verses, or send my napkin back to me”

– **Gaius Valerius Catullus, *Carmen XII.10-11***

Insightful Literature Quote:

“The loneliest moment in someone’s life is when they are watching their whole world fall apart, and all they can do is stare blankly.”

– F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

Minutes by Zhaoyang (Tim) Liu