

Meeting of the Massachusetts Senior Classical League, Saturday, February 5th, 2005, at Boston University

Meeting begins at 12:20.

Members Present: Viet, Nathaniel, Michael, Soren, Tiffany, Janet, Ryan (for awhile), Roger (late!), Gowri and Taylor (from Brown)

Random Quotes:

“No one goes abroad to study – they all go abroad to drink.” - Mark

“You need to leave room for Jesus!” – Roger

1. Introductions

Well, there were supposed to be more new people, but hi to Michael!

2. Treasurer’s Report – Yomari

Yomari called in with too much work at 11:00, but she told Viet that we have about \$490 left, after all monies have been paid out.

3. Classics Day Review – Janet & anyone else who went

Sammons was brilliant as a key note! We need to find some more of these good key notes – BU: Johnson, Steve Espiseto, Stephanie Nelson; BC: Fr. David Gill, Meredith Monaghan

Viet loved the skits – but didn’t like the speeches at the end.

BU is a perfect place to have it, so we’ll plan to have it here indefinitely.

BLA is instituting a new event: “Tea with a Professor” – a mini-Classics day; first one is in a few days with Scully over a Boticelli painting, “Minerva and the centaurs” – Janet thinks that the colleges need to get into the high schools more.

Tiffany suggests Tom Hawkins, a famous Math historian at BU as a workshop presenter.

4. Certamen and Academic Test Questions

a. Certamen due to Janet Fillion – rockberries@mindspring.com

Mark – needs to get in 16 novice myth

Yomari – she’s busy with this and that, needs to do her 25 derivatives

Nathaniel – revised to 50 language q’s for the test

So we need to farm out 21 upper language questions: anyone who can do even 2

Virgil-level questions or 2 Catullus-level questions – any little bit helps!!!!

b. Test questions due to Tamara Bauer – tambauer@aol.com

Missing only Grammar (Nathaniel will get on that) and Derivatives

5. Caligula’s Pony Express

Viet talked to Anna – she said she was going to get it out by Winter break, but it’s been put off – hopefully she’ll get it out in time for state; she was supposed to do an interview with Stephen???

6. Anyone planning to go to Nationals?

Nathaniel – maybe; Michael – maybe.

7. State Convention – March 18-19 at UMass Amherst – Everybody needs to pray to whatever deity they do to KEEP THE SNOW AWAY!!!!!!

a. Tentative schedule

Biggest change: prelims are at convention

Prelims start at 12:15-2:15

GA begins at 3:00

Registration is 2:00-3:00

Graphic Arts Registration:

The ID number system: put the graphic arts registration cards in the packets, so that the students fill them out ahead of time (the ID numbers need to be printed on the nametags). (For the future, we can put the registration cards online). Then, we have a great big table and the students bring up their projects and give them to us with the card already filled out and attached (there will be a table at the beginning with tape for them to do it themselves).

TE: 9:15-10:15

b. Who's going?

States are at the end of UMass Spring Break, so Cindy and Stephen might not be there

Nathaniel doesn't know if he can come yet or not

c. Who's driving?

Janet has 2 driving spots

Tiffany can fit up to four other people in her car

Is Amanda going? If so, she can drive (and can bring the whole RI crowd with her)

d. Events signup

Creative Contests: 7:00

Michael: Dramatic interp; Tiffany: costume (only NJCL); Viet – anything; Soren – English oratory; Cindy – costume; Roger – anything; Gowri – Costumes; Taylor – DI?

Olympika: Lisa as judge (someone needs to ask Lisa)? (Michael is a lifeguard, so he can do swimming)

Certamen: Readers: Michael, (Nathaniel, if he's there), (Dennis, if he's there); Scorers: Tiffany, Soren, (Gowri, if she comes); Machinists: Roger, Soren

Viet wants to do Oral Academics, Soren could read, Gowri could score; it's now called Academic Finals, and it's the top 5 at the Pentathlon at each level, + the best of each of the other 7 tests; only three levels now: Latin ½ and I, Latin II, Latin III+

e. Slasher stuff – same stuff we did last year

8. That's Entertainment

a. Viewing – Sunday, March 6

b. Skits

Stephen was going to come up with a skit, but he didn't come

Yomari – sent a skit she had from HS: Creusa Therapy Session

Need 2 hosts to have interaction/banter between acts – Gowri? and Michael? – They should put together a “script” of how to do intros/transitions
Michael has a skit that makes fun of movies

9. What are we going to do after States???

Soren has a question about the website – should he make one, when there will be a new webmaster at states – can we piggyback on the massjcl website? Janet and Soren need to confer concerning this. This would standardize the website (Soren will have a legacy).

Janet has some ideas, since you can't stop JCL in the middle of March; so, there will be a statewide service day somewhere in the middle of the state sometime in May – does SCL want to be involved?

Or do we want to do our own service project at some point? Janet suggests the prison book program that her school does down in Quincy center?

We can discuss this more at our meeting at States