

VJCL Council Meeting

March 3, 2007

Midlothian High School

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by VJCL President Michael Velchik at 1:33.

II. VJCL Secretary, Rena Glavas conducted the chapter roll call:

Six delegates and three sponsors from Midlothian High School, one sponsor from Flint Hill, four delegates and one sponsor from Hickory High School, four delegates and one sponsor from Spotsylvania High School, one sponsor from Parkview, one delegate, one sponsor, and one officer from Salem High School, one officer and one sponsor from Stafford High School, one officer from St. Albans, and one officer, two delegates, and one officer and one sponsor from Riverbend.

III. Officers Reports

a. Erika Davis, Historian

Since State Convention, I have been taking pictures of Latin Club activities at my school, and working on the state scrapbook. So far, I have completed thirteen pages, which I have brought with me today for you to look at if you desire. My goal is to finish all the pages, except the local chapters, by May. In June, I will start on the local chapters and build the box. I have already received Scrapbook Information Forms from the following schools: L.C. Bird, Lafayette, Classical Cottage, James River, Midlothian, and Salem. Earlier this month, I had emailed a reminder to send in the Scrapbook Information Form with pictures by May. It is very important that you meet this deadline, so I have plenty of time to complete the scrapbook. Also, please send as many pictures as possible, and label them. You may send pictures by email to historian@vjcl.org. If you have brought the Scrapbook Information Form or any pictures with you today, you can give them to me before you leave. Lastly, feel free to ask me any questions, either later today, or by email. Continue taking pictures of your school's Latin Club activities, and seizing the day.

b. Ashley Oliver, Editor

Since my election to office in August 2006, I have gathered articles, photos, and other information to design the first and second issues of the Forum. The first issue was published and distributed at the State Convention last November. As soon as I have the second issue converted into a PDF file, I will email it this weekend to each chapter's sponsor. Also, chapters can email me at editor@vjcl.org with photos and/or a list of activities from National Latin Week at their school so I can put them in the next issue of the Forum.

c. Toni Carroll, Parliamentarian

Since the last meeting I have typed up and emailed amendments to Ms. Pomfrey to assist her in compiling an updated VJCL constitution. I have also been thinking of ideas for spirit at National Convention. I have written the letter opening elections for the offices of editor and historian, typed up the information sheet for possible candidates, and emailed them both to Ms. Jusino so that they can be sent out in the spring council meeting minutes. Due to a conflict with a

drumline competition this afternoon, I will not be able to attend the end of the council meeting. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at parliamentarian@vjcl.org.

d. Rena Glavas, Secretary

Since being elected VJCL Secretary in November, I have collected all of the contact information from the executive board members, their sponsors, and the co-chairs. After receiving and compiling this information, I made a contact list and sent it out for corrections and additions several times. I also sent out the reminders to everyone about the February 3 board meeting and have developed a biography to give to Ashley for the Forum. After the February 3 board meeting, I typed up the minutes and distributed them to all who attended. I have also sent out postcard reminders to all the chapters about this council meeting and sent emails to all the officers, sponsors, and co chairs about the board meeting.

e. Maggie Marshall, Second Vice-President

Since my installation as the 2nd Vice President of the VJCL, I have been in contact with all the co-chairs and officers. I brainstormed rough ideas for what I wanted to do for spirit, then I presented my ideas at the February 3rd board meeting. At the board meeting I noted everyone else's spirit ideas, and put them into a power point presentation, which I will present at the council meeting on March 3rd. I also put together a handout of all of Virginia's cheers, so new school or new delegates will know ahead of time.

f. Deeva Shah, First Vice-President

Since that last officer's meeting, I have done the following things as VJCL Vice President. I have been getting in contact with both local and state government offices regarding National Latin Day. My goal is to publicize Latin and make April 21st become Latin Day in both local districts and our state. Also, I have begun to create a list of publicity events for different schools that I will eventually be mailing in order to raise participation in the state and national publicity contests. Finally, I have been in contact with a few people who are moving to Virginia and want their students to become part of the VJCL.

g. Michael Velchik, President

Since installation I have prepared agendas for all our meetings, maintained a correspondence among the officers, and helped brainstorm spirit ideas.

IV. Elections

Due to an irregularity at the state convention, an election was held for state co-chairmen. Ms. Pomfrey's position will be split into two positions: testing coordinator and computer coordinator (minus the website). Ann Graham was nominated as test coordinator by Sue Robertson and seconded by Laurie Covington. Ms. Graham's election was unanimous. Ms. Pomfrey was nominated as computer coordinator by Sue Robertson and seconded by Laurie Covington. Ms. Pomfrey was reelected as computer coordinator.

V. NJCL Convention

a. Basic Information

- i. The NJCL Convention will run July 24 -28 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

- ii. The cost for the NJCL Convention will be \$390.
- iii. Forms were given out to send out for packets for NJCL Convention. Interested students should order packets as soon as possible because they are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

b. Tour

The VJCL tour will start Sunday July 22nd having its first touring stop at Natural Bridge. From there the tour will continue on to Knoxville where the people on the tour will spend the night. On Monday morning, there will be a private viewing of the model of the Parthenon. After that, the tour will go to the Nashville Zoo, and then eat at a murder mystery dinner theatre. The next morning the tour will then return to Knoxville for the convention. The bus will return to Virginia immediately following the convention.

Extra money will be needed for this tour since breakfast and the murder mystery dinner are the only meals included in the tour price.

The cost for the tour is \$260 and the spirit fee for this year will be \$40; therefore the cost will be \$300. The deadline for the tour is May 15, 2007.

Ms. Petersen distributed forms for the tour and Virginia delegate registration.

c. Scholarship

A handout was given regarding the Debra Mason scholarship which will provide financial assistance for national convention attendees. Preference will be given to underclassmen and first timers. All applicants need to pay now for their packet for convention and the winner will be reimbursed the cost of the convention registration. Applications are due April 1.

d. Spirit

Maggie gave out handouts to the delegates so that they could write down their ideas for spirit to give her and she also developed a packet of cheers for convention. She presented a power point containing all the spirit ideas compiled at the last board meeting:

Wed. State T-shirt, Carpe Scruta:

- This is how VA volunteers with Roman super hero on the back
- Recycle symbol around Earth
- Garbage bag capes
- Fish on a fishing pole

Thurs. Purple & Gold JCeLvis- 8th King of Rome:

- Purple and Gold Colors
- Viva VA or Viva la Roma with an outline of the Forum
- Caesar's Palace
- Props-Gold crown, microphone, blow up guitar, rocks, and sunglasses

Fri. It's a Hard Knoxville Life:

- Place pictures of Romans who had a rough life, ex. Aeneas, on shirt
- VA's School Of Hard Knox
- Change lyrics of Annie songs or knock knock jokes into cheers for Friday

Sat. Smokey Mt. Olympus, Remember the Titans:

- Smokey the bear- "Only you can remember the Titans"
- Prometheus vs. Zeus
- Titan Football team

New ideas from representatives:

Carpe Scruta:

Super Hero X-ray vision prop- make a poster from neck to knees of an x-ray with x-ray glasses; wear latex gloves and face masks; use Hercules cleaning out stables for shirt; fishing pole catching trash instead of fish

Purple & Gold JCeLvis- 8th King of Rome:

Sisyphus rolling a rock; Viva la Roma cheer; Rocks & Rockets of VA; boas for ladies; Michael completely dresses as Elvis; Jail House Rock w/ jail looking shirts and jail numbers; use songs such as: "Heart Break Hotel", "Return to Sender", "Viva Las Vegas"; Jail House Rock w/ Brutus in jail for killing Caesar; large ball made into a rock that delegation tosses around; look like delegation is all chained together like a chain gang; "Heart Break Hotel": a jail shirt with a broken heart and vacancy written on the back.

It's a Hard Knoxville Life:

Delegation dress like rappers; use some important events that took place in Knoxville; dress up as different Romans with hard lives; a rags to riches story from Knoxville.

Smokey Mt. Olympus, Remember the Titans:

Paint or print out numbers to put on our togas; face and body paint (black paint lines of face); incorporate specific Titans; Titan rocket going up to Mt. Olympus; have a 12 Titan team of gods; everyone has the number 12 on their toga; tape paper on arms to look muscular; Smokey the Bandit stealing the fire because Prometheus was a Titan; wear forest ranger hats; hold big matches or lightning bolts or torches; goal post banner saying "Only you can remember the Titans"; delegation burst through a banner like a football team.

e. Elections

Information will be provided in the minutes and on the website about the elections for Historian and Editor at the NJCL Convention in Knoxville.

VI. SCL Report

The VJCL Certamen will be April 21 at the University of Virginia. Any school that cancels teams after April 13 must still pay the registration fee.

VII. State Convention

Mrs. Brooks presented a power point presentation showing the pros and cons of moving our state convention to Fredericksburg this year. To see this slide show, go to the VJCL website.

A questionnaire will be available on the website for all sponsors and will ask whether they want the state convention to be moved to Fredericksburg and why or why not. The Co-Chairmen will decide by April. All registration information for stae convention '07 will be ready after the NJCL Convention. If the convention is moved to Fredericksburg, the Fall Council Meeting will be there.

VIII. Adjournment

Alex Cronin moved to adjourn the council meeting and it was seconded by Mariam Al-Koshaw. The motion passed unanimous and Michael adjourned the council meeting at 3:04 p.m.

