**Cary High School Speech and Debate Booster Club**

Minutes from March 26, 2019 Meeting

7:00 PM, Ms. Krishna’s Residence

Members Present:

 Patrick Jessee, Chairperson

 Joe Coletti, Treasurer

 Annie Ngo, Secretary

 Alma Logue, Member-at-large

 Alison Horowitz, Member-at-large

 Smitha Krishna, Member-at-large

**Approval of the Previous Meeting’s Minutes**Mr. Jessee distributed copies of the minutes from the December 6 board meeting. Ms. Ngo read the minutes. Mr. Coletti moved that we approve the minutes, Ms. Horowitz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Mr. Coletti distributed and discussed financials. Since the last meeting, we have paid annual dues and the deposit for the banquet. We are breaking even on tournaments. Districts cost a little more than we took in, since we lost our judge bond from Mr. Decker’s absence. Since Districts is a 2-day event late in the season, we may want to factor in that one of the judges may be ill. We have $14K in revenue, spent about $8,500, and have about $9K left. Still to come are banquet fees, States, Big Questions tournament, and Nationals. Ms. Ngo moved that we approve the Treasurer’s report, Ms. Horowitz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Nationals**NCFL in Milwaukie - Qualifiers are Beck in OO, Isabelle in OI, and Riley & Sam in Duo. Since no teachers are going, it’s an activity of the board instead of a school event. Ms. Horowitz & Ms. Weise would most likely chaperone. There would be 2 rooms for 3 nights over Memorial Day weekend, with the tournament taking place all day Saturday and much of Sunday.

Mr. Coletti had documents from the NCFL website. All speech events are on the Marquette University campus. He and Mr. Jessee had done research on costs.  Leaving at 6:00 AM on Southwest Airlines saves a significant amount of money, and if they stay at an air B&B, the whole shebang should be about $3000 for 4 students and 2 chaperones.

Mr. Jessee will meet with Ms. Horowitz and Ms. Wise to discuss the tournament further.

NSDA in Dallas - Abby is a 1st runner up, and only one student from the entire district will qualify for nationals in Big Questions. Thus, at most 2 of our students would attend. Mr. Jessee & Mr. Coletti estimate $3000 for 2 students and Ms. Davies.

Mr. Coletti moved that we budget up to $6K to send our students to both tournaments. Ms. Ngo seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Big Questions tournament is April 13. Mr. Ashburn is going but not judging. Mr. Jessee Sr. is judging. No more than 4 kids are competing.

 **States**The States tournament is April 6-7 in Charlotte. Several students have expressed some interest in going:  Nehar, Dominic, Jack, Riley, Sam, Rhea and Abby. Students would miss school on Friday, spend 2 nights in Charlotte, and return on Sunday. Mr. Jessee said it would cost about $200-$250/students, and the rooms must be prepaid. The board discussed possibly cancelling the tournament because it is expensive for simply a 2-day tournament. Mr. Jessee will discuss it with the students.

**The Banquet, April 27**Tickets: $20 per person
Venue: Wessex Clubhouse, Ms. Lockhart (6 round, 2 rectangular tables, 54 chairs), $275
Caterer: Catering by Design (Chicken Parmesan, tea, salad, dessert), $772
Rentals: Grand Rental Station (6 chairs), $18
Other supplies: Mr. Jessee & Ms. Logue (awards, invitations, tablecloths, plates, etc.) $170
8 Centerpieces of pink flowers, black vases & stars leftover from last year

Ms. Logue will follow up with the caterer, ask Ms. Lockhart for table/chair count verification, order additional chairs, and get white tablecloths, plates, utensils.

Schedule:
  5:00 Adults arrive to set up
  5:30 Caterer sets up
  6:00 Students/parents arrive
  6:30 Dinner
  9:00 Caterer cleanup

Mr. Jessee will get invitations to students next week.

**Other Questions and Concerns**

Ms. Horowitz suggested charging more per tournament for parents who don’t judge. The board will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Mr. Jessee brought up the idea of doing 6-8 tournaments next year, so there would be a bigger push for fewer tournaments, and they would rally together. Instead of having States as the last tournament, Districts would be a logical conclusion to the season. The board agreed, and noted that our students really bond at Massy Hill. Since most private schools go to a tournament at George Mason that day, Massy Hill is more laid back, our students do really well, and it’s really fun.

Mr. Jessee spoke with Emily Stuelke, who offered to use the team for a logo design project.

Mr. Jessee will handle the elections for next year’s board.

Mr. Jessee will order cords for the seniors next week.

**Next Meeting**The next board meeting is scheduled for June 1 at Ms. Smitha’s house, starting at 9:00 AM and including lunch. The board will discuss the bylaws, soliciting lawyer sponsorships, tournament charges for students whose parents judge, finances, and closing business.