

Attendance:

PRESENT

Bob Dacey -- BCFL
Paul McMullin -- Calvert Hall
Michelle Schilke -- TJ
Charles Donovan -- Loyola
Howard Scott -- Catholic
Stanley Day -- Westminster
Jared Wastler -- Winters Mill
Jamome Lodynski -- NDP
Carol Evans -- Hereford
Ronald Bratt -- McDonogh/ Centennial

Alan Rosenberg -- City
Patrick Daniels -- City
Rose Steck -- City
Mary Beth Baker -- Loch Raven
Teresa Needer -- Towson
Chris Brown -- Mount de Sales
Edward Schultheis -- Mt. St. Joseph
John Arnold -- Centennial
Peter Imhoff -- Pikesville
Judith Anne Dellasso (for Amy Chai)

NOT PRESENT

Archbishop Curley
Arundel
Atholton
Baltimore Lutheran
Carver
Carver Vo Tech
Catonsville
Dulaney
Forest Park

Fort Meade
Franklin
Glen Burnie
Glenelg
Long Reach
Mount Hebron
Oakland Mills
Randallstown
River Hill

Reservoir
Seton-Keogh
St. John's Catholic
Prep
Sparrows Point
Walbrook
Wilde Lake

The meeting was conducted by Charles Donovan in the absence of Tom Durkin.

- Tom Durkin will be stepping down as Diocesan Director at the conclusion of this year. We will need to conduct an election for that position as well as Tournament Director at the fall meeting.
- Details concerning the logistics in Appleton were reviewed for schools that will be attending. Future Nationals are as follows: 2009- Albany, 2010 Omaha, 2011 TBA, 2012 Baltimore will bid for this tournament.
- Some discussion of the league chartering a bus to travel to Albany next year was discussed.
- Both the new Diocesan Director and Tom Durkin will be attending the CFL meeting in Albany the last weekend in September. Tom will be presenting Baltimore's bid for nationals.
- A tentative schedule for tournaments and Student Congress is now posted on the BCFL web site. Note these are tentative dates pending booking schools. Care was taken to try to avoid conflicts with SAT testing dates and major invitational tournaments. The league is interested in trying to secure larger schools to accommodate our ever increasing registrations. New schools are encouraged to sign up for hosting tournaments.

- Copies of the BCFL Constitution and Bylaws are posted on the web site. Both documents will be reviewed and updated over the summer to reflect how we conduct business. Input from all schools is encouraged. Comments and suggestions should be forwarded to Bob Dacey by mid August so that final documents can be published before the fall meeting. We hope to adopt the final versions at the fall meeting.
- There was a lengthy and fruitful discussion about the space problems we are encountering at tournaments now. Bob Dacey stated that at several tournaments we only had 1 or 2 spare rooms. Mary Beth Baker pointed out that at one tournament all of Extemp and Impromptu had to be held in various sections of a media center due to a lack of rooms. During the discussion four main proposals were discussed.
 - ✓ Holding policy and speech tournaments on separate Saturdays to ease the burdens on rooms. An increasing time commitment is an issue with this proposal.
 - ✓ Holding speech and debate on the same Saturdays but using two sites to host tournaments. Concerns are that coaches of schools who run both Debate and Forensics entries are at a disadvantage.
 - ✓ Imposing some sort of restrictions on the number of entries that may be brought from one school in each event. Bob Dacey noted that this option can be done using the tournament software we currently use.
 - ✓ Cutting back to three debate tournaments and three speech tournaments. Several folks stated this would result in too few tournaments.
 - ✓ Do nothing and try to only schedule the largest schools and be creative in allocating space.
- No decisions were made but Charles and Bob were to look at all the potential suggestions and using data from the past few years, try have a recommendation for coaches at the fall meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:15