

**TFL Executive Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting
January 28, 2020**

5:35 Call to Order

Members In Attendance

1. Keith Pittman- Asheville
2. RJ Pellicciotta- Cary Academy
3. Crawford Leavoy
4. Michelle Boswell- Cumberland Polytechnic
5. Mike Bischoff- North Mecklenburg
6. Bilal Butt- Charlotte Latin
7. Ben Denton- Pinecrest
8. Shannon Jarman- Cumberland International Early College High School

Members Not in Attendance

1. Chris Harrow- Ardrey Kell

Non-Committee Members in Attendance

- None

Approval of December 2020 Minutes

- Approved by unanimous consent

Treasurer's Report

- Nothing to add to the report.
- Allow prepayment for following year through TFL dues.
- Approved with unanimous consent

Outreach Report

- RJ has reached out to schools with Mock Trial and Model UN to provide contact for Speech and Debate interest

Tournament Sanctioning Report

- Cary Academy, DSDL #3, DSDL #4, Durham Academy, DSDL #5 approved by unanimous consent
- Missing Myers Park

TFL Bid Process

- Posted on 1/27 on TFL website
- Check that correct number of bids have been given at each tournament

Policy Debate Report

- Jonathan Peele is working to set up workshop to gain interest in policy debate
- General agreement to offer policy debate at the state tournament, possible round robin or cancel if not enough entries.

Congressional Debate Precedence Proposal

- Already happening in DSDL, this proposal would keep consistency at the state tournament

- This comes from a student concern to the Carolina West District Committee
- The function should be explained to parliamentarians and assign parliamentarians that can do it.
- Waiting for follow up- tabled until next meeting

Norms and Rules Subcommittee Report/ Virtual State Tournament Update

- Subcommittee has met twice since December committee meeting
- Interim look at proposed changes, including:
 - Adding Policy Debate
 - Remove “Open” from event titles
 - Suggested triple entry for speech qualifiers
 - No double entry in debate events
 - Clearer definition for eligible schools
 - Remove repetitive language
 - Update language regarding payment of fees
 - Clarification on judge requirements and responsibilities
 - Updates Fact Checkers, Observers, Event Rules
- The subcommittee will put together a final proposal packet for the committee to view prior to a vote.

TFL Tournament Planning

- All people asked to help at the tournament have agreed to help.
- No tech support person will be needed based on previous experience at larger tournaments
- Discussion on Impromptu and Extemporaneous topic selection- may be purchased from NSDA or hired out to other individuals. Crawford will reach out for Extemp topic writers. Impromptu topics may be written by Committee members without Impromptu entries.
- Unassigned members will act as room checkers
- Discussion on trophies

TFL discounts for Title I Schools

- Proposal to add language to the manual stating: Title I or economically disadvantaged schools (40% of school’s population on free or reduced lunch) may have principal or head of school write a letter to the committee and receive 10% discount on entry fees to the state tournament
- Approved by unanimous consent

TFL Future Initiatives

- Nothing to report

Member School Concerns

- No concerns at this time

Other Business

- Nothing at this time

Next Meeting

- Week of February 15

Motion to Adjourn at 6:46pm