

TFL Executive Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting
September 20, 2021

Call to Order at 7:02pm

Members In Attendance

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

Non-Committee Members in Attendance

- Thomas Surber- Mountain Heritage

Approval of May 2021 Minutes

- Motion to approve by Ben, Seconded by Shannon. Approved by unanimous consent

Secretary

- Mike Bischoff elected secretary

Bid Keepers

- Michelle will remain on as bid keeper, Shannon nominated as additional bid keeper. Approved by consensus
- Crawford motions Bid keepers should be allowed access to tournament results through the NC circuit. Ben seconds, approved by consensus.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance is 7869.34, although the bank statement is 8069.34 due to a \$200 uncashed check
- Motion to accept by Michelle, Shannon seconds. Approved by consensus

TFL Calendar

- The website is currently up to date. All tournament hosts must send their dates to the webmaster to be added to the calendar
- All tournaments will be virtual for the 1st semester

State Tournament

- The tournament will be hosted by Pinecrest, unless it must be moved to virtual, on April 2-3, 2022. Approved by consensus
- A decision on whether to move the tournament to a virtual platform will be made by January 31.
- We will ask Laurent Burdt to serve as tournament manager
- Motion to adjust JV debate and Declamation sweeps points to ½ of varsity points.
 - Approved by consensus

TFL Bid Process

- The Bid Process will remain the same as in previous years, including auto-qualifiers.
 - Approved by consensus

State Novice Tournament

- The TFL will host a one day virtual Novice-only tournament on April 30, 2022
- A “novice” is defined as anyone in their first year of Speech and Debate or anyone with less than 25 cumulative NSDA points from previous years.
- The Novice Tournament will follow the State Tournament manual, other than qualification process

TFL Initiatives

- Previous policy debate initiative has fizzled out and policy is unlikely to grow in NC. This initiative has been dropped.
- Declining student participation remains an issue

Sam Ervin Free Speech Award

- Subcommittee including RJ (chair), Keith, and Shannon will work on updating the name and qualifications for the award

Member School Concerns

- No concerns at this time

Other Business

- Nothing at this time

Next Meeting

- The committee approved standing meetings on the 2nd Monday of every other month at 7pm.
- Upcoming meeting dates: November 8, January 10, March 14

Motion to Adjourn at 8:20pm