

TFL Executive Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting
Jan 10, 2022

Call to Order at 7:02 pm

Members In Attendance

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

Non-Committee Members in Attendance

- Kevita Parsaud -- Cape Fear Academy
- Liz Meine-- Cape Fear Academy

Approval of September 2021 Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

- Updated balance will be emailed to the committee on 1/11/2022.

TFL Calendar

- No changes

State Novice Tournament

- Tournament will be held online, managed by the TFL committee.

State Tournament

- Laurent Burdt has agreed to be tournament manager
- Considering the current state of COVID-19, the committee. In-person protocol needs to be further discussed prior to a final decision. A hybrid tournament option may be viable.
- A survey will be sent out to coaches to gather data from member schools for the committee to consider prior to the decision being made.
- Motion to delay a final decision on hosting the state tournament in-person/virtual for a February meeting. Motion by Michelle, Seconded by Crawford. Approved by unanimous consent.
- Additional meeting for final decision and adoption of Covid Protocol will take place on Monday, Feb 7, 2022 at 7pm.

TFL Bid Update

- Myers Park Tournament- Based on TFL policy, only champions in speech events qualify for a bid. No bid in Program Oral Interpretation. Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum earn full bids as usual.

TFL Initiatives

- Declining student participation is still a problem for schools across the state.
- Hired judge database may be possible through the TFL website.

Sam Ervin Free Speech Award

- Previously suggested changes have been made.
- Motion to accept the newly worded constitutional amendment to the award made by Bilal, seconded by Ben. Accepted unanimously.
- Proposal will be sent to TFL membership for a vote.

Member School Concerns

- No concerns at this time

Other Business

- Nothing at this time

Next Meeting

- Meeting for the final decision on the state tournament will be February 7 at 7pm.
- Regularly scheduled meeting on March 7.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:12pm