

THSSDL board meeting 5-13-21

7pm

Those in attendance: Rick Marshall, State chair, Sarah Kieffner, assistant chair, Dist I – Rep – Kevin Rogers, Dist II – Dir - Linda Starnes, Rep - Pollyanna Parker, Dist III – Rep – Matt Grimes, Dist IV - Dir - Lucy Boydston, Rep - Danielle Smallwood, Dist V – Dir - Peggy Russell, Rep - Laura Humphrey, Kevin Rogers; Suzanne Terry, ex-officio chair

Absent – Jeff Robbins, Dr. Gotcher

7:15 – Rick official start to the meeting

Linda – move to approve minutes, Laura, 2nd, minutes approved

Old Business –

- Social impact/diversity – call for new info on topic? Danielle – move to table for fall board mtg, Lucy – 2nd – 7 votes to table, 3 abstain
- Lifetime achievement
 - Lucy moves to change to 80% of board vote for lifetime achievement
 - 6 in favor
 - 3 abstain
- Fall Conference 2020
- State Tournament Wrap-up
 - Thank you from Rick for support

New Business

- Fall conf 2021
 - virtual? in person? hybrid?
 - where would we host? many schools in limited or no visitors
 - Pollyanna might be able to host?
 - Aim for the middle of the state for ease of travel, if in person
 - topics? each district provide a presentation?
 - student mental health – dist II work on this?
 - Laura – debate coach training – Matt or alum do this?
 - Suzanne – One act/Interp theater strategies
 - recording videos? how to keep team going without traveling – survey coaches for what worked? several tournaments already declared virtual for next year. Sarah – do it as a town hall/collaborative session?
 - Sat, Aug 21 for fall conf?
 - Materials need to be sent to Dr. Gotcher mid-July
- State Tournament 2022

- Dist V hosting
 - Northeast state community college, Blountville TN – Apr 22-23
 - (7:59pm – Dr. Mike Gotcher joins the session)
- Exec Director's report
 - \$12,000 in account
 - some fees that have not been paid yet, schools that haven't sent their \$
 - will be shipping trophies and T-shirts next week
 - still did well as far as sponsors
 - \$600 bill in terms of Speechease
 - State Tournament thoughts
 - fewer schools than in past, and fewer entries
 - 26 diff schools received awards
 - marshalled through doing tournament online
 - went smoothly, overall, went better than anticipated – Linda, thank you for pushing judges to get ballots in, thanks to Matt, Danielle and Laura for running debate
 - glitch with one-act – a team was penalized for time and shouldn't have been, so both teams will be given 1st place trophy, would have caught the issue if we were in person
 - concerned with low numbers in duo/duet and interp – probably covid related
- THSSDL State event cancellation policy
 - Pollyanna – disruption/disappointment to students entering Congress in state tournament when it was cancelled – can board find out if an event is in peril of being cancelled so that more entries could be urged?
 - Mike – has never been cancelled before, declared we needed 15 students from more than one school and we had 10 from the same school
- Board changes
 - Sarah Kieffner moves up to state chair
 - volunteers to be assistant chair for next year? Matt volunteers – Lucy moves to vote for Matt as assistant chair, Sarah 2nds, is approved
 - Jeff Robbins leaving board, Kevin moving up as director, has someone in line to join as rep
- Roll call
 - Dist I Kevin Rogers and Lisa Johnson
 - Dist II – Linda Starnes and Pollyanna Parker
 - Dist III – Shane Cunningham and Matt Grimes
 - Dist IV – Lucy Boydston and Danielle Smaliwood
 - Dist V – Peggy Russell and Laura Humphrey
 - Rick will become ex-officio
- Matt moves to adjourn, Kevin 2nds
- Meeting ends at 8:41pm