

August 26th, 2022 Board Meeting

7:39 meeting called to order by State Chair Sarah Kieffner

In attendance:

Dr. Mike Gotcher-Executive Director

Kevin Rogers-District I-District Director

Linda Starnes-District II-District Director

Sarah Kieffner-District III-State Chair

Lucy Boydston-District IV-District Chair

Danielle Smallwood-District IV District Representative, Assistant State Chair

Peggy Russell-District V-District Chair

Hunter Graybeal-District V-In place of Laura Humphrey-District Representative

Rick Marshall- District V-Former State Chair (ex officio board member).

NO minutes from the previous meeting

7:44 p.m. Executive Director's report

Dr. Gotcher bought planners for the board members, thank you from all!

40 registered participants for the THSSDL 2022 Fall conference. This is a sign of new memberships and many new coaches. Board members agreed that we were able to hold a conference in person in the Fall of 2022.

Thank you to Mickey Hutson for arranging a great venue at Davidson Academy.

The Executive Director requested help with registration in the morning for the conference.

Presenting Saturday sessions (Linda Starnes, Lucy Boydston, and Danielle Smallwood)

Dr. Gotcher also got all the conference participants school supply prizes, Thank you!

Financial report

15,000 in the Kathleen Thayer Beach Scholarship

10,000 in positive in the THSSDL account

Already had 2,000 for state tournaments

List of people to contact for additional donors

List of scholarships where the students need to prove they are in college to get the scholarship

THSSDL is no longer the banker for District V-Dr. Gotcher has the paperwork for this transition

Contact NorthEast State Community College for donations for state trophies.

So thankful for the hospitality that NorthEast State Community College offered for state 2022

State:

Discussion:

Lower numbers entered for the state competition, we hope to have more this year due to in person competition resuming to normal.

NO drop fees were charged in 2022. We will resume drop fees during state 2023.

The posters were amazing, Linda Starnes did an amazing job on the state event posters and it was suggested that she should have that responsibility again.

PFD numbers were positive.

Congress was able to happen, even though the students did not have as many opportunities to compete during the year.

Interp: Hopefully, everyone will do it

THSSDL Website updating: Would like some things updated (Kevin Rogers, and volunteer)
Would like to have previous state results posted on the website. Dr. Gotcher can get that information for Kevin Rogers.

Kevin Rogers, District I Chair, will make updates to the website. Could need some assistance.

Need: Will need the representatives to adjust the application for scholarships. Dr. Gotcher will send that out to the representatives.

State Chair: Sarah Kieffner

State tournament: Any feedback? We had two emergency meetings - one about a debate team arriving late, the other a disqualification due to rule violation.

We should create a way that coaches can communicate any special needs for competitors (wheelchair, crutches, etc) to get onto the stage.

Diversity amongst the students and inclusion was apparent at the state tournament. This community appears accepting and diverse.

Suggestions:

Hunter Graybeal suggested having separate draws for T.V and Exempt, or two people in the room to run it.

- Food trucks were a hit for the tournament.
- The T-shirts were beautiful. All shirts were sold.

Tournament dates:

Sarah Kieffner had a list

Added some

2-3-22 sullivan east

11-5 Henry Co.

1-21-Barlett

3-18-22 Mo East

9-24-22 Hutchinson/Shelby Co.

10-8-22 Happy Valley/Milligan University

10-22-22 Portland HS

11-19-22 Science Hill

12-3-22 Dobyns-Bennett

1-14-22 Cookeville

Tournaments will be added during the meeting tournament.

4-21/22 State in Bartlett High School

District 1

We need a hotel list asap

Interp, One Act, debate

2:30 start time for debate.

We need District dates asap

District meetings at the conference should come up with dates for District tournaments.

One Act Play

2022

The Play that Goes Wrong

Frozen

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

2022-2023-Suggestions

Classical: Antigone,

Contemporary:

Musical: Six,

Proof, Urine town, Beetlejuice (musical), all my sons,

These shining lives, 12 angry jurors,

Vote: Tallying the ballots for Plays

Final Choices for Set and Costume Design

Contemporary: Proof, David Auburn

Classical: All My Sons, Arthur Miller

Musical: Beetlejuice, Eddie Perfect (lyrics and music) and book by Scott Brown and Anthony King

State Tournament Assignments:

T-shirts-Laura Humphrey and Hannah Krtausch selling t-shirts during registration on Friday and Saturday.

Design is District 1: Pollyanna said one of the designs from last year could be used. Kevin will reach out to the design team to design the shirt. Then send it to Laura Humphrey, Peggy, Rick, and Hunter can help too.

One act play: Suzanne Terry and Richard Marshall

IT Finals: Sarah Kieffner, Preliminary rounds-Lucy Boydston and Peggy Russell

Exempt: Mickey Hutson

Exempt topics: Mickey Hutson

T.V. Hunter Graybeal

Congress: Matt Grimes (possibly)

T.V. Packets: Sarah Kieffner

Impromptu topics: Shane Cunningham

Debate: Danielle Smallwood and Laura Humphrey, (Matt Wilson)

Make copies of new PFD ballots

Registration at Friday 1:30 p.m. 3:30

Saturday: 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Saturday registration: District 3 registration

Time keepers, Debate, Group event judges-District 1

Ballot Table: Gabby Wexler, Laura Humphrey or Hannah Krtausch, Kaleb Woods.

Ballot Distribution: Linda Starnes, Shane Cunningham, Sarah Kieffner

Judging Assignments: Linda Starnes Sarah Kieffner

Poster creation and removal: Linda Starnes

Hospitality: District 1

Recommendation: to hand out the poster when the state winner signs the state shirt.
Overwhelmingly, the board wants the posters to be handed out on stage.

Suggestion: To not have the t-shirt contest during the state tournament.

Timing of Rounds Saturday I.E. Rounds

Rd 1: 8:30

Rd 2: 10:00

Rd 3: 11:30

Finals posting I.E. : 2:00 p.m.

Extemp/T.V 1:15 p.m. 1:30 draw

Distribution of Finals ballots: Great discussion. Linda Starnes-same location as giving before.
Suggestion, send out a message through speechease to the coaches and judges to come to the judges' lounge to get their ballots after finals has been posted.

New business:

1. Discussion (Kevin Rogers)-Financial burden on coaches and teachers in order to attend the tournament and conference. District V representative was unable to attend because of financial burden. How can we as a community alleviate the burden of cost for coaches, board members, and students.
2. Suggestions: To get alumni involved to sponsor something.
3. Next meeting: **Create a committee to reach out to alumni.** Look for foundations that could support the coaches. The Urban Debate League pays people to coach.

Sponsorships for trophies, sponsors for the team. How could we address this? Could the district money pay for a fall conference room? An idea, should the board set aside need based money for coaches? Zoom meetings-in the future to alleviate cost.

4. Suggestion for Session 1 Fall conference 2023-Fundraising for teams and coaches
5. Scholarship/Nominating form: Grant for a school/coach for needs. Possibly, look at grant applications. Possibly, seed money for a district. How do you address funding meeting Zoom, or a committee. Send out a questionnaire for funding. Streaming the conference. Send out after the conference. If they do not pay the fee, the member won't get the Professional Development hours. We could post a video summary on the THSSDL website.
6. **Internet Usage Rules:** Question-(Peggy Russell) Use of internet for performances: Such as poetry, The problem is that the students have to buy books to have enough poetry. How do we prove credible work? Some students are being challenged and some are not getting challenged. Why can't students use the internet to find performance pieces? Everything is online, and we are in the digital age.
Solution: Peggy Russell and Lucy Boydston will look into the rules of the event of poetry and the usage of the internet. Should be a topic at the next board meeting.
Proposal for a committee to be formed to review the rules for interpretative events and online rules. (Pg. 42 manual I.E.).
7. Official vote for 3 interps: Make a motion Hunter Graybeal to have 3 interps advance to state competition -2nd Peggy Russell. Each district will be allowed to advance 3 interps to state competition.
8. Adjourn Motion (9:53)-Lucy Boydston, 2nd Linda Starnes