

## THSSDL SPRING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Members in attendance: Dr. Mike Gotcher, Suzanne Terry, Kevin Rogers, Jeff Robbins, Linda Starnes, Emily Higdon, Matt Grimes, Sarah Kieffner, Lucy Boydston, Danielle Smallwood, Rick Marshall, and Peggy Russell.

Guests: Rob Silver (West Creek), Lee Ellen Beach

- 1) Meeting called to Order: Suzanne Terry
- 2) Approval of minutes from Fall 2017 board meeting.
  - a) Motion to accept minutes: Kevin Rogers.
  - b) Second: Rick Marshall.
  - c) Motion Passed.
- 3) Executive Director's Report: Dr. Mike Gotcher
- 4) Revisit of new events for 2018, Program Oral Interpretation and Informative Speaking.
  - a) Motion to continue these events for future THSSDL competitions: Rick Marshall.
  - b) Second: Kevin Rogers.
  - c) Motion passed.
- 5) Revisit of 30 second grace period for events.
  - a) Motion to continue 30 second grace period as outlined in rules: Jeff Robbins
  - b) Seconded: Emily Higdon
  - c) Motion passed.
- 6) Discussion on use of Speech Ease for state competition. Positive feedback from all board members. Will revisit usage for state tournament next year at fall board meeting.
- 7) Numbers for Congress and Public Forum Debate for state tournament
  - a) Congress: 40
  - b) Public Forum Debate: 25 (lower than last year)Discussion about numbers of participants allowed and possible qualification through district. No motion was made; therefore, no change in procedure at this time.
- 8) Interpretative Theatre Rules Clarification.
  - a) Issue was referred to a committee
  - b) Members on committee: Sarah Kieffner, Peggy Russell, Rick Marshall, Kevin Rogers, Lucy Boydston, Emily Higdon.

- 9) Challenge Procedures for competition.
  - a) Issue referred to a committee
  - b) Members on committee: Jeff Robbins, Danielle Smallwood, Suzanne Terry.  
Lee Ellen Beach.
- 10) Posting of Board Minutes to Entire THSSDL Membership
  - a) Motion to adopt procedure for sending board minutes to membership: Jeff Robbins
  - b) Seconded: Kevin Rogers.
  - c) Motion passed.
- 11) Limiting of Prose and Poetry performances to 5 minutes maximum.  
No motion was made; therefore, no change in rules at this time.
- 12) Revising the Interpretive Theatre state qualification rules to allow for districts with higher number of teams participating a pathway to qualify more teams.  
Issue was referred to Interpretive Theatre Rules Clarification Committee.
- 13) Clarification of Costume and Set Design Rules.  
Linda Starnes will explore information on issue and report back at Fall Board Meeting.
- 14) Clarification on Duet Acting Rules.
  - a) Motion to clarify the rules to clearly state “2 hand props and 2 stage props”:  
Sarah Kieffner
  - b) Seconded: Rick Marshall
  - c) Motion passed.
- 15) Fall Conference 2018
  - a) Tentatively set for Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 -- Father Ryan High School
  - b) Board members are encouraged to provide two (2) attendance door prizes to the conference.
- 16) Ruby Krider Award nominees discussed and voted upon. Five (5) nominees total.
- 17) THSSDL Hall of Fame nominees discussed and voted upon. Two (2) nominees total.
- 18) State Tournament 2019 – District 3 – Cookeville High School and Life Church (Cookeville).
  - a) Life Church will host Friday events
  - b) Cookeville High School will host Saturday events
- 19) Motion to adjourn.
  - a) Motion: Linda Starnes
  - b) Seconded: Jeff Robbins
  - c) Motion passed.