

Lewis & Clark Conference Meeting
September 14, 2016 – 4:30 pm
Geno's Steakhouse
121 West 1st Street
Wayne, NE

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Roll Call

Lewis Division	Clark Division
Allen	Bloomfield
Emerson-Hubbard	Creighton
Homer	Hartington - Newcastle
Laurel-Concord-Coleridge	Osmond
Ponca	Plainview
Wakefield	Randolph
Walthill	Wausa
Winnebago	Winside
Wynot	

III. Approve September 14th, 2016 Agenda – (Available Online)

IV. Approve April 13th, 2016 Minutes – (Available Online)

V. Approve Sept 14th, 2016 Treasurer's Report – (Available Online)

VI. Action Items

- A. **Speech Proposal:** Provided that we would move to a two-round format, we would modify the finals of the conference speech meet to have a championship final of 6 entries with two hired judges and an honors final of 6 entries with one coach from the conference schools to serve as a judge. Modify the sweepstakes of the conference speech meet for the championship final to include 20 points for 1st, decreasing by 2 points each place to get to 10 points for 6th. The honors final would not score in the team placing. Continue with the current preliminary round scoring.

Rationale: A final of 8 entries is simply too large. The standard final entry is 6. This is also the format the district meet follows for scoring and finalists. Finals would only go beyond 6 if there was an unbreakable tie. This also allows more students to have final round with a chance to compete and get feedback from judges one more time. It will also help quell the concerns of those coaches who would like to split the conference for speech. Cost: No additional cost to this proposal for judges. There would be an increase in costs for medals.

- B. **Art Proposal #1:** To change the dates of the art show on the schedule to Feb 27-March 2nd. Also in the future place a TBD until we secure dates.

Cost: none

Rationale: We are at the mercy of the venue at WSC. The dates could vary slightly each year. TBD will avoid confusion and the official date will be placed on the calendar at the conference meeting in August.

- C. **Art Proposal #2:** We are asking for the chance to meet as a group this spring after the show for ½ day to review the plans for the show once phase 3 is complete of the 3 phase plan.

Cost: ½ day substitutes for each teacher by each school

Rationale: Phase 3 of our three-year plan will be complete and in order to determine if any future changes need to be made we feel it will be beneficial to meet while it is still fresh in our minds. These discussions should include all of the teachers in the conference and because many teachers coach other activities it is difficult to have everyone in attendance for the August meeting.

- D. **Art Proposal #3:** The addition of a 2nd judge as well as a pay increase per judge from \$100.00 plus mileage to \$125.00 plus mileage.

Cost: Total increase of \$150.00 plus mileage for 2nd judge

Rationale: The amount of entries is difficult for just one judge. We do not split the conference show into divisions and feel it is only fair to add a 2nd judge. This will also allow for the works to be judged by artists in a variety of expertise. For example, a sculptor and a gallery owner. We are also behind in pay compared to other shows and this does make it difficult to secure judges. The increase would help put us more in line with the current rates.

- E. **One-Act Play Proposal #1:** In addition to the outstanding performer medals, provide a certificate for each student nominated by judges for outstanding performances. This is done at the district level.

Cost: Cost of the certificates

Rationale: This would allow more students to be recognized for their outstanding performances at the conference contest and would follow the same criteria used in the district contest. Our school compete at a high level and more students would be recognized for their performance. This would also allow students in smaller roles to get some recognition. Passed unanimously.

- F. **One-Act Play Proposal #2:** The judges will select an outstanding technical crew at the end of the contest. That school will receive a certificate.

Cost: Cost of certificate

Rationale: Putting on a play requires student dedication beyond those on stage. Many technical crew members put in as many hours as the students acting do and this would allow them an opportunity to be recognized. The NSAA now does this at the state contest. Passed unanimously.

- G. **Speech Proposal:** Create a superior certificate that can be printed at the school for students who receive a superior rating at the conference meet, but did not make the finals. The certificates would have the Lewis and Clark logo on them and would be downloaded from the conference website.

Cost: None to the conference. Cost of paper and ink if the school chooses to recognize the students.

Rationale: With such a large conference, this offers recognition to students who do not make the finals.

- H. **Girls Basketball Proposal:** To keep the Championship game in Laurel, no matter if Laurel is in the finals or not.

Cost: none

Rationale: Laurel is centrally located, which would bring in a good fan base. Passed 14 to 1 to stay in Laurel.

- I. **Boys Basketball Proposal:** Suggest the conference have a Lewis and Clark division as it is divided with two divisions now in two division activities. Each school is required 5 games within their division. A tournament with a Lewis bracket and a Clark bracket be played to determine division champions. A final day of division champions and runner-ups would determine 1st place through 4th place. Both boys and girls. All consolation games would not change.

Cost: Travel cost would decrease

Rationale: Travel time would decrease, especially on school nights. Attendance at each would increase.

- J. **Track and Field Proposal #1:** Require Fully Automatic Timing (FAT) at the conference track meet.
Cost: Negotiated. Site transportation, cost of rent, any support

Rationale: Fully Automatic Timing will make the conference meet more similar to the state meet
Passed 16-0

- K. **Track and Field Proposal #2:** Change the conference rotation to the track meet site this year to be in Ponca.

Cost: none

Rationale: Due to track repair/construction in Laurel.

- L. **Academic Contest Date Proposal:** There are state volleyball conflicts with the date as listed plus potential Vets Day dates.

VII. Discussion Items

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VIII. Reports

- A. Conference Volleyball Tournament by directors
- B. Conference Academic Contest
- C. Conference Cross-Country by directors

Reminder:

Use the shared google document to make sure all contact information is correct for the year. The next administrative meeting will be held November 30, 2016.

IX. Meeting Adjourned