



**California Junior Classical League  
Executive Board Meeting**

Virtually Held  
September 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m.  
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*a.d. XIV Kal. Oct.*



**To Do List:**

All Board Members will:

- Check their emails regularly.
- Read the minutes and send corrections to [secretary@cajcl.org](mailto:secretary@cajcl.org).

Avery Konwiser will:

- Help organize service projects for SCRAM, Ludi, and State Convention.

Sadie Almgren will:

- Finish planning Ludi.

Brian Lazarus will:

- Finish planning SCRAM.

Sofia Perez-Lanza and Louise Morr will:

- Plan State Convention.

Elizabeth Casey will:

- Contact schools that are or have been part of the CAJCL in the past about registering in CAJCL this year.

Claire Lenden will:

- Create an amendment regarding digital campaigning before the meeting on January 8, 2022.

Alexis Kim will:

- Organize, edit, and send out the minutes from this Board meeting.

Mallika Dandamudi will:

- Place the CAJCL photo contest links in the biography of the CAJCL Instagram.
- Continue submitting to the NJCL photo and video contests.

Kayla Davis will:

- Work on the next edition of *Nuntius*.

Ashley Yoshii will:

- Create a questions, comments, and answers box for the CAJCL website.

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

October 30, 2021: SCRAM hosted by The Meadows School

November 6, 2021: Ludi hosted by Menlo-Atherton

January 8, 2022: Next Meeting

February 26, 2022: CARCER

April 1-2, 2022: State Convention at St. Francis in Sacramento

**In Attendance:**

1. Avery Konwiser (Harvard-Westlake School) – 2nd Vice President
2. Elizabeth Casey (Sage Hill School) – 1st Vice President
3. Brian Lazarus (The Willows Community School) – Southern Representative
4. Sofia Perez-Lanza (St. Francis High School) – Convention President
5. Louise Morr (St. Francis High School) – Convention President
6. Claire Lenden (Menlo School) – Parliamentarian

7. Alexis Kim (Sage Hill School) – Secretary
8. Mallika Dandamudi (Miramonte High School) – Historian
9. Kayla Davis (Menlo School) – *Nuntius* Editor
10. Ashley Yoshii (St. Ignatius College Preparatory) – Webmaster
11. Mr. Matt Davis – State Chair, 2nd VP Advisor, Miramonte Sponsor
12. Dr. Brian Briggs – Certamen Chair, St. Francis Sponsor
13. Ms. Katie Robinson – Scholarships Chair
14. Ms. Lisa Masoni – Treasurer, Graphic Arts Chair, Harker Middle School Sponsor
15. Ms. Sydney Higa – Media Chair
16. Ms. Sofia Abolfathi – *Nuntius* Mentor, CASCL President
17. Mr. Jon Gumz – CASCL Advisor
18. Ms. Grace Curcio – Webmaster Advisor, St. Ignatius Preparatory Sponsor
19. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez – Open Certamen Chair, Secretary Advisor, Menlo School Sponsor
20. Dr. Jeffrey Feland - 1st VP Advisor, Sage Hill Sponsor
21. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird – State Co-Chair, Parliamentarian Advisor, The Willows School Sponsor
22. Ms. Jen Jordt - Creative Arts Chair, Historian Advisor, Menlo School Sponsor
23. Ms. Maria-Luisa Deseta - Menlo-Atherton High School Sponsor
24. Mr. Frederick Muth -Technology Committee Head

Absent:

1. Sadie Almgren (Menlo-Atherton High School) – Northern Representative
2. Mr. Scott Paterson – Academics Chair, Harker Upper School Sponsor
3. Ms. Kiana Hu – CASCL 1st Vice President
4. Ms. Mercedes Barletta - Harvard-Westlake School Sponsor

**I. Call to Order – Avery Konwiser (9:04)**

- a. Avery Konwiser moved to open the meeting; Elizabeth Casey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. The meeting began at 9:04 a.m.

**II. Minutes from March 8 Meeting – Alexis Kim (9:05)**

- a. Alexis Kim gave an overview of the minutes from the previous board meeting which focused on the effects of State Convention and transitioning from the old to the new board.
- b. The minutes were edited and a detail regarding fees for students’ National Latin Honor Society registration was removed.
- c. Avery Konwiser moved to approve the minutes; Claire Lenden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Reimbursement Requests – Lisa Masoni (9:18)**

- a. Ms. Lisa Masoni reported that there was a reimbursement request for \$645.11 for the NJCL t-shirts. There was another reimbursement request by Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird for \$20.99 for the auto renewal of the CAJCL website domain via GoDaddy.
- b. Mr. Matt Davis will send the application forms for the National Convention scholarships to Ms. Lisa Masoni.
- c. Avery Konwiser moved to approve the reimbursements; Ashley Yoshii seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Officer Reports**

**Avery Konwiser - (Harvard-Westlake School) – 2nd Vice President (9:21)**

- a. Avery Konwiser reported that the orders for the CAJCL shirt were shipped out. He also reported that 45 students and 5 sponsors from California registered for National Convention and that CAJCL won second place overall for spirit in extra-large delegations at National Convention. CAJCL had 38 spirit submissions that covered 5 different cheers and also won first in roll call. He

also stated that there were numerous individual contest placements at National Convention and congratulated the Open Certamen team on their victory. The NJCL service event was Rocks for Fey, for which CAJCL members painted rocks in honor of Fey, a young girl who had passed away.

- b. He also reported that he had familiarized himself with the incoming CAJCL Board of Officers and had researched potential volunteer community outreach projects for CAJCL and had discussed service at Ludi with Sadie Almgren. Through his research, he reported that he had found a program called Paper for Water, for which students fold origami to raise funds for clean water projects.
- c. Finally, he organized this State Board meeting and wrote the agenda for today.

**Sadie Almgren - (Menlo-Atherton High School) - Northern Representative (9:24)**

- a. Sadie Almgren could not be present today due to college applications.
- b. Her sponsor, Ms. Maria-Luisa Deseta, presented a script on the work she did for Ludi and Menlo-Atherton High School's Latin Club.

**Brian Lazarus - (Willows Community School) - Southern Representative (9:44)**

- a. Brian Lazarus reported that the events for SCRAM are either completely planned, nearly finished, or awaiting tests from Sadie. He also stated that all rules and judging forms are completed and discussed awards for events. The welcome letter is complete. The tentative schedule is complete and has been posted on the CAJCL website, along with the rules and expectations as well as club registration forms. These were sent to Ashley Yoshii on September 1, 2021, to be posted on the CAJCL website. The adult volunteer registration is complete, but the student registration is still a work-in-progress.
- b. He also discussed the presenters for different events. £60 (GBP) needs to be paid for Caroline Lawrence booked for SCRAM. He also booked Madeline Miller for \$500, so the tentative schedule for SCRAM will need to be altered to accommodate her time schedule.
- c. He noted that there will be a \$10.00 registration fee for SCRAM this year.
- d. Service plans for SCRAM include freerice.com and Operation Gratitude, and the students at Willows Community School are searching for a third option related to social advocacy.
- e. Brian Lazarus also discussed a new system of ID numbers that will be implemented during SCRAM. This system will help ensure that students stay within their own Latin levels by giving students ID numbers that begin with a different number depending on that student's level.
- f. Though there were a few delays due to the Willows Community School's late start date, these are being dealt with efficiently.
- g. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird stated that the Willows Community School is currently searching for volunteers. He also discussed potentially adding more events inspired by Ludi and formally invited Sadie Almgren to SCRAM. He also stated that he invited schools from Arizona and Nevada to attend SCRAM and that all teachers are invited to attend SCRAM as well.
- h. Avery Konwiser asked that he be looped into service ideas. Mr. Matt Davis noted that the Second Vice President typically helps plan service at SCRAM.

**V. Motion for a Break – (9:58)**

- a. Avery Konwiser made a motion for a 5-minute break; Kayla Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Officer Reports (cont.)**

**Sofia Perez-Lanza & Louise Morr - (St. Francis High School) – Convention Presidents (10:06)**

- a. Sofia Perez-Lanza and Louise Morr made a video for the closing remarks for National Convention. There were a few issues getting the video out, but it worked out well in the end.
- b. In August, they contacted hotels, food trucks, and a magician. They are also planning to make a promotional video for State Convention to be shown at SCRAM and Ludi. They have also completed a tentative schedule for State Convention.

- c. St. Francis High School has finalized the Latin Council and the council has already started meeting to plan State Convention. Food will likely be catered by the catering business that already serves St. Francis High School.
- d. St. Francis High School's first Latin Club meeting was Friday, September 17, 2021.
- e. The convention presidents asked how many people will attend State Convention. Mr. Matt Davis answered that typically 1,000 students and 200 adults, but this is very unclear due to COVID. Mr. Matt Davis mentioned that food was an important factor and expense. There was a discussion about whether schools would allow students to attend State Convention at all.
- f. The convention presidents also asked whether there would be someone able to lead stargazing at State Convention. Ms. Katie Robinson stated that she is the person who leads it and that it is an easy, outdoor activity.
- g. The convention presidents also asked how many chessboards would be needed for chess and where they could be obtained. Dr. Brian Briggs stated that chess boards can be acquired online and Ms. Dobbie Vasquez stated that they can be purchased or borrowed from the school chess club. She said that Menlo JCL had purchased some boards to supplement the chess club ones and then donated them to the chess club after Convention. Mr. Davis said he may have some extra boards. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird suggested that we acquire a CAJCL set so that we do not have to purchase them each year. Ms. Grace Curcio mentioned that there must also be timers.
- h. The convention presidents also asked whether there should be a testing zero session. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird, Ms. Dobbie Vasquez, and Mr. Matt Davis stated that it would likely be better just to have all testing done in one session.
- i. The convention presidents also asked whether a classroom would need to be dedicated to SCL. The consensus was that there needs to be a room and that SCL needs to be asked what snacks they want.
- j. The convention presidents also asked how many rooms were needed for Open Certamen. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez stated that typically 12 rooms are reserved for Open Certamen.
- k. The convention presidents also asked how STEM would work. Ms. Katie Robinson stated that STEM is very simple in-person and that CAJCL owns some materials which she currently has in her possession. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez stated that it is also possible to do STEM online.
- l. The convention presidents asked whether the Board planned any of the events for State Convention. The answer was that service, art competitions other than Impromptu Art, Meet the Candidates, Open Forum, and the elections just require rooms and/or adult supervision.
- m. The convention presidents also asked whether there should be a singing competition to align with the theme. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez stated that it's a great idea to have a singing competition separate from That's Entertainment, especially if a professional musician can judge it. Ms. Katie Robinson brought up the idea of having students translate a song into Greek or Latin and then singing it, but Ms. Dobbie Vasquez and Mr. Matt Davis both felt that we should do this as an event without points as it has been in recent years. We do not want to change the white booklet this year. Ms. Masoni brought up concerns about singing and COVID but these were addressed by agreeing on hosting the event outdoors and potentially providing special masks.
- n. The convention presidents also asked what dietary choices should be offered. Mr. Matt Davis stated that vegetarian and gluten-free meals had been provided in the past, but that special registration must be required for these because often kids who don't need them took them. The V or GF marking should appear on the nametags.
- o. The convention presidents also asked how volunteers would be coordinated. Mr. Matt Davis stated that a parent, SCLer, and/or student familiar with the convention must be present throughout the school to help out. We have been assigning adult duties through Google Forms this past year and it worked well.
- p. The convention presidents also asked what track and field events should be offered as there is no track at St. Francis High School and students would have to go to a different location, Sacramento State, to participate. Mr. Matt Davis stated that going off-campus or using the field at St. Francis could work, but Mrs. Vasquez asked if kids would have to cross a trafficked road. They would. Dr. Brian Briggs was concerned about liability and stated that St. Francis High School had been

considered there just being a mini-marathon. The rule has always been to offer what works for the hosting campus.

- q. The convention presidents also asked what Myth Jenga is and whether it is worth having as an event for State Convention. Ms. Katie Robinson answered that it was a style of mythology quiz bowl combined with Jenga and that it was an easy activity, with the only limit being the number of Jenga sets available.
- r. The convention presidents asked for suggestions for activities. Avery Konwiser suggested different uses and designs for making buttons and Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird suggested that the slogan contest winners have their slogan on buttons. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez suggested Quidditch and Capturing Remus, but Ms. Grace Curcio stated that Capturing Remus was difficult for the student “Remus” volunteers. The scavenger hunt, Harry Potter Kahoot, and Geocaching are also very popular. Elizabeth Casey will send Scavenger Hunt clues from Sage Hill’s SCRAM to Sofia Perez-Lanza and Louise Morr.
- s. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez asked whether there would be an online component to State Convention on top of the in-person event to include more students. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird and Mr. Matt Davis stated that having two plans, one fully in-person and one fully online, would be a good idea. Ms. Jen Jordt stated that she would recommend either having both online and in-person components or having two different plans for being fully virtual or fully in-person. Dr. Brian Briggs asked for suggestions on how this would work.
- t. Mr. Matt Davis suggested that State Convention could require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird stated that everyone should be required to be vaccinated. The potential conclusions were to ensure anyone who could get a vaccine is vaccinated for State Convention or to make everyone get a COVID test. Ms. Lisa Masoni stated that this would be a very important and difficult job. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez questioned the legality of telling immunocompromised students they can not attend State Convention. Ms. Kathleen Robinson noted that COVID tests should be done before students get on transportation to get to Convention. Dr. Brian Briggs suggested that teachers be in charge of own their students’ COVID tests. He also stated that we should discuss this during the winter meeting.

**Elizabeth Casey - (Sage Hill School) – 1st Vice President (11:13)**

- a. Elizabeth Casey attended National Convention and her Open Certamen team won at the advanced level. She has been getting a “welcome to the school year” email organized, but has had difficulty looking for the list of the schools that have been registered for the last few years. Ms. Lisa Masoni stated that she would try to find the list of schools in the archive or that minutes for past meetings could be found and that she would help Elizabeth Casey find the contact information for those schools.
- b. Sage Hill School hosted a candy mosaic-making activity. Elizabeth Casey is currently waiting for Sage Hill’s historian to send her videos and photos of the event to submit to the CAJCL Instagram contests.
- c. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez suggested that Elizabeth Casey encourage CAJCL schools to participate in National Convention.
- d. Mr. Matt Davis will forward an email to Elizabeth Casey from St. Francis High School in Texas.
- e. Elizabeth Casey is confirmed to hold a candidate’s Open Forum at SCRAM.

**Claire Lenden - (Menlo School) – Parliamentarian (11:20)**

- a. Claire Lenden attended National Convention.
- b. She put together potential amendments to the Constitution in Article 3, Article 11 Section 1 to be more COVID-friendly and make it abundantly clear that the CAJCL must remain flexible and able to adapt to any situation. Mr. Matt Davis and Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird both felt that these amendments are unnecessary because common sense always prevails. Mr. Jon Gumz proposed changing convention ‘hosted at’ to ‘hosted by’ to allow for online conventions.
- c. She also made proposals for a flexible amendment regarding online campaigning for state office so that the Parliamentarian would have to make rules about campaigning online. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird suggested that specific rules be added to the by-laws in addition to this amendment

and Ms. Dobbie Vasquez agreed. The State Board generally agreed that this amendment still needs to be edited and that some or all of this belongs in the by-laws and/or under the duties of the Parliamentarian. John Gumz suggested that this change be added to the Voter Information Guide instead of the Constitution. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird commented that the Code of Conduct covers a lot of materials discussed in this amendment proposal.

- d. She also made a suggestion for an amendment to Article 6 to ensure that there is a framework for Parliamentarians to follow just in case there is no State Convention again as in 2020. She will work with her mentor, Mr. Smith-Laird, before the next meeting.

**Alexis Kim - (Sage Hill School) – Secretary (11:37)**

- a. Alexis Kim focused on the minutes. She took minutes from the May meeting and cleaned them up. She also contacted Ashley Yoshii about creating a survey function to accept comments, questions, and concerns about minutes.
- b. She also made an Instagram post with a summary of the minutes and sent them to Ms. Sydney Higa, and she updated the Board Contact Sheet. She too attended National Convention.

**Mallika Dandamudi – (Miramonte High School) – Historian (11:38)**

- a. Mallika Dandamudi attended National Convention and took many photos, and she sent an email to the attendees of National Convention to send photos and videos. She also resumed the CAJCL photo competitions and made a new Roman Holiday photo competition. She has already been submitting photos and videos to NJCL. She created the board sweater designs and reported that everyone has placed their order. Additionally, she came up with ideas for the scrapbook.
- b. Avery Konwiser wondered whether Mallika Dandamudi could make the photo competition links more accessible via social media. She stated that any link issues have been resolved and that all posts related to the contests have links in their descriptions. She added that she would put these links in the CAJCL Instagram biography as well.

**Kayla Davis (Menlo School) – *Nuntius* Editor (11:41)**

- a. Kayla Davis attended National Convention.
- b. She has received and sent out emails regarding *Nuntius* articles. She needs everyone to submit their officer introduction survey forms by next week. She also reported that if there are any things that Board members want to be included in the *Nuntius*, they should email her.

**Ashley Yoshii (St. Ignatius College Preparatory) – Webmaster (11:43)**

- a. Ashley Yoshii worked with Kabir Ramzan to transfer accounts for the officers.
- b. She updated most of the dates and details for this new year on the CAJCL website. She also worked with Alexis Kim to create a question and answers box and shared a mock-up of this feature with the Board.

**VII. Treasurer Report – Lisa Masoni (11:46)**

- a. Ms. Lisa Masoni reminded the Board that her school, The Harker School, has moved and stated that sponsors should remind their school financial office to send membership checks to the correct address.
- b. She noted that, since scholarships to nationals and Board meeting travel fees were very low this year, we have \$39,121.78. However, she wanted to remind the Board that in the past, there were years when dues did not cover CAJCL's expenses. She also stated that the cost of officer sweatshirts has not been covered by CAJCL in the past. She reminded the Board that when schools pay their membership dues with PayPal, a transaction fee that the CAJCL has to absorb applies. Additionally, she brought up the fact that the CAJCL would likely need to pay for a more expensive version of FileMaker Pro. Finally, she stated that she will send a detailed financial report to the board in the near future.

**VIII. Local Chapter Reports**

### **Harvard-Westlake School (11:51)**

- a. Harvard-Westlake's JCL club will start Wednesday, September 22. They are utilizing JCL bookmarks and stickers to increase registration and promote the club. They are also planning on refurbishing the chariot they use at State Convention. Currently, they are also looking for a social media manager. At the moment, Harvard-Westlake's JCL club is classified as a Student Interest Group, which can't receive club grants, so they're looking into changing their status. Additionally, some JCL club students are building a certamen machine from scratch.
- b. Harvard-Westlake's Latin department has a trip to Northern Italy planned in late March or early April. Avery will work with the Latin department to avoid conflict with the state convention.

### **Menlo-Atherton High School (9:25)**

- a. Menlo-Atherton High School has created and been using themes for mythology and history to base each year on.
- b. Most of Menlo-Atherton's time is spent planning Ludi, which is on November 6, 2021. The tentative schedule for Ludi was shared with the Board. Menlo-Atherton is planning on using a website instead of Sched for organizing the convention. This website will be published soon. The registration system is complicated, so Sadie Almgren will seek help from people who have used it in the past. The cost to attend will be \$5.00 per student, but it will be free for sponsors and volunteers. Registration will be done via Google Forms and the due date for registration is October 31, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.
- c. Ms. Lisa Masoni suggested that the basic information for Ludi should be uploaded as soon as possible. She mentioned an email from a member-at-large, who brought up the fact that members-at-large can't register directly, so the process is slower.
- d. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird was concerned about Open Certamen being too short and at the end of the day for only 1 hour. He then suggested that rounds be in the morning and that finals be held in the afternoon. Mr. Matt Davis stated that Open Certamen should not overlap with testing. Ms. Lisa Masoni noted that there are usually no final rounds for Open Certamen in Ludi. In response, Ms. Maria-Luisa Deseta stated that there would likely be no finals for Open Certamen. Mr. Matt Davis had questions about Open Certamen and getting students to show up. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez stated that for State Convention, students signed up for Open Certamen from the beginning of convention until after the Sat. am assembly. Student phone numbers were part of the registration process to be able to reach late/missing players. This system was a success and Ms. Dobbie Vasquez offered to connect the Ludi leadership with the Open Certamen organizers from State Convention. Mr. Smith-Laird proposed that Open Certamen could be done on a first-come-first-served basis until there are no more readers available.
- e. Ms. Maria-Luisa Deseta stated that the planners of Ludi had considered including JCL members from Arizona in Ludi, but concluded that they would just keep it in Northern California. In response, Ms. Dobbie Vasquez brought up that Nevada JCL members (1 or 2 schools) have been invited to Ludi for many years. Ms. Maria-Luisa Deseta said she would be happy to contact Nevada members as she was not aware that this was a CAJCL tradition.
- f. Ms. Maria Desta stated that the Ludi staff had been concerned about having enough chaperones for Ludi. Mr. Matt Davis stated that sponsors and some parent volunteers would be present and stated that SCLers or an adult must be present for each event at Ludi. She should look for parents from Menlo-Atherton to help. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird stated that he put together a volunteer organization form to see what people were willing to do, and he said he would send it to Ms. Maria-Luisa Deseta. Mr. Jon Gumz asked what SCL could help out with during Ludi. Ms. Maria-Luisa Deseta said she would contact him soon.
- g. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird asked whether a current CAJCL officer would speak at Potential Candidates Q&A. Claire Lenden stated that she would be running that program. She stated that she would be interested in during something like this at SCRAM, but Elizabeth Casey had contacted Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird about this matter separately first so she will run the one at SCRAM

### **Willows Community School (11:54)**

- a. The Willows Community School's Latin Club had its first meeting on September 17, 2021. They are currently working on planning SCRAM.
- b. Additionally, they plan to send chalk to clubs in Arizona and Nevada coming to SCRAM to create chalk art as an advertisement for SCRAM

#### **St. Francis High School (11:56)**

- a. St. Francis' Leadership Council has been having meetings. Their first Latin Club meeting was on September 17, 2021. They are currently planning State Convention.
- b. The Latin Club at St. Francis High School is planning on potentially creating a skit for their school's International Night. The International Night is a collection of shows from the foreign language department in January.

#### **Sage Hill School (11:56)**

- a. Sage Hill School had an end-of-year celebration last year with food and fugepilam.
- b. This year, Sage Hill has selected its board of officers for the 2021 to 2022 school year. The Sage Hill JCL hosted a candy mosaic-making event on September 17, 2021, and over 30 students attended. Currently, the Sage Hill JCL is planning more events for the future. Sage Hill's certamen teams have started to practice and freshmen teams are currently being organized.

#### **Menlo School (11:58)**

- a. The Menlo School has had a few meetings, though they are shorter than before due to Menlo's new schedule. Some 25 students recently visited the Legion of Honor's Pompeii exhibit. They are also having their annual progressive supper on Sept. 26 and are working with the Redwood Family House Shelter. They are also planning on hosting some events for the Menlo Middle School.
- b. They also had a short outdoor thank-you dessert banquet last June for parents who helped with State Convention and used some of the profits from that event. That was when they gave out the National Latin Honor Society and NLE awards. Lastly, they are starting certamen practice on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

#### **Miramonte High School (12:00)**

- a. Miramonte High School has officer meetings every other week to plan events. Their Latin Club is planning a Trojan Horse Parade as well as a food drive. Their certamen teams have also begun practicing.
- b. On Friday, September 24, 2021, they are planning a pasta feed for Miramonte students to encourage them to join Latin Club. The Latin Club is the biggest club in Miramonte, and membership numbers are heading back to normal after having fluctuated over the last year.

#### **St. Ignatius College Preparatory (12:02)**

- a. St. Ignatius College Preparatory's JCL has been meeting since summer. Currently, they have meetings every Thursday to plan events.
- b. They are working on planning a COVID-safe Mt. Vesuvius Cake Party at the moment.
- c. On Wednesday, September 15, 2021, they had their first certamen practice. Additionally, they finalized their shirt design and are working on designing their website. Lastly, they have recently had their first general meeting.

#### **IX. State Chair Report – Matt Davis (12:03)**

- a. Mr. Matt Davis stated that End of Month reports must be sent out at the end of each month to everyone on the Board.
- b. He also reported that the CAJCL Registration has been sent out. He discussed the Technology Committee formed to deal with FileMaker and Fmp Host as well.
- c. He also requested volunteers to help write academic tests. Lastly, he asked for a master school list of CAJCL members this year.



#### **X. 2021 Convention Financial Report – Dobbie Vazquez (12:07)**

- a. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez noted that 16 out of 28 schools used the Bookstore. She also noted that 690 students, including 1 member at large, attended State Convention this year. These students came from 27 schools. 38 teachers and 22 friends of Menlo were also present at State Convention. Overall, there were 829 people on Sched throughout the Convention.
- b. Expenses for State Convention included \$400.00 for honoraria for Colloquia, \$168.90 for lunch and dinner during the Convention, \$69.94 for post-Convention ice cream, and \$900.00 for Sched. The total for these expenses was \$1538.84.
- c. The income from State Convention was \$13,820.00, thus making the profit from State Convention \$12,281.16. These profits were distributed as follows: \$6,140.58, half the profits, was given to CAJCL per the CAJCL ByLaws, \$2,000.00 was donated to LifeMoves, and \$324.48 was used to cover the awards banquet costs. Thus, \$8,465.06 of the profits was used.
- d. Ms. Altieri sent a thank you note for the vase we sent her as a gift. She said that she keeps fresh flowers in her house every day and will think of us often.

#### **XI. SCL Report – Sofia Abolfathi (12:09)**

- a. Sofia Abolfathi reported that the SCL meeting went well. She stated that she was planning different events for SCL, including a SCRAM and Ludi afterparty.
- b. She also sent a *Nuntius* article about the SCL to Kayla Davis. She then said that the SCL would have their next meeting within a week.

#### **XII. CAJCL Scholarship Report – Katie Robinson (12:10)**

- a. Ms. Katie Robinson stated that only online applications be used for the scholarship from now on. She also stated that March 19, 2022, is the deadline for scholarship applications. Additionally, she reported that she made a flyer regarding the scholarship. Chase Bank changed the CAJCL scholarship account type to a business account, but that this does not impact anything.
- b. She reported that the total expenditures were \$2,000.00 as one additional scholarship was paid out over the summer. The account gained \$2,734.34; \$1,146.31 of it was from Ludi. The total amount in the account is \$23,600.79. There are currently 12 outstanding scholarships.
- c. There needed to be a vote on how many scholarships to offer this year. Avery Konwiser moved to provide 5 scholarships; Alexis Kim seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously.

#### **XIII. Certamen Report – Brian Briggs (12:14)**

- a. Dr. Brian Briggs reported that dates for the convention and CARCER are on the CAJCL website. He also wondered whether CARCER would be online. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird and Dr. Brian Briggs agreed that planning for an in-person CARCER, then moving online is better.
- b. Elizabeth Casey stated that Sage Hill School has not been confirmed to host CARCER and that Sage Hill is requiring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. Mr. Matt Davis stated that Miramonte may or may not be able to host. Miramonte and Sage Hill will look into hosting CARCER. Avery Konwiser added that Harvard-Westlake could serve as a backup for CARCER.

#### **XIV. New Business & Next Meeting Date (12:20)**

- a. There was a discussion regarding whether or not CAJCL Board sweatshirts should be paid for by the CAJCL Board or not. Mallika Dandamudi stated that \$550.77 would be the total cost for the sweatshirts and shipping. Each student's expenses would be \$29.95 plus shipping for each individual. Mr. Kyle Smith-Laird was concerned that spending a large sum of money on sweatshirts would set a bad precedent for future years when we may have more financial constraints. Avery Konwiser wondered whether having meetings held virtually from now on would be better than holding as many meetings as possible in person. Mr. Matt Davis noted that the Spring and Fall meetings should be in-person if possible, but acknowledged that Avery Konwiser brought up a good point about the other meetings. Ms. Katie Robinson agreed that having in-person meetings is important when transferring accounts and information to the new officers.
- b. Avery Konwiser stated that, as long as it is made clear that the CAJCL is paying for the board

sweatshirts this year as Board members are not traveling, it should be fine. Ms. Dobbie Vasquez agreed with Avery Konwiser. Mallika Dandamudi made a motion for the CAJCL to pay for the board sweater costs; Claire Lenden seconded the motion; this motion passed unanimously.

- c. The next meeting will be held virtually on January 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

**XV. Adjournment – Avery Konwiser (12:31)**

- a. Avery Konwiser moved to adjourn the meeting; Ashley Yoshii seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alexis Kim  
CAJCL Secretary, 2021-2022