

Gateway Chess league meeting September 13, 2023

Attendees: Howard Granok(Crossroads/treasurer/secretary), Tom Rehmeier (TD), Daniel Podwojski (Highland), Sam Kassis (President/maplewood/New City/Normandy), Jim Voelker (Webster Groves), Napoleon Carter (Clayton), Zach Garrison (Ladue), Lucas Spriggs (Belleville E), Brad Schmidt (board, Belleville We), Stacy Rodriguez (Christian), Jim Hulsey, Todd Hackney (Althoff), Dave Brumfield (CBC), Nathan Mittenzwey (Vianney), Kevin Yearian (Parkway S), Gabe Boyd (VP, en passant), Emily Milchanowski (Glenridge), Sylvia Ryker (Westminster), Grace Foo (Parkway S), Tim Baker (Burroughs), Bob Howe (MCA), Molly Nesham (Trinity Christian)

Called to order by Sam, 7:00 pm . Meeting was on Zoom.

Introductions

Howard gave treasurer's report. See attached for details. We were pretty much even for the year as a whole. Donations were a substantial portion of our income and should be promoted.

Elections.

Sam Kassis, president; Gabriel Boyd, vice president; Howard Granok, treasurer; Emily Milchanowski, secretary; Thomas Rehmeier, head TD; Brad Schmidt and Isaiah Gadson, directors at large.

Slate was elected 15-0. Directors at large will serve one-year terms, officers will serve two-year terms.

Sam went over the schedule for Saturday tournaments. It is now posted on the website. Note the new format of the blitz tournament, February 10th at First Assembly Church in St. Peters. Tom Rehmeier says we'll use regular ratings for pairing unless players have an established blitz rating that is substantially different.

Banquet Date: May 8, 2024 at Andre's in Sunset Hills.

Went over HS league schedule and registration. HS league registration is due by October 28th. There was a discussion of A and B teams playing against the same school at same week. Also about online vs. in person play.

Junior league discussion at Wydown. Attendance was good this year and we hope it will continue to improve.

Web site donation discussion. Do we have a way to make donations anonymous? Some may not wish to be listed on our website. All are sent donation letters. Howard will contact them.

Discussed permission to take pictures. Lucas will place a photo waiver checkbox on the website.

Brad noted that Illinois teams must play in a team tournament to qualify in part for Illinois State tournament.

Eclipse October 14th. We're purchasing eclipse glasses and will distribute shortly before the eclipse.

Coaches and alumni tournament at the end of the season, at Crossroads.

Meeting adjourned 8:14 pm.

Submitted by Howard Granok, outgoing secretary. Please contact howard@crossroadscollegeprep.org with corrections or additions.