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**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY FRIENDS OF HELLENIC STUDIES (FHS)**

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

FHS MONTHLY MEETING (On Zoom)

Start: 6:38 P.M.

**Present:** Cathy Karathanasis, Mariea Kazantzis, Tula Christopoulos, Sarah Albertson, Sophia Demas, Katherine Panagakos, Tom Papademetriou

* Mariea hosted and ran the meeting
* Approval of November minutes: Sophia moved; Tula seconded; Minutes approved.

**Financial Report:** Nothing new to report.

**Scholarship Update:** Katherine reported that the $2,000 scholarship awarded to Eva Leaverton will be used to go to Greece in the spring as part of a 2-year Modern Greek exchange program in Thessaloniki.

**Pappas Hellenic Center:**

* Tom reported that Prof. David Roessel and students Eva Leaverton and Meghan Coates attended the International Education Week Hellenic Studies Diversity Travel Initiative in November. Universities from the U.S. and Greece were represented and Stockton University was featured. Our students met with the President of Greece and the U.S. Ambassador. This will be highlighted at an event on January 24 or 26.
* Tom reported that the financial funds of the Center have taken a hit (due to market conditions) and this will impact programs as well as the faculty.
* Tom met with the Dean and Provost concerning the Georges Endowed Professorship of Greek Art and Architecture, but there is no final word about getting a tenure line. George Georges is being informed and updated on the progress thus far.
* The students working on the Angleton collection are being paid out of Reading Room Endowment funds.

**Old Business:**

* The FHS website and emails are being monitored and updated.
* The trip to the Philadelphia Art Museum was attended by about 25 people. Faculty members led a tour outside the building where the architecture was highlighted, followed by a photo shoot by the Rocky statue. A tour of the galleries included the statue of the Delphi charioteer and Cy Twombly’s modern and contemporary art exhibit Fifty Days at Iliam. Participants then had time to tour other galleries on their own. The bus took the group to Yeeroh for dinner and then back to Stockton.
* The docudrama film “Smyrna,” shown on Dec. 8th, was well received. Tom spoke about the Treaties of Lausanne and Sevres and led a Q & A at the conclusion.

**New Business:**

* Tom offered to host this year’s Vasilopita cutting ceremony at his home. Will get back to us after speaking with Dorrie.
* The next issue of *The Hellenic Voice* will come out in May. More discussions to follow.
* Exploring Hellenism—The Pontian Spirit will take place on April 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Galloway Campus Center Theater and Event Room. Mariea spoke with Panos Stavrianidis who offered to help. Tom suggested he might want to be the M.C. for the event. Tom will also follow up with Theodosios Kyriakides about presenting virtually from Greece. Mariea has spoken with Vasiliki Tsanakidou who is well versed on Pontos, having produced a movie about the Pontian genocide. She also offered to provide food and a dance group (Komnini). Mariea suggested we have an initial meeting with her at Stockton to discuss how she can help with the event. Sarah pointed out that Chartwells is very strict about bringing outside food onto the campus and will allow it only if it’s from a vendor who is licensed and insured. Tom said he prefers the Upper Darby dancers but if not available, we’d be open to the Komnini dance group. Sarah suggested that if we’re marketing speakers with academic backgrounds we should be able to see their credentials and samples of their work ahead of time. Tom reiterated that we seek sponsors for the event. Sarah offered to make an ad journal or booklet with levels of sponsorship to help fund the event. A draft should be made available by next meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 8:10 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** January 10, 2023

*The Friends of Hellenic Studies Mission:*

*To promote and help strengthen the Stockton Hellenic Studies program and enable Hellenic Studies students acquire the knowledge first developed by ancient, classical, byzantine and contemporary Greek scholars. FHS does this through annual fundraising events which fund scholarships, student and faculty financial support for study abroad to Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, lecture series and symposia and cultural activities.*