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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - FHS Monthly Meeting (ZOOM) Start Time:** 6:39pm

**Present**: Sarah Albertson; Tula Christopoulos; Cathy Karathanasis; Mariea Kazantzis; Katherine Panagakos.

**December Minutes**: Cathy moved; Katherine seconded. Approved.

**Financial Report:**

* Balance: $138,759.33. Income: Monthly gifts from Sikora and Panagakos; Expenses: None.
* Mariea spoke to C.Vlastarides re: fruit basket for AKRITAI. She was to speak to the dance group’s president. No response yet.
* Mariea asked if we can set up a petty cash account. Sarah advised we find out who can help us with policy and procedure for donations, incidental expenses, etc.
* Sarah noted that a service provider must be listed as a vendor and have a z# to get paid. In future, we should have all tax paperwork in the system ahead of time. Need invoice and nature of payment.
* Tula will follow up on petty cash question and vendor procedure, including how to make a payment due from a past fiscal year or if only one piece of the paperwork is needed.

**Scholarship Updates**:

* Katherine said Vic is updating the website. Katherine will update the scholarship forms and post on website. She will ask Hellenic Studies faculty to alert her of any qualified students.

**Pappas Hellenic Center Report**: Tom was not present, so no full report.

* Tula indicated she had not received any news to report.
* May 9th Philosophical Center event with Dr. Kitromilides is in the works.

**Vasilopita Event:**

* Food: Mariea will contact Dorrie as she would like to get Costco tiropites, spanakopites and meatballs.
* Cathy: fruit platter; Katherine: keki; Sarah: botted water; spinach dip.
* Tula will order one full size and one mini (for Pres. Joe) Vasilopita from Minos Bakery; will bring red and white Cypriot wines; lead kalanda.
* Flyer will be sent to local distribution list and to Lisa at Holy Trinity to post in bulletin. Tula will forward to other local parishes.
* Tula will ask Tom for maximum number of guests.

**Hellenic Voice:**

* One of the Thessaloniki study abroad students will write an article.
* Sarah said the graduate student from Aristotle University agreed to write about her experiences here.
* Next issue deadline: 1/19/2024; Publishing date: 1/31/2024
* Cathy repeated she had sent the list of potential items to include or consider for the issue.
* It will include a winter recipe: avgolemono soup and roxakia.
* Need Tom’s greeting. The co-chairs will write greetings: Katherine in English; Mariea in Greek.
* Katherine will write on Latin Day. Mariea: *Odyssey* play and *Holiday Memories* musical event.
* Cathy will write on the Three Hierarchs with link to Dr. Constantelos’ full article.
* Under Community Voices: Mariea will write about Greek Letters in Greek.
* Cathy has a crossword puzzle on Ancient Greece to add in this issue.

**Old Business:**

* President’s reception: Replaced by attendance at the Vasilopita event.
* Mariea is writing up interview questions to the new ARHU Dean Ian Marshall and new President Joe Bertolino and will be contacting their secretaries.
* Still waiting for information from Tom on St. Nicholas NYC tour and Met Museum of Art.
* Byzantium and Africa exhibit ends March 3rd; Cycladic exhibit starts Jan. 25th on.

**New Business:**

* Exploring Hellenism 2024: September or October 2024. Epirus or Ionian islands. To be discussed.

**Meeting adjourned**: Mariea adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tula Christopoulos

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