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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

FHS Monthly Meeting (on Zoom)

Start: 6:38 P.M.

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

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

**Financial report:** The balance has not changed since last month’s report. Awaiting an update following an audit by the Finance Department. Tula reported that the Endowment Fund Appeal Letter with remittance envelopes went out. The campaign thus far has yielded $1,630.00 total, $800.00 was allocated to FHS and $830.00 to the Pappas Center. It was agreed that the mailing list must be reviewed since none of the attendees at today’s meeting has received the appeal letter. An electronic version will go out as well.

**Pappas Hellenic Center**:

* Tom reported that the Classical Humanities Society of South Jersey will present a lecture on line entitled “Philistine Pottery: A Lens to Viewing the Sea Peoples of the Southern Levant” featuring Dr. Linda G. Meiberg, Adjunct Professor of Art and Architecture at Stockton University. It is scheduled to take place on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.
* The Greek Revolution Through American Eyes wall panels are ready to be presented and will appear in the Constantelos Reading Room shortly. The panels will be made available for viewing to those who are interested. Tom suggested we hold our March meeting in the Reading Room. He will confirm.
* The Father Constantelos Memorial/Philanthropy exhibit and lecture featuring Dr. Hatzidimitriou will take place on March 20th at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Sophia suggested that the event be videotaped.
* The Worlds of Homer/Troy to Ithaca class continues.
* Tom reported that the Hellenic Women’s Organization is interested in showing our Women of the Greek Revolution presentation on March 2nd. Sarah is working on an edit.

**Old Business**:

* FHS Website and E-mails are being monitored. Mariea, Cathy and Tula worked on consolidating and updating the distribution list.

**New Business**:

* March 20th event (see above-- Pappas Center report)
* *The Hellenic Voice*, spring issue will go out in April (before Easter). Mariea will purchase the book *The Virgin Mary in Holy Icons and Stories* and interview the author, Presvytera Athanasia Papademetriou. Mariea will donate the book to the library. Cathy will write an introduction to the articles written by veteran/students who took part in past Troy to Ithaca programs. Tula offered to ask ARHU to make copies of our issues to hand out to members of our community in order to get their input. Sarah can look into finding out through Mail Chimp how many people who receive the newsletter actually open and read it.
* Exploring Hellenism: This year’s event will be held in the fall and will focus on the 100-year commemoration of the Smyrna catastrophe.
* Valentine Symposium will include: Wine tasting tutorial by Tula; poem readings and songs (ancient and modern); a door prize raffling off some Greek wine and other suggestions will be considered. Sophia will write a follow-up article for *The Hellenic Voice*
* Vasilopita cutting ceremony.

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

**Next Meeting:** March 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m. **IN PERSON!** at the Constantelos Reading Room.

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