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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

FHS Monthly Meeting (on Zoom)

Start: 6:39 P.M.

**Present:** Mariea Kazantzis, Cathy Karathanasis, Katherine Panagakos, Tula Christopoulos, Tom Papademetriou, Susan Werner, David Roessel, Sarah Albertson

* Mariea hosted and ran the meeting
* Approval of December 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.

**Pappas Hellenic Center**:

* The proposed January 23rd Exhibit/Lecture/Father Constantelos memorial/Vasilopita cutting event has been postponed due to Covid concerns. The key-note speaker is hesitant to do an in-person presentation. He is open to doing one on Zoom, but not until April. Tom proposed that we bring this up again at our next meeting in order to discuss rescheduling either in person or virtually.
* The Greek Revolution Through American Eyes wall panels are ready to be presented and will appear in the Constantelos Reading Room shortly. In lieu of a major event as originally planned, we may exhibit them in a low-key event perhaps in February. The panels will be made available for viewing to those who are interested.
* Susan reported that the letters celebrating 50 Years of Stockton were mailed out, along with remittance envelopes. QR Code and Giving link were added.
* The Classical Humanities Society is planning additional lectures.
* The Modern Greek Language course continues.
* The Worlds of Homer/Troy to Ithaca class continues and Prof. David Roessel reports that it is going well. The funding provided by Zoe Pappas is appreciated and honored.
* David informed us that Prof. Lisa Honaker, Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities is stepping down but will return as a faculty member after her Sabbatical.
* David brought to our attention the fact that there are several veteran/students who need assistance at this time. He asked if FHS could help out. Susan noted that there are available resources through the Stockton Student Relief Fund and Stockton’s Got Your Six. Tom and others can help access those funds. Additionally, David reported that there are about 40 calendars, created by Megan Coates, which are available for a donation. Tom and Tula will follow up.
* Tom noted that he, Sarah and others are working on an on-line exhibit on Hellenism in the Pinelands. Once they get it live, it will be forwarded to Mariea for posting on the Friends’ website.

**Old Business**:

* FHS Website and E-mails are being monitored. Cathy & Mariea plan to work on consolidating and updating the distribution list.
* Bi-centennial Events previously discussed.

**New Business**:

* January 23, 2022 event postponed (see above Pappas Center report)
* *The Hellenic Voice*, spring issue will go out in April (before Easter). More on this at our next meeting.
* Exploring Hellenism: Tula and Katherine will follow up on editing last year’s presentation. This year’s event will be held in the fall and will focus on the 100-year commemoration of the Smyrna catastrophe. Pontos, Asia Minor and the uprooting of populations will be covered next year, in 2023.
* Activities for Spring: Proposals include readings of short stories, poems and/or novels. Tom’s mother has recently published a book and may be amenable to being interviewed for *The Hellenic Voice.* Mariea will follow up.
* Social evening celebrating Valentine’s Day: Wine tasting including a tutorial by Tula; poem readings (ancient and modern); a door prize raffling off some Greek wine and other suggestions will be considered.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 7:58 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** February 8, 2022

*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.*