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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

FHS Monthly Meeting (on Zoom)

Start: 6:41 P.M.

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

* Katherine hosted the meeting
* Mariea ran the meeting and called it to order
* Approval of September minutes: Katherine moved; Mariana seconded; Minutes approved.

**Financial Report:** Cathy pointed out there was a discrepancy with the balance. Tula will ask Alex to look into it and she will address the issue at our next meeting. An updated financial report (which will include donations from the Giving Page, Ospreys Give, and Exploring Hellenism) is forthcoming.

**Scholarships Update:** Nothing new to report.

**Pappas Hellenic Center Report:**

* Tom reported that the 50 Years of Stockton celebration has been initiated. As part of the college-wide event, Sarah has put together an exhibit entitled “Hellenism in the Pinelands,” currently featured outside the Constantelos Reading Room. She is also working on a digital component which will be linked to the Pappas Center website, as well as a booklet version.
* The joint lecture with Prof. Kitromilidis and the American Philosophical Society will be held in the spring.
* Tom spoke with Dean Honaker and George Georges about the importance of filling the endowed professorship position for art and architecture.
* The Troy to Ithaca program has another course on the books. The University of Illinois at Chicago will be working with us on the project in the spring.
* The Modern Greek language on-line course continues.
* Sarah reported that Dr. Michael Bariny is the new Director of Veteran Affairs.
* Regarding the on-going Greek Revolution Through American Eyes exhibit, Prof. David Roessel traveled with several Stockton students to Thessaloniki for the opening there. Tom spoke at the National Hellenic Society convention in Las Vegas and met with John Calamos about bringing the exhibit to the Chicago Hellenic Museum. Tom also met with Diane Kochilas, who does the PBS show “My Greek Table”. Tom will ask her if she can come to Stockton and do an event there in the spring.
* Mariana spoke about the Refugee Conference and Exhibition to be held in March.

**Old Business:**

* Mariea updated the calendar and added the Exploring Hellenism event to the website. Tula said we can archive older items (Lou can help with this) and will try it out after 10/17.
* Exploring Hellenism: Tula will reserve the Constantelos Reading Room for the event so that any speakers wishing to may present from there. Tom said he would offer a greeting in the beginning; Tula, as M.C., will introduce him. The event will be live and recorded.
* Tom suggested a watch party of the movie “Cliffs of Freedom” sometime in the winter.
* Tom announced that the Classical Humanities Society will host a concert with commentary on Tuesday, November 9th at Stockton’s Campus Center Theater featuring Hellenic themes in opera and revolutionary music. It will be presented live and on-line with video feed.
* Tom reported that Gus Hadzidemetriou, an independent scholar, may give a talk in January concerning the Greek Revolution Through American Eyes exhibit. Cathy suggested we do the Vasilopita cutting then as well.

**New Business:**

* *The Hellenic Voice*: The goal is to get our next issue (Volume 2, Issue #1) out by the end of November. Suggested articles to include: information on 50 years of Stockton University; reports on the Troy to Ithaca program; a review of our Exploring Hellenism presentation, etc. It was decided that we would do three issues this year, one in November, one in February or March and one in May or June.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.

Next meeting November 23, 6:30 pm.

*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.*