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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 8 , 2022

FHS Monthly Meeting (in Person))

Start: 6:28 P.M.

**Present:** Mariea Kazantzis, Cathy Karathanasis, Tula Christopoulos, Tom Papademetriou, Kimberly Malaspina, Sarah Albertson

* Mariea ran the meeting
* Approval of February minutes: Tom moved; Tula seconded; Minutes approved.

**Financial report:** Tula reported that the current (as of 3/4/22) operating account balance is $137,620.30. There will be a follow-up concerning the Endowmen Fund campaign.

* Approval of Financial report: Tom moved; Cathy seconded. Approved

**Pappas Hellenic Center**:

* Tom reported that he shared part of our Exploring Hellenism presentation on Bouboulina with the Hellenic Women’s Organization. Since the recording is no longer available on our website, the link should be removed. The recording is currently on Google Drive. Sarah will upload it to our YouTube channel and then link it to our website.
* The Classical Humanities Society of South Jersey’s lecture featuring Stockton Prof. Dr. Linda G. Meiberg took place on Feb. 24 on Zoom and was well received.
* The Constantelos Memorial Lecture has been rescheduled for April 26, 6:30 pm at the Atlantic City campus event room. It will be open to the public of about 100+ people. Tom will finalize the invitations; a program book will be created; refreshments will be served. FHS will assist with that expense and “Sponsored by FHS” will appear on the invitation. Mariea will post the event on our website. Further discussions on the event at our next meeting.
* Greek Revolution Through American Eyes exhibit is up outside and within the Constantelos Reading Room. Some of the panels will also travel to Holmdel and other locations for viewing. Dates will be announced.
* It was proposed that FHS join the Hellenic Federation of New Jersey.
* The Troy to Ithaca trip is on hold as Greece is still under Level 4 Covid restrictions.
* Katherine is recuperating and hopes to be back on campus soon. We wish her well.
* Tom proposed we hold an event “Summer Dreams of Smyrna & Aivali—the Calm Before the Storm” featuring a short lecture and music commemorating 100 years since the Near East catastrophe. The free outdoor concert will take place on July 21st in Atlantic City. The Pappas Center will pay for the musicians, the Meandros
* Ensemble. More discussion forthcoming.
* This year’s Exploring Hellenism event will focus on Smyrna . Tom proposed that we show the film “Smyrna: The Distruction of a Cosmopolitan City” as a featured event along with a speaker. It will be held either on September 18 or 25 at the Campus Center theater (or Alton) and the event room.

**Old Business**:

* FHS Website and E-mails are being monitored. Mariea will post up-coming events on our website.
* The Valentine Symposium was well received and attended by about 20 people
* Tom will write an article on the Classical Humanities Society lecture of 2/24 for *The Hellenic Voice*.

**New Business**:

* Constantelos Memorial Lecture of 4/26 (see above-- Pappas Center report)
* *The Hellenic Voice*, spring issue will go out in April. All articles should be submitted by March 31st.
* Exploring Hellenism: This year’s event will be held in the fall and will focus on the 100-year commemoration of the Smyrna catastrophe. (see Pappas Center report)
* It was suggested that future Symposia be held in person at a venue such as the Seaview Bar or Sofia’s Restaurant. More on this and other Activities (Princeton Museum trip; bus trip to Fredericksburg) will be discussed at future meetings.
* Tula reported that the American Organization of University Women’s Explorers Group will visit Stockton’s Holocaust Center on May 27th and may also visit the Constantelos Reading Room in the fall.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 8:00 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** April 12, 2022, 6:30 p.m. **IN PERSON** at the Constantelos Reading Room.

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