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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

FHS MONTHLY MEETING (On Zoom)

Start: 6:40 P.M.

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

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

**Financial Report:** Tula reported that the current (as of 11/7/22) operating account balance is $115,000.10. Cathy will send a thank you card to Jane Kourtis, c/o the Hellenic Women’s Club, in appreciation of their $2,500 donation.

**Scholarship Update**: Katherine reported that applications will be posted on the website.

**Pappas Hellenic Center:**

* Tom reported on his trip to Toronto where, as President of the Modern Greek Studies Center, he attended an international conference dealing with modern Greek culture. He said that a highlight of the program was the keynote speaker Christina Koulouri of Panteion University.
* Tom reported that he spoke with the Provost concerning the Georges Endowed Professorship of Greek Art and Architecture and will follow up with both the Provost and the Dean. Mr. Georges has written to Pres. Kesselman about the “replenishment of the position” and its importance.
* Tom met with Heather Perez about getting students to scan the archived material in the Angleton collection.
* The Osprey Give Troy to Ithaca campaign netted $5,598 from 31 donors. We met and exceeded the match. This will allow 18 students to be included in the upcoming program. Student veterans who attended this year have written thank you notes to Zoe Pappas. It was suggested that a thank you note should also go out to Philoptochos.

**Old Business:**

* The FHS website and emails are being monitored and updated. Mariea reported that she added our most recent issue of *The Hellenic Voice* to the website. She also shared an email from Theodora Hancock, President of the Hellenic American Women’s Council concerning their national conference on health and wellness to be held on 12/2 and 12/3 in Arlington, Virginia. Katherine’s review of the distribution list indicated that there are still names there that should be eliminated.
* The latest issue of *The Hellenic Voice* was finalized and distributed. In the future, the editorial staff will be led by Sophia Demas.

**New Business:**

* The Classical Humanities Society lectures will continue next semester and will be presented in person and on our YouTube channel.
* The trip to the Philadelphia Art Museum will take place on 11/11. The bus will leave from the Campus Center at 3:00 pm. Those attending will first view the art as a group, and then on their own. The bus will leave the museum at 7:30 for a dinner stop at Yeeroh and finally for Stockton at about 8:30 pm.
* Mariea reported on a possible student exchange program suggested by Peter Mitoulis. Tom will follow up.
* A fund raising appeal for the Pappas Center will go out the beginning of next year.
* A viewing of the film “Smyrna” will be presented one day only on Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm at the Regal Hamilton Commons cinema. The Friends will promote it by sending out a flyer informing those interested in attending to purchase their tickets on-line . A 5:00 pm pre-show dinner at the Galloway Diner will be available and Tom will direct a Q & A at the conclusion of the film.
* A possible trip to NYC will be discussed at future meetings.
* Exploring Hellenism: We will present on Pontos. Tula will look into availability for April 29th or 30th at the Campus Center Theater and Event Room and will speak with the caterers about having outside food brought in. She will also look into a raffle license. Tom will reach out to Theodosios Kyriakides about presenting virtually from Greece. Mariea will also reach out to others for help. A save the date flyer will be created . Tom suggested we create an ad journal and/or create levels of sponsorship to help fund the event.
* The next issue of *The Hellenic Voice* will come out in the spring. This will be discussed further.
* It was proposed that FHS purchase a full-page ad for $100 to help support the Oratorio’s presentation of Handel’s Messiah on Dec. 4th at the Borgata Hotel in Atlantic City. Tom moved and Katherine seconded; proposal approved.
* We will plan a Vasilopita cutting ceremony as part of a future monthly meeting. Cathy will speak with Sofia’s about holding it there.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 8:28 P.M.

**Next Meeting**: December 13, 2022, 6:30 P.M.

*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.*