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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

FHS Monthly Meeting (in Person))

Start: 6:45 P.M.

**Present:** Mariea Kazantzis, Cathy Karathanasis, Tula Christopoulos

* Mariea ran the meeting
* March minutes approved (after a correction by Tula that the American Organization of University Women’s Explorers Group will visit Stockton in the fall)

**Financial report:** Tula reported that the current (as of 4/11/22) operating account balance is $138,145.30. Financial report approved.

**Pappas Hellenic Center**:

* Tula reported that the Constantelos Memorial Lecture and the Greek Revolution Through American Eyes Exhibition will take place on April 26, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at the Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room, Atlantic City campus. Free commuter parking and/or voucher parking will be made available. RSVP’s for the event are needed so that FHS can order enough refreshments. Father George will announce the event at church. The program will include a welcome greeting by Tula; the Invocation; singing of the national anthems; a greeting by Mariea on behalf of FHS; the lecture by Dr. Hatzidimitriou and a ten-minute Q and A.
* Tula reported that she and Tom met with Alex and Lisa regarding the 7/21 program “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 outdoor event and concert will take place on July 21st on the Boardwalk at the Atlantic City campus between Albany and Roosevelt Aves. The event will feature music from Smyrna and Aivali. Refreshments will be served. Theater seating and a few tables will be set up and registration will be $10 for adults and $5 for children and students.
* This year’s Exploring Hellenism event will focus on Smyrna and feature a speaker followed by a screening of the film “Smyrna: The Distruction of a Cosmopolitan City. 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 Hellenic Voice*, spring issue, went out on April 13.

**New Business**:

* Constantelos Memorial Lecture of 4/26 (see above-- Pappas Center report)
* Our next issue of *The Hellenic Voice* will go out in the Fall.
* 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 either at a venue such as the Seaview Bar or Sofia’s Restaurant. Cathy also offered to host at her home. More on this and other Activities will be discussed at future meetings.

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**Meeting Adjourned**: 7:45 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** May 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m. **IN PERSON** at the Constantelos Reading Room.

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