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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

FHS Monthly Meeting (on Zoom)

Start: 6:41 P.M.

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

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

**Financial Report:**  Tula reported a balance of $129,046.15 which may not be up to date since the report goes through the Finance Department for auditing and sometimes there is a lag. Susan and Tula will verify the Foundation amount.

**Pappas Hellenic Center:** Tom reported:

* The Evening of Opera, sponsored by the Classical Humanities Society will be available for viewing on Hellenic Studies’ YouTube channel.
* We continue to highlight the 50-year anniversary of Stockton University. Parts of Sarah’s exhibit will be included in our next *Hellenic Voice* issue. Tom suggested the commemoration of the Smyrna catastrophe be included in a later issue.
* The Greek Revolution Through American Eyes exhibit will open at Stockton’s Campus Center on January 23 (see New Business for details).
* The Troy to Ithaca program is scheduled for this spring and will again include about 20 students.
* Three to four events will be offered by the Classical Humanities Society this year. A former history student currently at Texas A & M will be invited to speak.
* Additional information on these and other events are forthcoming.
* Tula and Susan are helping Tom create an appeal for funds for the endowment. Susan submitted a project request.

**Scholarships:** Katherine reported that the scholarships which were awarded but not yet distributed due to the pandemic are still available to those students because they

haven’t graduated yet. We should be able to offer one or more additional $2,000 scholarship(s) this year.

**Old Business:**

* FHS Website and Emails are regularly monitored and updated. Tula offered to speak with Mark or Daniel about editing the Exploring Hellenism video. Katherine offered to help edit. It will be downloaded to a local server. Mariea and Cathy offered to work on cross-checking and updating the distribution lists. Susan suggested adding an “unsubscribe” or “opt out” option to our email list. Sarah offered to assist us.
* *The Hellenic Voice* was well received. Prof. Kesselman said he liked it. Some people including Katherine never got a copy. Will investigate.
* Bi-centennial events continue (see below)

**New Business:**

* January Exhibit, Memorial event for Father Constantelos and Vasilopita cutting ceremony is scheduled for Jauary 23 at 2:00 pm at Stockton’s Campus Center. It will be a free, open event for about 100-125 people. It will also include a lecture, and the opening of the Greek Revolution Through American Eyes exhibit followed by refreshments. Cathy made the motion that FHS pay for the cost of the refreshments. Mariea seconded and the motion was approved. Tula offered to speak with Minos Bakery about providing the Vasilopites if Chartwells signs off on it. Tom is working on the invitations and the print shop will print the envelopes. It was suggested that the invitations to the event include an RSVP, that guests be masked, and that refreshments be simple.
* *The Hellenic Voice*: Suggestions for the next edition: a Questions and Answers section; a spotlight on the faculty and what they are working on in their specific disciplines; a focus on the 100th anniversary of the Catastrophe of Smyrna.
* Exploring Hellenism**:** Hoping to hold an in-person event in the fall of 2022 focusing on Pontos, Smyrna, the population exchanges, etc. Tom informed us of a film titled “The Destruction of a Cosmopolitan City” directed by Maria Iliou and suggested using it in our Exploring Hellenism event.
* Possible fun activities: Valentine’s Day event; wine tasting (on Zoom); interactive cooking demonstration; book club, etc.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:15 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** February 8, 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.*