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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

FHS Monthly Meeting (on Zoom)

Start: 7:05 P.M.

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

* Katherine hosted the meeting
* Mariea ran the meeting and called it to order
* Approval of April minutes: Tula moved; Tom seconded; Minutes approved with the following correction in the Scholarship Update: “Tom suggested we ask Vic to send emails to the students of five faculty members concerning student eligibility and requirements for the scholarships.”

**Financial Report:** Tula reported that payroll deductions of $62.50 have been added to the balance sheet. Disbursements from FHS funds can be initiated by Katherine or Sarah who need to first get a form from Madeline or Sandy. Report approved.

**Scholarship Update:** Last year’s scholarships will be honored and awarded once travel resumes. Four additional Book Scholarships of $500 each will be offered as well. Katherine, Tom and Vic will follow up on this matter.

**Pappas Hellenic Center Report:**

* Tom reported that the Modern Greek language program will launch this Fall, 2021. He shared his screen so that we could see the updated brochure “Learn Greek Online and in Greece.” The Pappas Center for Hellenic Studies will partner with Aristotle University of Thessaloniki to offer the four-semester Greek language course. Those interested will complete three semesters online and spend the fourth in Thessaloniki, Greece. Four credits will be offered for each completed semester, for a total of 16 credits. The online courses will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Mariea offered to promote the program on Facebook and Tom will be meeting with the Hellenic Federation to help promote the program throughout the state.
* Tom informed us that Dr. Jason Babin, the Director of Military and Veteran Services will soon be leaving Stockton for Texas where he has accepted a new position at the University of Houston. He will be missed, especially in light of his outstanding work on the Troy to Ithaca Program.
* Concerning the on-going Bi-Centennial Exhibit “The Greek Revolution Through American Eyes:” Tom reported that the physical exhibit will be presented at the Stockton University Library this Fall. Additionally, the Hellenic Federation of New Jersey would like to host an event over the summer in Piscataway, New Jersey. The website will be going up in a couple of weeks. An event with the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia is planned for the Fall, and possibly a lecture/talk featuring Prof. Kitromilidis (tentative date, October 28th)

**Old Business:**

* The FHS website and email are being monitored by Mariea and others. Mariea has been adding the Minutes, Agendas and HV issues to the website.
* Issue 4 of *The Hellenic Voice* will be the Graduation Edition. All articles will be submitted to Sarah in time for the newsletter’s distribution the first week of June.

**New Business**:

* Exploring Hellenism 2021: Cathy, Mariea, and Tula will meet with Angela of Sofia’s Restaurant to plan for the event, tentatively scheduled for October 17th. An Exploring Hellenism sub-committee will be created to make the necessary preparations and will meet periodically on Zoom using the link we logged into for today’s meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm.

This was our last meeting of the academic year. Thank you for joining us and for all your hard work. Wishing you a wonderful summer and hoping to see you all in the Fall. Our next meeting will be on September 14th at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

*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.*