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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - FHS Monthly Meeting (ZOOM) Start Time:** 6:43pm

**Present**: Sarah Albertson; Tula Christopoulos; Catherine Karathanasis; Mariea Kazantzis; Katherine Panagakos.

**September Minutes**: Tula moved; Cathy seconded. Approved.

**Financial Report: Tula**

Current balance: $ 149,211.18

* Tula said the current report shows Cathy Karathanasis donation to Ospreys Give 2024 for Hellenic Studies.

**Pappas Hellenic Center Report**: **Tom not present.**

* Tula reported that November 7th event to show the film documentary,Troy to Ithaca was postponed to the Spring semester: Frank Weiss, the film-maker needed more time. President Joe and Zoe Pappas, whom we would like to be present, had other commitments.
* Mariea asked Tula about Tom’s meeting with Dean Marshall concerning the Art and Archeology line. Tula proposed waiting until December when Tom can answer with appropriate details.
* Cathy asked about the Nicene Creed lecture. Tula indicated Tom was still following up with Dr. Sciecinski.

**Scholarship Updates**: **Katherine**

* Katherine reported that Mackenzie Kornbluth will submit scholarship application.

**Website:**

* Katherine indicated she updated the scholarship part of the website.

**Hellenic Voice: Mariea**

* Sarah sent out the Hellenic Voice draft with Tom’s greeting. She is waiting for Tula to look over the 10th anniversary blurb and photos.
* Agreed to send out an electronic copy via MailChimp (the usual) and print the same issue as part of the appeal.
* Tula indicated the appeal will, most likely, go out in mid-January. Also, we need hands to seal it. Decision: Will it be bulk mailed?
* Cathy offered her home for volunteers to prepare it for mailing. Sarah also can find a conference area on campus for us to do same.
* Katherine asked if we have a past appeal letter that can be updated. Tula will search to find the most recent and send it to her to see if it will work.
* Tula will check with Sue Werner on next step.

**Exploring Hellenism:**

* Mariea thinks it a good idea to pursue Dante Hall as the venue for the next event: A combination of Hellenism in Greece and Italy.
* She will ask Tom, who is the contact person for Dante Hall?
* Who will present? FHS members or invited lecturers?
* Cathy noted Dante Hall may be easier regarding food ordering since it’s not on the college campus.

**Hellenic Voice:**

* Mariea suggested we ask Tom to record greeting thoughts in future and Tula transcribe them into a rough draft for him to edit.
* Tom wanted to include an article on MGSA; all agreed this should be in next issue with the theme and emphasis on the MGSA; have students who attended the conference write an article;
* Tula will write the article on Dr. Rosy Angelakis for the next issue. A student can write on Dr. Roupakia’s visit.
* **Old Business:** No further word on the 2025 trip to Washington DC was discussed
* November 24th, Sunday, 1pm-) Food, singing, camaraderie at Tom & Dorrie’s home 1pm-4pm.
  + Mariea managing the food assignments and will provide song lyric handouts.
  + Tula will bring wines; entertainment in English and Greek.

**New Business:**

* Future Exploring Hellenism events: Mariea suggested Dora Stratou company may offer resources we can use to present Greek dancing.
* Dr. Haithem Dib is now on the Stockton Foundation Board
* FHS agreed to buy a full-page ad for The Messiah Program book. Katherine suggested mentioning the names of FHS members performing in the December 8th concert taking place at the Borgata. Sarah will create the ad.
* Mariea will send an email to Tom showing our decisions for the current Hellenic Voice issue.

**Adjournment**: 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tula Christopoulos