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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - FHS Monthly Meeting (ZOOM) Start Time:** 6:40pm

**Present**: Tula Christopoulos; Mariea Kazantzis; Cathy Karathanasis; Katherine Panagakos; Dorrie Papademetriou; Tom Papademetriou.

**April Minutes**: Tom moved; Katherine seconded. Approved.

**Financial Report: Tula**

* Mariea questioned the 1/26/23 entry for $250. Tom indicated it was a donation as a result of the appeal campaign for the Constantelos Endowment.
* $680 identified as raffle donations.
* Mariea questioned whether dance troupe donation had been issued. It had not because critical paperwork was not submitted by their president.
* After much discussion it was decided that, in future, such a donation can be made by disbursing cash from raffle donations.
* Tula will ask the president of the dance troupe if we can have their local church in Upper Darby send us an invoice that we pay to them and, in turn, they give that donation to the dance troupe.

**Scholarship Updates**:

* 10% of our current balance is used as a guideline on how much scholarship money we have year to year.
* The current balance rests at $138k; therefore, approximately $12k can be made available for scholarship awards.
* Decided to earmark $4k for Katherine’s program next May to Italy. With 20-24 students, approximately $200 can be given to each student attending the trip.
* Students do not need to apply.

**Pappas Hellenic Center Report**:

* Tom noted that his programs are funded wholly through Hellenic College, not Stockton U.
* David will conduct a Troy to Ithaca course and trip in 2024.
* Zoe Pappas will fund the Troy to Ithaca program again
* This year, students are going to Troy
* The Library will be undergoing renovations to make it ADA compliant and upgrade HVAC and roof. Space will be reconfigured.
* Must empty the facility
* Nothing will change in Constantelos Room.
* Material and archival papers are in process
* 1 ½ years before it’s done.
* An appeal letter to be sent by late November.
* In spring, Pappas Center hopes to present Kitromilides at the Philosophical Center of Philadelphia.
* Tom will ask to combine it with the annual Constantelos Memorial Lecture.

**Exploring Hellenism: The Pontian Spirit.**

* Review and assessment of the event.
* Mariea asked about uploading the program video. Tula will request.

**Hellenic Voice:**

* Focus: Highlighting students and faculty regarding FHS-funded programs.

**Old Business:** .

**New Business:**

* Bus trips discussed. Conclusion:
	+ November 3rd – Katherine and Tom are taking their students to Phila Museum of Art
	+ A trip to St. Nicholas and the Freedom Tower
* Tom suggested the Odyssey dinner and a play evening at the PAC on November 10th.
* Cathy mentioned Cycladic Art at the Met Museum of Art NYC starting January 2024. A trip could be organized then. Tula suggested St. Nicholas and the Met with lunch.
* Reception for new president: Tula will contact Kathryn Mason Nov 30th?
* Sunday, October 15th is the 10th annual awards gala Hellenic Fed. Of NJ. Tom is VP.
* Tom requested FHS buy an ad; Mariea and Katherine agreed on $300 from FHS; Pappas Center will contribute $300 and Tom will submit ad with both organization names.
* Mariea suggested December 10th Christmas show at the PAC; Tom proposed that the FHS meet for a reception prior to the show.
* Tom just finished term as president of MGSA

 **Meeting adjourned**:

8:37pm; Tom moved; Katherine seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Tula Christopoulos

*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.*