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

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

FHS Monthly Meeting (on Zoom)

Start: 6:39 P.M.

**Present:** Tom Papademetriou, Tula Christopoulos, Mariea Kazantzis, Katherine Panagakos, Cathy Karathanasis, Youla Mularz, Barbara DeBaylo

* Katherine hosted the meeting
* Mariea ran the meeting and called it to order
* Approval of March minutes: Katherine moved; Tom seconded; Minutes approved.

**Financial Report**: Payroll deductions of $30.00 added to balance sheet. Report approved.

**Scholarships Update:** There will be no student travel again this year. However, we agreed to honor the two scholarships awarded last year for future travel. In addition, it was suggested that we offer four additional scholarships of $500 each this year (two of which can be for study abroad). Applicants must have taken at least two Hellenic Studies courses and earned a minimum B+ grade. In addition, it was suggested that applicants must also write an article for *The Hellenic Voice (HV).* The essay (of approximately 200 words) should refer to their experiences with Hellenic Studies. Tom suggested we ask Vic to send emails to five faculty members concerning student eligibility and requirements for the scholarships. The current application will need to be modified. Katherine said she would work on it.

**Pappas Hellenic Center Report:**

* Tom reported that there continue to be few in-person classes this semester, however there was no significant drop in enrollment. The fall semester’s in-person attendance is expected to be at 78%. Covid testing protocols continue; vaccinations are not mandatory.
* Concerning the Bi-Centennial Exhibit “The Greek Revolution Through American Eyes:” Tom reported that the physical exhibit was delivered to the Maliotis Center where the opening ceremony took place on March 30th. Speakers included Archbishop Elpidophoros and others. Tom said he would share a link of the event. Live, in-person events related to the exhibit will be held at the Stockton

campus this fall in the library or C-wing atrium. The website will go on-line in May.

* The pilot Modern Greek language program will begin in the fall. Classes will be taught on-line by a Professor from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Three

terms will be offered virtually and a fourth possibly in Greece. Each is worth 4 credits and will fulfill the foreign language requirements. Dean Honaker will be taking the class and working with others to promote the program to anyone in the New Jersey system. A suggestion was made that we invite Assistant Dean Rosa Perez Maldonado to one of our meetings to discuss the program. Mariea offered to write to Prof. Roessel requesting further information about the program which can be included in The HV.

**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.
* ***The Hellenic Voice***: Katherine shared her screen so that we could view issue 3 of the HV and we urged people to read and enjoy it.
* **On-going Bi-centennial events:** Tom said he’d reached out to the American Philosophical Society about organizing a public lecture in Philadelphia. It would be a one-time, in person lecture event. The University Club of Philadelphia might be amenable to co-sponsoring such an event, possibly in November. Tom will follow up on this.

**New Business:**

* Issue 4 of ***The Hellenic Voice*** will be our last one of the school season. We plan to complete and distribute it by the first week of June. Wishing to include more articles by Stockton students and faculty: Cathy said she would write to Professors Privitello and Siecienski asking for articles we can include. Tom said he would write about what’s coming up in the Fall. Tom and Katherine will see into getting past scholarship winners to write articles too. It was suggested that we also add an Alumni Corner. It was decided that all articles should be submitted by May 31. Katherine said she would send Bryan Lyons an email and copies of The HV
* **Exploring Hellenism:** It was agreed to plan this year’s event live and in person on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Cathy will reach out to Sophia Demas about being our third speaker. It was suggested that someone also reach out to Prof. Roessel about a performance-based presentation. A small group of us will visit Sofia’s Restaurant to inquire about their facilities.

Meeting Adjourned 8:19 P.M.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 18, 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.*