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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - FHS Monthly Meeting (ZOOM) Start Time:** 6:35pm

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

**November Minutes**: Katherine moved; Cathy seconded. Approved.

**Financial Report:**

* Tula has not yet discussed the Akritai Dance group donation with Sue Werner.
* Tula will ask Sue if the discrepancy in the raffle proceeds in the past two financial reports ($460 vs. $680), has to do with the Dip Jar proceeds that might have been added to the total.
* Discussion on whether to forget the donation and send a gift basket.
* Tula will also ask the Foundation about having a petty cash account and...
* What are permissible expenditures for our account?

**Scholarship Updates**:

* Katherine had asked three students studying in Thessaloniki for an article for the Hellenic Voice.
* One responded who has not even received any Hellenic Studies funding.
* One had already graduated.
* One who received FHS funding has not responded.

**Pappas Hellenic Center Report**: Tula reported for Tom. For 2024:

* The American Philosophical Society event featuring keynote Dr. Kitromilides is scheduled for May 9th.
* In his email, stating he could not attend tonight’s meeting, Tom mentioned scheduling the bus trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art at the end of January.
* Mariea asked and Sarah replied that campus transportation (i.e., vans) could be available to take from campus to the Philadelphia event on May 9th. Sarah and Tom can drive.
* Tula can ask Brian Lyons to reserve the bus (with stop at Forked River).

**Hellenic Voice:**

* One of the Thessaloniki study abroad students will write an article.
* Sarah will also ask a graduate student from Aristotle University, who has extended her stay at Stockton through spring semester, to write about her experiences here.
* Next issue deadline: 1/19/2024; Publishing date: 1/31/2024
* Cathy read the list of potential items to include or consider for the issue.
* Tula suggested including a winter recipe, perhaps, a Greek soup.

**Old Business:**

* Tom still has not confirmed Vasilopita date at his home. He had chosen February 4th but Tula noted that Fr. George had announced the Winter Feast will take place that weekend.
* Mariea said she would send an email to him requesting confirmation on a date so Tula can contact Kathryn Mason to see if President Joe is available.
* December 10th PAC *Holiday Memories* program and FHS Sunday luncheon at Galloway Diner: 4 attended lunch; 6 bought tickets for the show. Many overlapping events, both at Holy Trinity and St. Nicholas hindered us from having a larger turnout; Joseph Heim at PAC was very accommodating.
* Metropolitan Museum: To visit the exhibit, *Africa and Byzantium*.
* Tom was to find out if we could take a tour of St. Nicholas church at Ground Zero on a Saturday.
* Mariea will contact Holy Trinity about FHS hosting coffee hour 1/28/2024 – Greek Letters Day. Question on can we fund it through FHS account? Tula will ask the Foundation.
* Mariea suggested brief introductory talk about FHS; Cathy suggested an information table: Hellenic Voice issues; related materials.
* Mariea will write up and send interview questions to the new ARHU Dean Ian Marshall and new President Joe Bertolino and ask them to return their comments by the H.V. deadline, 1/19/2024.

 **Meeting adjourned**: Mariea adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tula Christopoulos

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*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.*