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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023 - FHS Monthly Meeting (ZOOM) Start Time:** 6:38pm

**Present**: Sarah Albertson Tula Christopoulos; Sophia Demas; Mariea Kazantzis; Cathy Karathanasis; Tom Papademetriou

February Minutes: Cathy moved; Tom seconded. Approved.

**Financial Report: Tula**

* Mariea noted the $2,000 withdrawn for scholarship awards and $40 for raffle licensed.
* No other issues were discussed.

**Scholarship Updates**: Katherine was not in attendance.

**Pappas Hellenic Center Report**:

* Tom mentioned the current Troy to Ithaca group is currently in Greece
* 18 students are attending
* Tom asked David Roessel to take photos
* $40k gift from Mrs. Zoe Pappas plus the $6k plus the Pappas Center and FHS fund-raised secured this program for another year.
* Three students are studying in Thessaloniki
* The Angleton Collection continues to be scanned. Three student workers have dwindled down to one. We will have to recruit one or more new student workers.
* Per Mariea’s request to step back for the time being (due to her knee surgery) with regard to the translation work, Tom suggested she return the documents for now.
* Cathy asked about the new president of Stockton. Tom suggested we organize a summer cultural event and invite him as the honored guest to introduce him to Hellenic Studies.
* Tom asked Tula to contact President Kesselman’s secretary and, if he is available on May 7th, we would like to have him attend Exploring Hellenism as an honored guest. He could say a few words.
* Tula asked if Tom still intended to hold a meeting with President Kesselman and some FHS members regarding the search for a Hellenic Studies professor in Art and Architecture. Tom indicated that the founding organization of the Interdisciplinary Center for Hellenic Studies, AFGLC, would be handling this task.
* **Exploring Hellenism: The Pontian Spirit.**
	+ Tula confirmed the Save the Date was digitally sent out and asked Tom about the pending emailing of the sponsorship letter. $10k is the goal. He indicated it is ready to be sent out. He will forward it to Sarah to email via Mailchimp.
	+ Three sponsorship levels:
		- Gold: $500, name displayed and four tickets to the event.
		- Silver: $250, name displayed and two tickets to the event.
		- Bronze: $100.
	+ Flyer invitation will be sent via Mailchimp on April 7th. Tula will work with Sarah.
	+ Mariea confirmed with President Stephano Evangelopoulos, President of the Akritai Dancers and V.P. Christina Vlasteridou, that there will be no charge for the dancers’ performance. Vasiliki will introduce/explain each dance during the performance.
	+ The lirari, Christo Tiktapanidi, regularly performs with them. His fee is $700.
	+ All present agreed to donate $200 to the dance troupe.
	+ Three raffle baskets donated by Vasiliki; Mariea and Roula Michaelides. Eleni and Anthony Tsourounakis will sell the raffle tickets.
	+ Tula asked Mariea to get all A-V needs from the lirari, dancers and speakers.
	+ We know the keynote will require a ZOOM connection. He will have a PP presentation. We will request Media to test the connection half an hour prior to start time.
	+ Tom reiterated that Theodosios will touch on the history, religion and the Byzantine Empire.
* Program Order (Exploring Hellenism):
	+ Welcome: Panos (MC) will welcome all say, “Before we start the program, it is my honor to ask Father ..... or (His Eminence Elpidophoros?) to deliver the invocation. Then, asks all to be seated.
		- Panos will introduce the chairpersons of the Friends of Hellenic Studies.
		- Katherine will say a few words about FHS in English.
		- Mariea will say a few words about the FHS in Greek.
		- Panos will introduce Vasilki who will recite her poem on the genocide
		- Panos will introduce the Pappas Center Director, Tom.
		- Tom will introduce the keynote speaker.
* **Hellenic Voice:**
	+ The next issue will be published in mid-May. Featured articles:
		- a report on the Exploring Hellenism “Pontian Spirit” event.
		- Cathy will write about all we’ve in the last two years: Smyrna; Aivali; Pontos.
		- Ginny Kramvis has submitted an article on the Vasilopita event.
		- Tula will write an article on her recent visit to the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago.
		- Tom will write about the Treaty of Lausanne; 1923 Population Exchange; Cappadoccia
		- Mariea will submit Pontic recipes.

**Old Business:** Nothing mentioned.

**New Business:** Cathy suggested a group trip to the St. Nicholas Church and the 9/11 Museum.

 **Meeting ended**: 8:00pm.

*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.*