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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024 - FHS Monthly Meeting (ZOOM) Start Time:** 6:36pm

**Present**: Sarah Albertson; Tula Christopoulos; Catherine Karathanasis; Mariea Kazantzis; Tom Papademetriou.

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

**Financial Report: Tula**

Current balance: $ 149,048.68

* Tula said the current report reflected the payroll deduction donations and the disbursement for the Hellenic Federation gala ad.

**Pappas Hellenic Center Report**: **Tom**

* No news on Reading Room
* Working on *Hellenism in the Pines* to be exhibited outside the L-wing office across the ramp.
* Tom reviewed the upcoming Pappas Center special events:
	+ October 22nd, Prof. Erasmus scholar, Rosy Angelakis, L-112 4:30pm. Post lecture reception in foyer; Dinner with FHS at Oyster Creek.
	+ Second Erasmus scholar lecture in literature which Kate Ogden is spearheading.
	+ November 7th Troy to Ithaca documentary film in the TRLC. 4:30pm. Reception after the screening. Zoë Pappas indicated she would like to attend but cannot stay after the screening.
	+ President Joe cannot attend as there is a Faculty Senate meeting at that time.
* Tom explained Erasmus is funded by the E.U. and Stockton participates in the international exchange program with the university in Thessaloniki.
* Tula contacted Amy Papalexandrou. She is interested in co-curating the Byzantine exhibit for 2025. Tom will organize talks around it.

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

* Katherine reported that Mackenzie Kornbluth would like to attend spring semester at Thessaloniki. Consensus was to have her submit scholarship application now.

**Website: Mariea**

* Mariea has updated the website.

**Hellenic Voice: Mariea**

* Sarah received Cathy’s article
* Tula will write up a blurb and get archived photos of the CHCRR Grand Opening in 2014 to include something about a 10-year anniversary. Deadline 10/15.
* We will print this issue to send out with the annual appeal.
* Tom will include a brief message and response letter
* Tula will check with Sue Werner who had indicated response envelopes are available.
* Tom does not have students to help stuff and seal the envelopes. 10/15 whoever is available to help do that? Where?
* Sarah will check on bulk mailing and including external pieces in it.
* Tom will review Mariea’s interview with President Joe.
* Cathy asked about including a recipe; something for autumn.
* Mariea will include a Greek language greeting.

**Old Business:**

* Katherine reported on the success of the Penn Museum trip. Ancient ingredients and flavors. We also had Anna Sophocles, docent, take us through Africa, Central America and Egyptian rooms. Lunch at Zorba’s.

**New Business:**

* 2025 trip to Washington DC was discussed. Whether to do an overnight or a one-day with a limited schedule of visits: Dunbarton Oaks (Byzantine museum); St. Sophia.
* Dunbarton Oaks garden visit would entail going in spring.
* November 24th, Sunday, 1pm-4pm. Pre-holiday FHS gathering: Tom’s home. Music: Perhaps Tula leads in Greek folk songs. Maybe some American songs?
* Cathy noted that Barbara DeBaylo would like to participate in our meetings but Tuesdays are Holy Trinity Bible Study evenings.
* Exploring Hellenism: Tom said Dante Hall is interested in a combined event: Perhaps Italy-Greece?

**Adjournment**: 8pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tula Christopoulos