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

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024 - FHS Monthly Meeting (ZOOM) Start Time:** 6:43pm

**Present**: Tula Christopoulos; Mariea Kazantzis; Katherine Panagakos; Tom Papademetriou

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

**Financial Report:**

* Tula did not get the current financial report.
* She explained the petty cash policy according to Nikki Strothers’ description:
  + Call the bursar’s office
  + Give the dollar amount needed
  + Sign it out in person
  + Sign it back in after the event
* In addition, we can also request a lockable cash bag if needed.
* Since we now know, the Arkritai group is a member of the Philadelphia Hellenic-American Association (which has a tax ID number), Mariea will contact the Akritai president and ask, if we can send the check to the Association and have them submit it to the group?

**Scholarship Updates**:

* Katherine said Vic did not update the website as she requested. Tom asked Mariea to go ahead and make the two date changes.
* This year’s committee members: Katherine Panagakos; David Roessel; Cathy Karathanasis.

**Pappas Hellenic Center Report**:

* Tom discussed the NYC March 2nd bus trip.
  + He created a form requesting student names; cell phones; emergency phone numbers and payment type.
  + Mariea will use this same form to gather information on community members wanting to attend.
  + Tom will update the flyer to show how to fill out a check and where to send it.
  + 56 seats total on bus: 20 are reserved for the community; the rest are for students.
  + Katherine received three venmo payments
  + Student cash payments will go to Tom or Katherine.
  + The bus costs $3,600; Pappas Center will subsidize it.
  + The museum requests pre-registration entry payment for large groups
  + 8am departure (Can bottled water be provided on bus?)
  + 10:30am arrival at Ground Zero. 45 minutes to explore.
  + 11:15am visit to St. Nicholas Church. Tula will inquire on tour and who to inform of our arrival.
  + Noon arrival at Metropolitan Museum of Art – Lunch break at museum food court
  + 2pm Visit Byzantium and Africa exhibit
  + 4pm visit Cycladic Art exhibit
  + 5:30pm departure for home
* Thursday, May 9th: American Philosophical Society hosting Dr. Kitromilides speaking on American Models in Liberty.
  + The event will encompass the Constantelos annual memorial lecture.
  + That Tuesday or Wednesday there will be a lunch with the Stockton president, Dr. Kitromilides the FHS co-chairs, Tom and Tula.
  + Tom will be meeting with the program manager this Thursday. Tom mentioned Michelle McDonald who was Provost when the Archbishop visited, now works at APS and will be involved in assisting with the lecture program.
* Troy to Ithaca: An alumnus will travel with the group and create a documentary for this next trip.

**Hellenic Voice:**

* All articles are in; upon receipt of Tom’s greeting, the issue will go out.

**Old Business:**

* Mariea noted the positive feedback she has received regarding the Vasilopita event.

**New Business:**

* Exploring Hellenism 2024: September or October 2024. Epirus or Ionian islands. To be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

**Meeting adjourned**: Mariea adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm

**ADDENDUM**:

* On Wednesday, February 14th, at 1:20pm, Katherine sent out an email to Mariea, Tom, Sarah and Tula.
* She stated that, “The Friends agreed to donate $4000 to the Italy study-tour that I am leading this summer. We have 21 students going which divides equally among the students as $190.467. Can I ask the friends to add $200 to the $4000 (total $4200) so that each student will receive a nice even $200?”
* Responses on the same day from everyone copied on her email were unanimous to approve the $200 per student.

Respectfully submitted,

Tula Christopoulos

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