**Classical Association of Florida**

**Fall Business Meeting**

**October 29, 2020**

CAF President Kristen Youngblood called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

CAF Secretary Amy Hornick asked if anyone had corrections to the spring meeting minutes submitted by Kendal Ogles which are posted on the CAF website. Amy Hornick moved that we approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Kristen Youngblood announced that the deadline for both CAF and FJCL dues has been extended to November 30.

Vice President, Rachel Robison reported that the theme for State Forum is “*destitutus ventis, remos adhibe”* (If the winds fail you, use the oars). She said that they are planning to have State Forum at the Wyndham, but the officers are brainstorming ideas if that isn’t possible, due to the pandemic. Many schools have said that they are not traveling at all this year, so they are looking into ways to do a hybrid event.

Rachel will send information from the regional leaders in the next few days.

Rachel also reported on Fall Forum, which will be held virtually on Saturday, November 21. There will be several workshops, certamen, testing, and the SCL is helping with virtual ludi. The event is aimed at students who have never attended a forum. There is a registration form but registration is not necessary to participate.

Jana Konner, Treasurer, will email her report tomorrow. She stated that we are not in the red and have the money we need for scholarships.

Nominations Committee Chair, Craig Bebergal announced that the following positions will be elected at the spring meeting: CAF Vice President, CAF Treasurer, Academic Chair, Creative Chair, and State Chair. Harrison Sepulveda, academic chair, and Daniel Germain, creative chair, are both eligible to run again. Adam Mize will be completing his second term as State Chair and is not eligible to run again. Craig reported that Jana Konner does not intend to run for a second term as CAF treasurer. Rachel Robison is not eligible to run for Vice President again. Rachel stated that she would be willing to continue in the job, if there is an emergency. She described the position as the “best job ever”. The job of VP is to plan State Forum and work with the student officers. Craig reminded us that the state chair is in charge of planning travel for nationals. Harrison stated that he will run again for academic chair. Anyone interested in these positions should contact Craig closer to State Forum.

Rachel asked for those interested in the VP job to reach out to her.

Janice Lee is looking for someone to replace her as Financial Director. Craig explained that your school must be willing to hold the FJCL treasury. He asked that anyone interested communicate with their bookkeeper and let Craig know if you are willing to take the job. Janice is willing to assist her successor in any way that she can. Kristen reported that Leon County schools are not allowed to keep the treasury. Aurelia Ogles added that we have a long history of being in the public schools and that auditors in Lake County and Duval County approved it.

Kristen reported that we have a new FJCL Planning Committee position: digital director.

Adam Mize explained that he started the FJCL website 10 or so years ago, and has run it as an unofficial position ever since. He feels that it shouldn’t be part of the State Chair job. The digital director would focus on the FJCL website and would be the conduit for information posted there.

Alex Ramsey asked for clarification about the student Technology Coordinator. That position (which is appointed) would move from Adam’s school to the new digital director’s school.

Kristen shared the proposed CAF Constitutional Amendment. Adam also suggested we clean up the CAF Constitution. The position of SCL advisor is not mentioned as a part of the FJCL Planning Committee, and there are some spelling and punctuation errors. Craig asked if this position needed to be part of the Planning Committee. Adam said yes because there are so many things that are done online related to State Forum. We will vote on this in the spring. A copy of the amendment will be sent to members along with the minutes.

Rachel Robison said that there has been discussion of moving towards having the technology coordinator be an elected position. Adam said that it used to be elected, but was difficult to manage because he was not able to work with them personally. He said that it has worked better since the tech coordinator has been appointed by him. Aurelia Ogles said that there might also be legal implications, since the website is an official publication of our organization. We are responsible for what is posted on the website. Students chosen by Adam are ones that he knows are trustworthy. Aurelia said that if the technology coordinator were not attached to the digital director, that student’s teacher would be legally responsible for what the student posts on the website.

Kendal Ogles has created a shared google document for presentation ideas for FFLA.

Robert Amstutz reported that FFLA did not have a conference this year. Kristen said that she has been writing to the president of FFLA and that nothing is happening right now.

Kristen reported that she and Emma will host a Maclay certamen tournament. They are looking for a good date, possibly January. Kristen asked for feedback on the suggested date.

Kristen asked about plans for regional fora.

One region reported that their forum will be held on January 23.

Adam Mize announced that Region 5 has scheduled a live regionals for January 30.

Kendal said that Region 8 will be on February 6. They are planning for live or virtual. She asked if we could have the tests early enough to put them into google docs. She wondered if we could give the tests in class if we are doing the event virtually, to allow more students to participate, and have certamen, creative, and ludi on Saturday. Alex Ramsey asked about digital students, who aren’t allowed on campus during the school day.

Robert Amstutz asked if we would bring our students to an in-person Forum, if it were available. He said he would not bring his students. Robert asked for responses in the chat.

Adam Mize will post information on the website about each region when it is available.

Kristen said that Region 2 will not make a decision until they have more information.

Adam stated that Region 8 has not had a Forum in the last few years.

Robert Amstutz, academic chair, reported that a few Regionals tests have been turned in. The due date is December 1.

Harrison Sepulveda, academic chair said that we can do a google form for the tests. We won’t need scantrons. Each test would be a separate google form and tabulation can be done very easily. He said that the tests would be sent as a pdf, with an accompanying google form for the answers. Harrison is skeptical about test security but realizes that there will just have to be a certain level of trust. Harrison will send out state testing assignments before Thanksgiving. He expressed appreciation to those who write tests and asked for our cooperation in turning in our tests on time. Harrison reported that tests were saved from last year, but he only received 25% of them.

Robert Amstutz is looking for people to help edit regionals tests.

Kristen asked for any other business.

Adam Mize, State Chair reported that nationals is planned for July 26-31 at San Diego State University. Adam explained the duties of state chair involve a great deal of communication with the NJCL office.

Kendal Ogles mentioned that there was a virtual Nationals this summer. She ran open certamen.

Kristen recognized 3 new CAF members. Tag Coley (St Johns Episcopal). Shannon O’Neill (SCL advisor). Mary Boyle (Celebration HS)

Adam Mize asked that we forward his emails to new teachers in our region.

Kristen asked for a motion to close the meeting. Harrison Sepulveda moved to close the meeting. Craig Bebergal seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hornick

CAF Secretary

Members in Attendance:

1. Craig Bebergal
2. Joshua Pincus
3. Judith Hahn
4. Adam Mize
5. Alexandra Ramsey
6. Aurelia Ogles
7. Harrison Sepulveda
8. KK Youngblood
9. Kendal Ogles
10. Janice Lee
11. Rachel Robison
12. Silvana Wilbur
13. Phil Dillinger
14. Emma Perry
15. Leslie Peebles
16. Larry Lewis
17. Alan Blessing
18. Cory Granholm
19. Nick DeGroot
20. Al Kummer
21. Robert Amstutz
22. Jana Konner
23. Kevin Cox
24. Meredith Sitz
25. Becky Ream
26. Joanna Piris
27. Zachary Mair
28. Amy Hornick