Minutes of the Classical Association of Florida

Friday, October 21, 2016

Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, Florida

Phil Dillinger, CAF President, called the meeting to order at 10 AM, by welcoming all to FFLA and hopes Latin will continue to thrive at FFLA

Kendal Ogles, CAF Secretary, asked each member to read through the minutes, and report any corrections as needed. Jessica Ballantine-Bradshaw made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, and Robert Amstutz seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by unanimous acclamation.

**Officer reports:**

**President**

Phil Dillinger began his report by congratulating Kendal Ogles for earning a Teacher of Promise award, as well as the six CAF members who received the Most Valuable Teacher award: DJ Holt, Adam Mize, Judith Hahn, Geoff Revard and Janice Lee. He also congratulated Amy Hornick, for being inducted into the Hall of Fame after winning the MVT for five years. Leslie Peebles was recognized as FFLA/CAF Teacher of the Year.

He also thanked all five teachers that gave presentations this year and let the membership know that, in the future, FFLA is vetting presentations, encouraging ones which can apply to any language. He encouraged the membership to submit proposals, and to attempt to incorporate the FFLA themes in each one.

Phil reminded everyone that the auction would end at 5pm on Friday, and to please look at the CAF basket with wine, a finger puppet and other classically themed sundries; he would deliver at least half the wine if the basket winner was unable to pick up the award before leaving.

**Vice President –**

Rachel Robison began by answering several questions about the upcoming Fall Forum with the following information: Fall Forum will be held on November 19th Winter Springs at 10 AM -330, Registration will be due October 31st. She stated Fall Forum was intended to make a nurturing experience for younger students. They will be holding a certamen workshop in addition to competitive certamen. She begged people to write advanced certamen questions with the promise that she will buy them a box of cookies. She asked that members email her with any additional questions. She also reported that she meets with the student officers every other week, and she has them write officers log and plans to publish them on FJCL website, making them available to all students and schools. They hope this will give students from other schools the opportunity to know what each position entails and encourage more participation.

**Secretary**–

Kendal Ogles has updated the secretary binder with the most recent minutes.

Geoff Revard asked if all secretary reports were online, and how far back we had said reports digitalized. Kendal answered that all of the minutes in the binder were computer documents, dating back to 2001, and Craig Bebergal said all of these to be on the CAF website. Kendal and Craig vowed to double check.

**Treasurer** –

Craig Bebergal presented the treasurer report:

Balances:

General Acct - 5549.74

Mama G Scholarship - 744.00

Essay contest - 125.00

**Total - 6418.74**

Recent Expenses:

TOY Plaque and raffle basket - 150.00

Mama G Scholarship winner (2016) - 495.00

Upcoming Expenses:

Travel Scholarship (sy2016/17) - 2000.00 - General Acct

Mama G Winner (2017) - 500.00 - Mama G Acct

He also reminded us that FJCL dues are due by Halloween, October 31st.

**Florida State Chair –**

Adam Mize reported on plans for the 2017 National Convention, at Troy University in Alabama. He stated that: Nationals will be held July 24-29; and He wants a robust group at Troy University, so please bring students. New teachers and teachers who haven’t attended in five years should apply for the Miller scholarship. He hopes students register early, even before state, to avoid running out of packets, as the tentative cap is 300 students per state. He plans for a bus trip. Details will be available after state when we will get an idea with an accurate cost, inclusive of the bus trip. The Bus trip will be straight there instead of an overnight. He intends for the bus to go to the early day. The general cost range is $500 for the packet with an additional travel cost. He would like for at least 250 students from Florida to attend.

Adam also reminded us to check with new schools and teachers and to try to bring them into the fold (one of US,) to make sure to send FJCL checks to Janice Lee, and to check the FJCL website for updated lists of Regional Fora. Also, if your students have not visited the FJCL website, please have them do so!

Lastly, the swanky FJCL polo shirts are $32 and Adam can make another order if he gets enough teacher interest.

Phil asked the Standing Committees to make their reports

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Scholarship committee** –

Craig Bebergal reported: The Teacher Travel Scholarship has been awarded to James Buchanan, who will walk Hadrian’s Wall and The Marie Girardeau Award and the FJCL Scholarship will be on the FJCL website and wants teachers to encourage students to apply; applications are due when state registrations are due. Craig also read his list of people who are writing Regionals tests and appreciated everyone’s effort.

**Nominating committee –**

Amy Hornick announced that we will have two positions up for election at the next CAF meeting in April. If you are interested in either the Vice President or Treasurer positions, email her for more details.

**Forum Planning Committee -**

Rachel Robison reported the Fall Planning meeting went well. Officers decided on Greek theme from Archimedes, which translates as ‘Give me a place to stand and I will move the world.’ The FJCL State Competition will be at the Wyndham in Orlando, on April 6th-8th, 2017. The hotel price is $117 per room with more information on the FJCL website.

Craig Bebergal stated that no Latin Sight Reading will be held this year. He clarified point deductions with respect to timed speeches.

Jessica Ballantine-Bradshaw reminded us that any test challenges would only be accepted if the student’s sponsor signs off on it. If students are unable to find their sponsor, the clearing-house person will work with them on a student by student basis. Students MUST bring a source to have any questions challenged. Changes are posted on the answer keys as they are corrected, by Jessica or the clearing-house.

Tim O’Flaherty volunteered to be a clearing-house for the challenges at State Forum this year.

DJ Holt, co-chair of projects, reported that he and Joanna Piris have re-done the guidelines for those projects judged at forum and those pre-judged. The FJCL website will be fixed with hotlinks to specific project information, based on category.

**Constitution Committee –**

Geoff Revard gave out constitution change recommendations, mostly to fix typographical errors. He also gave a brief history on why the constitution is what it is. He digitized the constitution in 2007 and copied it verbatim, so everyone could see the typos and fix them together. Those addressed are the most obvious typographical mistakes. He thanked Craig Bebergal, Adam Mize, and Generosa Sangco-Jackson for their help and recommendations. Geoff also suggested that when we vote on them, that we accept the recommendations as a block, instead of voting on each individual change. Phil Dillinger asked if there was a motion to approve these changes as a block. Jessica Ballantine-Bradshaw motioned for acceptance and was seconded by Robert. They were accepted by a verbal unanimous vote.

Geoff will attempt to get more major changes to the constitution out to the membership before the spring meeting.

**Old Business –**

**Forum Planning Committee Terms of Office–**

Phil stated that the Forum Planning Committee has come up with a rotation of when people are going to cycle out of their office, so that everyone gets a chance to serve on the planning committee. These will be published on the CAF website and shared with the membership.

DJ Holt clarified that these are the ends of the current term, and these people will be eligible for an extra four years, or could rotate to a different chair, as long as they are voted.

Phil Dillinger stated that Jessica needs an academic co-chair and that an oral co chair is needed as well. Cory Granholm volunteered to help Jessica at this year’s state convention in an unofficial capacity.

**Project Sphinx –**

The amount of work needed to finish this is not plausible for just Tristan Bradshaw alone. CAF does not have budget to pay for outsourcing, which has been projected to be at least $10,000. We have asked Kyle McGimsey, who is on the National Committee to see if NJCL and the NSCL can pick up this project and see it through to completion.

While this would negate our ownership of the project, Jessica told the group that Project Sphinx was intended to be an open source, to share and adapt and to make available to other states; the output does not function correctly by listing the questions and real answers. Tristan was transferred to the (Knights) Watch and doesn’t have time to fix it. Adam added that we are hoping through Kyle that some computer-science people in the SCL would be willing to do some of the work pro-bono. Phil concluded that CAF does not want to abandon Project Sphinx, but we don’t have the man-power or finances to complete it at this time.

Phil stated that there was no new business to discuss at this time.

**Announcements –**

Phil Dillinger recognized Aurelia Ogles. Aurelia announced her plans of taking a teacher trip to Germany. Contact her if interested. The trip will be about $2000 plus airfare and lunches/dinners. She wants to have a group together before Christmas.

Phil thanked everyone for attending, and reminded us that it is very important to return to FFLA next year, to present workshops, and to make our presence known at FFLA each year.

He asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was made by Craig Bebergal, and seconded by Cory Granholm. There was subsequently a unanimous ‘Aye’ voice vote. The motion was passed and Phil closed the meeting at 10:51 am.

Submitted by,

Kendal Ogles

CAF Secretary

Fall Meeting Attendance

Friday, October 21, 2016

Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, Florida

1. Alex Ramsey
2. Leslie Peebles
3. Amy Hornick
4. Geoff Revard
5. Tony Haakman
6. Rachel Robison
7. D.J. Holt
8. Craig Bebergal
9. Robert Amstutz
10. Megan Kabella
11. Joanna Piris
12. Jana Wells
13. Kitty Wells
14. Jessica Ballantine-Bradshaw
15. Sylvia Trein
16. Timothy O’Flaherty
17. Michelle Hill
18. Adam Mize
19. Silvana Wilbur
20. Cory Granholm
21. Janice Lee
22. Aurelia Ogles
23. Alan Blessing
24. Judith Hahn
25. Anna Glenn
26. Kendal Ogles
27. Phil Dillinger

**Recommended changes throughout the whole Constitution**

VP is sometimes written as Vice President, Vice-President, or Vice-president, change them all to Vice President

Sometimes Association is capitalized and sometimes not, change them all to capital

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**Recommended changes in specific Sections**

**Art II Sec 1 A reads:**

A. To develop and promote interest in the study of Classics and Classical civilization

among *student* of colleges, universities, secondary and elementary schools.

Change **student to students**

**Art III Sec 2 reads:**

Active members of this Association shall be teachers of Latin, Greek, or related aspects of classical culture in **Colleges**, universities, secondary or elementary schools in Florida

Change to read: (decapitalization and addition of virtual and home school)

Active members of this Association shall be teachers of Latin, Greek, or related aspects of classical culture in **colleges, universities, secondary, elementary, virtual schools or home school sponsors in Florida.**

**Art III Sec 4 reads:**

Life membership shall be granted to teachers of Latin, Greek, or related subjects, who are officially retiring or have retired after five years of service in colleges, universities, secondary or elementary schools in the State of Florida.

Change to read:

Life membership shall be granted to teachers of Latin, Greek, or related subjects, who are officially retiring or have retired after five years or more of service in **colleges, universities, secondary, elementary, virtual schools or home school sponsors in Florida.**

Art. V Sec. 3 reads : (Typo)

The **officer** of the Association shall be elected at the spring meeting of

the Association for a term of two years,

Change to read:

The **officers** of the Association shall be elected at the spring meeting of

the Association for a term of two years,

Art. V Sec. 4 reads : (Typo)

Only active members shall be eligible to hold office. Members shall not be elected to serve for more than two successive terms **(i.e. for years),** unless no other candidate can be found for the office. The office of Executive Secretary shall be excepted from this restriction.

Change to read:

Only active members shall be eligible to hold office. Members shall not be elected to serve for more than two successive terms **(i.e. four years),** unless no other candidate can be found for the office. The office of Executive Secretary shall be excepted from this restriction.

Art. VI Sec. 2 reads : (Typos)

Powers of Association Meetings: Association meetings, by action of

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Art. VII Sec. 1 reads : (Typos, to, Council)

Amendments to this Constitution … Upon receipt of the proposed amendment by the Executive Council a copy of such proposal shall be forwarded **t all** members of the Association if, at the discretion of said **council**, sufficient urgency exists to warrant an attempt to adopt the amendment by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Association meeting for consideration at a succeeding meeting need not be specifically submitted to the Executive Council.

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**Changes to Bylaws**

**Art I Sec 1 reads:**

The Classical Association of Florida and the Classics Section of the Florida Foreign Language Association shall be considered as synonymous

Change: Add period at end of sentence.

**Art III Sec 1 reads:** (typo, change sent to send)

The President shall preside over all meetings, shall be ex-officio member of all committees and shall be Chairman of the Executive Council. The President shall serve on the Board of the Florida Foreign Language Association and **sent** current information about the Classical Association of Florida to the Newsletter of the Florida Foreign Language Association.

Change to read:

The President shall … The President shall serve on the Board of the Florida Foreign Language Association and **send** current information about the Classical Association of Florida to the Newsletter of the Florida Foreign Language Association.

The last sentence of Art III Sec 2 reads:

The Vice-President will arrange for the housing of Junior Classical League officers at the fall meeting of the Classical Association of Florida

Change to read:

The Vice-President will arrange for the housing of Junior Classical League officers at the fall meeting of the Forum Planning Committee.

Article IV, sec 3 E e reads

e. Pay all bills as required by the CAF constitution (!!??)

Change to read: (remove (!!??))

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