

**Classical Association of Florida  
Fall Business Meeting  
October 22, 2021**

CAF President Kristen Youngblood called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm

CAF Secretary Amy Hornick asked if anyone had corrections to the spring meeting minutes. Craig Bebergal moved that we approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Phil Dillinger

Phil Dillinger reported that at FFLA Alex Ramsey presented on celebrating holidays in the classroom and Phil presented on Chunking Vocabulary

**Treasurer's report:**

Balance \$8312.04

Dues collected so far \$590

Mama G donations \$60

Now have mobile banking, a CAF debit card, and will accept credit card payments next year.

Travel Scholarship deadline October 31

Dues and form deadline October 31

**Kendal Ogles, State Chair**

79 students, adults attended Virtual Nationals

This year the convention will be in person in Lafayette LA.

Theme: Let us go singing as far as we go, the road will be less tedious.

Costumes this year – the ancient sea. Updated rules are posted

Dramatic Interpretations on FJCL website.

**Nominating Committee, Craig Bebergal**

Upcoming spots opening on the planning committee for 2022:

Certamen co-chair (Al plans to run again)

Facilities (candidate must live within 2 hours of the hotel)

Projects/Creative Arts co-chair (Alex plans to run again)

CAF offices:

CAF President (Kristen not running again)

CAF Secretary (Amy plans to run again).

**State Forum Planning Committee**

The committee will be meeting Nov 5, 6. Information will come about Forum after that. An in-person Forum is planned.

Costumes – NJCL has announced a theme instead of a particular character. There will be two categories: single, duo. \$50 limit per costume.

Fall Forum this year is virtual. Registration is due Nov 15.

**Old Business**

Kristen Youngblood appointed Adam Mize as the tech coordinator and we confirmed that the student tech coordinator will be a student Adam will appoint from his school.

Regionals Mentors contact information will be added to the CAF website.

Region 1 Amy Hornick

Region 2 Craig Bebergal

Region 3 Meredith Kendall

Region 4

Region 5 Adam Mize

Region 6

Region 7

Region 8

### **New Business**

Forum Planning Committee/CAF elections at the spring meeting

Robert Amstutz – Academic coordinator

Tests for Regionals and State are going well. More tests have been turned in than at this time last year.

Changes – Customs will be now called Roman Life

Proposal – combine Republic and Empire into one Roman History test.

Consolidate Reading Comp Prose and Poetry into 1 test.

Add Reading Comp 1 and II

Add Triathlon

Discussion: Alex Ramsey argued against consolidating the history tests. She is willing to write an Empire test each if the testing coordinator is having trouble finding test writers.

Leslie Perkins also argued for keeping both history tests. She is also willing to write those tests. She pointed out that those tests are popular with the students. We don't need Triathlon. We had it before and it isn't needed. Let the level ½ take Pentathlon and be scored separately.

Leslie thinks it will be hard to find test writers for additional Reading Comp tests.

Robert Amstutz is passionate about offering Reading Comp tests. We all teach reading comp.

Kendal Ogles agrees with the idea of adding reading comp at the lower levels.

Tony Haakman is in favor of Pentathlon for his younger students. They take ½ Pentathlon and then can't take it as level 1 students.

Clarification of rules about level ½ and 1 repeating the same test. There are nine tests that we score separately for level ½.

Adam Mize is not in favor of changing the name of the customs tests. He wants to avoid creating confusion because of all the materials that we have that say Customs.

Ginny Greenland is encouraged to hear that there are so many middle school programs. Kendal Ogles added that ACL is promoting middle school Latin.

Robert Amstutz reported the numbers of students who took the history tests as compared to Reading Comp. 60/70 in Republic/Empire and 30 in Reading Comp. The data was from last year's virtual state, when students were allowed to take as many tests as they wanted.

Robert Amstutz asked for feedback about adding Reading Comp I/II. Leslie Perkins is concerned that we will not be able to find test writers. Robert mentioned that at nationals the reading comp tests are half the length of the other tests. For state that would be 25 questions instead of 50. Leslie doesn't want to overburden the testing coordinators.

Alex Ramsey pointed out that Robert Amstutz is willing to write the reading comp tests. She thinks it would be nice to add those tests.

Kristen Youngblood reported that our current software will not allow us to add additional categories – we can only replace the ones we have. Craig thinks that there must be a way to add ‘codes’ for additional categories.

Moved/Seconded to save this discussion for the forum planning committee.

Phil Dillinger is proposing to create an FFLA presenter scholarship to encourage more people to present at FFLA. Some schools will not pay for teachers to attend. We need to keep a strong presence at FFLA. He pointed out that our two presentations here were well attended by non Latin teachers.

Judith Hahn mentioned that she could not attend because of parent conferences that were scheduled at her school this week.

### **Announcements**

#### New Teachers

Region 2. Ethan Ream at Tallahassee Classical, Alexandra Stephens, Brian Burton at Holy Comforter  
Region 3. Three new teachers at St Johns Classical Academy. Johnathan Pierce, Mary Caroline Gillam, and Harrison Dinsbeer.

Region 7. St Mary’s Zach Sowerby, Saint Stephens Margaret Elsner

Region 8. Mackenzie Ecker at a charter school which hasn’t participated in JCL before. Lauren Beck in West Palm Beach at King’s Academy.

CAF donated \$50 to the Episcopal Relief Fund in memory of Joseph Gilpin.

Aurelia Ogles is planning a summer trip to Romania, Bulgaria and northern Macedonia. Contact her if interested. June 3-19.

#### Job Openings

Leslie Perkins is trying to retire. Her position at Paxon is available right now. All the information is on the ACL website.

2021 CAF/FFLA Latin teacher of the year – Kristen Youngblood

2020 teacher of the year was Silvana Wilbur.

Robert Amstutz mentioned that Latin students can earn the Florida Seal of Biliteracy. Contact your district about how your students can earn this seal.

Kendal Ogles was awarded her silver bowl for attending her 20<sup>th</sup> national convention.

Phil Dillinger moved to adjourn, Alex Ramsey seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Hornick  
CAF Secretary

#### Members in attendance

1. Adam Mize
2. Kendal Ogles

3. Leslie Perkins
4. Leslie Peebles
5. Amy Hornick
6. Alex Ramsey
7. Meredith Kendall
8. Ginny Greenland
9. Phil Dillinger
10. Kristen Youngblood
11. Craig Bebergal
12. Robert Amstutz
13. Emma Perry
14. Judith Hahn
15. Tony Haakman
16. Joanna Piris