

**Classical Association of Florida**  
**Spring Business Meeting**  
**April 8, 2022**

President Kristen Youngblood called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Robert Amstutz moved, Craig Bebergal seconded to accepted minutes from the fall meeting. The minutes were approved.

**Officer Reports**

**President**, Kristen Youngblood. The Forum is going well

**Vice President**, Rachel Robison. The chaperones are excellent. They have been very appreciative of our students and sponsors.

The FJCL officers have revised the publicity contest. For more information: [bit.ly/FJCLpub22](http://bit.ly/FJCLpub22)

**Secretary**, Amy Hornick – no announcements

**Treasurer**, Phil Dillinger - CAF account now has online banking and a credit card.

Treasurer report: Dues collected: \$1340.00

Mama G money collected: \$180

Total balance: \$9045.92

Expected Expenses: Mama G winner -\$595.00

Expected balance: \$8450.92

**State Chair**, Kendal Ogles. The JCL Creed has been updated. The new creed be voted on at Nationals by students. There will be a committee to update the song next.

Nationals will be at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette, July 24-30. Register by May 1 for the lowest price - \$595. After May 1 the cost will increase to \$610. There will be a virtual option available (Domi) Kendal is working on a bus trip. The goal is to have two buses, depending on numbers. We will leave on July 23, and spend the night in New Orleans. That evening the students will go on a Ghost tour. On July 24 we will visit other sites of interest in New Orleans. Student on the bus trip will need to pay for preconvention housing. Teachers who have never attended nationals, or haven't attended in a long time are encouraged to apply for the Miller Fellowship.

**Standing Committees**

**Scholarship Committee**, Phil Dillinger. There were no applicants for travel scholarship for this summer. The scholarship will be offered for the summer of 2023.

Mama G applicant will be announced at the awards assembly tomorrow.

Amy Hornick said that the applications are difficult to find on the website. Adam Mize will work to solve that problem.

**Nominating Committee**, Craig Bebergal

- Facilities. Applause for Silvana for 10 years of serving. John Henson nominated.
- CAF President. Silvana Wilbur nominated.
- Financial Director. Allison Longley is leaving the state. Amy Hornick is willing to accept the position.
- CAF secretary. Cory Granholm was nominated by Kendal Ogles.

Alex Ramsey moved to accept all positions by acclamation. Cory Granholm seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Registrar – Kristen Youngblood will be term limited at the end of next year. Kyle McGimsey is willing to train for the position.

CAF VP position will also be available after next year. Anyone interested should contact Rachel.

## **Forum Planning.**

Craig Bebergal – Speeches/Costumes – everything ran smoothly

There is a QR code on the agenda to submit comments about State Forum.

Alex Ramsey/Joanna Piris expressed thanks to project judges. Some judges spent over 2 hours and really took the job seriously. The project chairs are open to giving feedback if you have questions about the results or their decisions. At the FFLA Fall Meeting and Fall Forum they will present a workshop on projects.

There were two new contests, Mixed Media and 2D digital art. There was good participation in both these contests.

Geoff Revard asked for a video with the information from the project workshops.

Academics. Robert Amstutz thanked test writers.

Certamen. Zach Mair. Certamen Finals are this evening. Agon will be tomorrow morning.

A seeding test was not necessary this year (and hasn't been needed for several years). There was a suggestion to stop giving it.

Facilities, Silvana Wilbur - use QR code to make suggestions.

Registrar, Kristen Youngblood thanked sponsors for sending in registration. Everyone did a good job. Mark Chimiak thanked Kristen for her patience and willingness to extend deadlines for new programs. There are 747 students in attendance this year.

SCL advisor, Shannon O'Neill. SCL has been very helpful this year.

Old Business.

Revisiting discussion from Fall 2021 CAF meeting. Robert Amstutz reported that we are having difficulty getting tests in on time and getting all of the tests written. He had to write 6 tests this year.

Kendal Ogles wrote 5, Leslie Perkins (retired teacher) wrote 6.

Robert's recommendation: Combine Derivatives into two tests (Level ½-1 and Level 2+). Combine Vocabulary into two tests. Awards will still be given at 3 levels.

We are having trouble finding writers for Adv Grammar.

Geoff Revard moved to accept Robert's proposal and Craig seconded. The motion passed.

Robert also reported that the Reading Comprehension tests are difficult to write. He is proposing that we combine the advanced tests into one 25 question test (one prose and one poetry passage). Several teachers asked for more questions. Kyle McGimsey would prefer multiple passages instead of one of each. 30 questions – 3 passages, 10 questions each.

Robert is concerned about asking the students to do too much Latin in one hour. Adam Mize suggested 40 questions – 2 prose, 2 poetry – 10 questions each. Johnathan Pierce suggested that we release the name of the author in advance, so students could prepare. Robert doesn't want to give an advantage to students in AP/IB.

Robert Amstutz proposed using nationals costume theme for reading comp passages.

Phil Dillinger moved to table the discussion of reading comp to our next meeting. Alex Ramsey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jana Wells stated that the demographics of public schools are changing. Many students can't afford to attend state. She is proposing a scholarship for state from CAF money that would be based on financial need. The burden of proof would be on the teacher. Phil Dillinger, CAF treasurer reported that we have an excess of funds now but that might not always be the case. Geoff Revard asked that we propose a

specific dollar amount. Kyle McGimsey agreed. He wants to make sure the money is replenished. Jana Wells said that while she was treasurer the account never held less than \$4000.

Adam Mize asked for a specific proposal to vote on at the Fall meeting. Anna Glenn stated that she would be willing to pay \$5 extra in CAF dues to fund this scholarship.

Craig Bebergal would like to see a treasurer report of the last several years. Robert Amstutz mentioned that students who come from further away have much higher costs.

Robert Amstutz moved to table the discussion to the fall business meeting. Cory Granholm seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Jana Wells read an announcement from her mother, Kitty Wells about the death of former Lakeland HS Latin teacher, Marcia Stille. The obituary is online.

New Latin teachers.

Bryan Burton – Holy Comforter Episcopal School

Johnathan Pierce – St Johns Classical Academy

Ben Ream – Classical Conversations Tallahassee

Margaret Elsner – Saint Stephen’s Episcopal

Harrison Dinsbeer – St Johns Classical Academy

Ren Beck – The King’s Academy

Ethan Ream – Tallahassee Classical School

Madeleine Stone – HB Plant High School

Recently retired teachers: Leslie Peebles and Perkins

There will be a job opening at Pineapple Cove in Melbourne next year.

St Johns Classical Academy has 2 openings for next year. Information can be found on the ACL website.

Craig Bebergal motioned that we adjourn. Johnathan Pierce seconded the motion.

The motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Members in attendance

1. Robert Amstutz
2. Craig Bebergal
3. Ren Beck
4. Brian Burton
5. Mark Chimiak
6. Phil Dillinger
7. Margaret Elsner
8. Anna Glenn
9. Cory Granholm
10. Tony Haakman
11. Judith Hahn
12. Will Harvard
13. John Henson
14. Amy Hornick
15. Meredith Kendall
16. Jana Konner
17. Al Kummer
18. Michelle Lane
19. Bozena Lawson
20. Harriet Livesay

21. Zach Mair
22. Sarah McDaniels
23. Kyle McGimsey
24. Adam Mize
25. Shannon O'Neill
26. Kendal Ogles
27. Leslie Peebles
28. Emma Perry
29. Johnathan Pierce
30. Joanna Piris
31. Alex Ramsey
32. Becky Ream
33. Ben Ream
34. Geoff Revard
35. Rachel Robison
36. John Seary
37. Jennifer Staton
38. Luca Tizzano
39. Allen Walker
40. Silvana Wilbur
41. Kristen Youngblood

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Hornick  
CAF Secretary