

Classical Association of Florida

Spring Business Meeting

April 12, 2024

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- a. Silvana Wilbur called the meeting to order at 5:19 pm.

2. Minutes of the Fall Meeting

- a. Cory Granholm has provided the minutes of the fall meeting through the CAF website.

3. Officer Reports

a. President – Silvana Wilbur

- i. Times, dates, and details for the upcoming FFLA conference will be sent in an upcoming email. The event will be held in Kissimmee this year. The organization is desperate for presentations for Latin. There are scholarships available to help offset costs of attending. Kendal Ogles has been compiling a list of ideas for presentations that members would like to see or present to help spark interest. This list will be sent out with the forum conclusion email. Aurelia Ogles added that FFLA has the funds to help cover the cost of guest speakers if anyone had someone in mind.

b. Vice President – Zach Mair

- i. Zach stated that he had nothing big to share. His main announcement was that he would not be renewing his position for next year. He was selected as the NJCL digital contest chair. The contest chair position was not interfering with his VP duties currently, but would cause a large number of time conflicts next year. He is willing to train a replacement through shadowing, and asked that anyone interested in the position contact him for details.

c. Secretary – Cory Granholm

- i. The Secretary had nothing to report.

d. Treasurer – Phil Dillinger

i. Treasurer's Report – Spring 2024

- 1. Dues collected for the 2023/2024 School Year - \$ 1140.00
- 2. Mama G money collected - \$ 60.00

3. TOY Plaque -	\$ 58.95
4. President Stipend -	\$ 100.00
5. Zelle/Banking Fees -	\$ 1.00
6. Sunshine Fund -	\$ 0.00
7. Mama G Scholarships -	\$ 1470.00
8. Current balance-	\$ 4472.39

- ii. Phil stated that we had more than a prudent reserve of funds in the account. We would be awarding two Mama G Scholarships, with the winners to be announced at the awards the next day. The teacher travel award would be opening soon to apply for travel during the next year. While he had received dues from many members, several were still unpaid. If anyone in attendance did not receive the minutes document, either they had not paid, their e-mail on file was wrong, or they should not be here. He requested that anyone who needed to, to please settle their account, as he could accept a wide variety of payments, and there was no excuse not to.
 - e. State Chair – Kendal Ogles
 - i. Kendal stated that detailed information on Nationals would be sent out at a later date. She reiterated that nationals is more expensive this year. There would not be a Bus-o-fun trip this year as a statewide poll of schools and their plans was answered by only twelve schools, and of those twelve, ten stated that their delegates would likely find their own way to Nationals. The university would not be providing linens, towels, pillows, and so on. She asked that sponsors encourage their students to sign up by the 1st to avoid the increase in cost. The chaperone fee for students attending without their sponsor was being readded to the state application. If there were any further questions, she asked that they be sent to her via e-mail.
4. Standing Committees
- a. Scholarship Committee – Phil Dillinger et al.
 - i. The winner of the FJCL Scholarship would be announced at the awards ceremony the following day. The committee received a large number of Mama G Scholarship applications, but not very many for the FJCL Scholarship.

Committee members and readers were instructed to focus on the content of the applications, but there was a very large number of grammar and indenting errors that could make it difficult.

b. Nominating Committee – Craig Bebergal

i. The following positions were up for election.

1. Pres

a. Silvana Wilbur ran for renewal unopposed.

2. Sec

a. Cory Granholm ran for renewal unopposed.

3. Projects Co-Chair

a. Anna Glenn ran unopposed

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4. Certamen Co-Chair

a. Noah Harris was officially running for his first full term, as he was currently finishing out Zach's previous term. He ran unopposed.

5. FSCL Advisor

a. Rachel Robison would be stepping down as advisor. Shannon ____ was available to hold the position again, and ran unopposed. Geoff,

ii. Jeff motioned that Silvana, Cory, and Noah be accepted without a further vote. Kendall seconded the motion, and it was accepted. Likewise, it was individually motioned that Anna and Shannon each be accepted to their positions without a second vote. Both motions were seconded, and accepted.

c. Forum Planning Committee – Zach Mair et al.

i. Zack

1. The committee would be holding a meeting over the summer. They would discuss the FJCL constitution and proposals, asking us to email our amendments and corrections over the summer so we can vote on them at the Fall Business meeting. The hope was to speed up the overall process.

ii. Academics

1. The testing went glowingly smoothly. At the time of the meeting, the challenges had been accepted and processed, and the tests had been mostly scanned and scored.
2. The regionals study guides were in the process of being updated. Some have already gone through the process, but the entire set needed an update. The chair proposed a subcommittee to help work through them, and requested that volunteers contact him, especially if they felt they had a relevant area of strength.

iii. Projects

1. The chair began by apologizing for the chaos of registration the previous day caused by the chaos of the heavy storm that hit. Everything ran fairly smoothly after that. She suggested that everyone come to the opening viewing to take a look at the great projects.
2. She then recognized the twenty-two judges who made the event possible, thanking them for taking their roles seriously, with some judges having to deal with up to thirty-eight projects.
3. The chair then called on sponsors to help with the notecard situation. Many cards were missing information, which was exacerbated by the writing being illegible, especially with contestant numbers. The entire judging process took much longer than needed due to this.
4. The chairs were working on ideas to mitigate this. Taking time and creating the cards before the competition was emphasized. It would allow sponsors a chance to check them for accuracy and clarity, and make sure that the delegates had read the rules and properly labeled their projects. Geoff Revard asked if we were allowed to print the cards, which the chair confirmed was allowed. The only problem with this would be that delegates would not have their contestant numbers. Label-makers were one proposed idea to counter this while ensuring the numbers were clear. Another was fully printed tags, using a label

printer of some kind. Further brainstorming would continue later as these and other ideas were explored.

5. Another problem was the number of last-minute category changes, which threw things off. For example, too many projects were entered as models that needed to be moved to miscellaneous, due to being full sized recreations. Avoiding changes was important to avoid any contestants “double dipping” with entries.
6. To conclude, the chair requested that everyone fill out the forum feedback form, especially the project judges, so they could follow up on them. Sponsors were asked to remind the delegates that they would need to get their projects as soon as possible when pick-up began. And finally, similar to Nationals, tags would be attached to award winning projects for project viewing.

iv. Speeches

1. The chairs stated that Speeches went very well, and thanked the judges for their time and effort, especially as sessions can be long, and the numbers keep climbing up every year. He did ask that sponsors make sure that judge and chaperone skills listed on the registration are accurate, as some listed judges were unable to fulfill their requested roles. Finally, he jokingly requested that all complaints be sent to Craig.

v. Amy

1. Nothing to report.

vi. Certamen

1. Noah thanked everyone for their patience and support. The finals were coming up, and World Series of Certamen would be held that evening, which he encouraged everyone to attend.
2. Mark Chimiak thanked the chairs for the new system of posting a link to a digital room list and schedule of rounds.
3. Al Kummer gave thanks to readers for their time and effort. He asked that when registering, to make sure that the sponsor communicates with their testing coordinator, as several seeding tests went untaken.

He also asked that anyone who was registered as a reader was actually prepared and able to read.

4. Antony Haakman stated that with certamen running over, it began to overlap with the Greek exam. A large number of registered contestants didn't come to the exam because of it. He asks that the organizers keep an eye on schedule, and show some flexibility when needed if interference with other events begins.
5. Mark Chimiak closed out the section by suggesting that anyone interested in being a reader but nervous about it should volunteer as a scorekeeper to see and experience it themselves.

vii. Facilities

1. No major behavioral problems had been reported. However, that night would be the most chaotic, due to the dance. Other than that, communication with the schools and hotel had been good. The dates for next year's states were April 2nd-5th, including Wednesday, and that room prices were expected to increase by \$2 each.

viii. Kyle - registrar

1. Kyle thanked everyone for coming. He apologized for not sending out a proof sheet for registered schools to confirm their entries. One would be provided next year, and would be coming out earlier. He was also looking into ways to lessen the number of forms that needed to be submitted for registration in future years.
2. The office had been running smoothly. Test results had been finalized, and project results were well on their way. He expected that the closing ceremonies should run smoothly. He was aiming at awards to end by 12:30.
3. To conclude, he mentioned that the office might be investing in a new scanner for tests.

ix. SCL

1. Rachel commented that a great number of applicants had signed up for That's Entertainment. All the kids were doing great.

2. Anna Glenn thanked the group for finding a student's missing flute.

5. Old Business-

a. CAF Constitution

- i. A read through and editing pass needed to be held on the constitution. A subcommittee had been formed at the Fall meeting to do so. The committee are planning to go over it before Nationals.

b. FJCL Constitution

- i. At the fall meeting, a quorum was reached, a vote was held, and the FJCL Constitution was approved. The topic was complete and no longer needs to be discussed.

6. New Business

a. FFLA

- i. Was coming up, but had already been discussed.

b. Academic Subcommittee

- i. The plan for updating the study guides had previously been discussed.

c. Forum planning

- i. There needs to be stronger accountability on deadlines for various aspects of planning.
- ii. Make sure to fill out the feedback form when it comes out.

7. Announcements

a. Recognition of New CAF Members

- i. Peter Hoffman – Berkley Preparatory School
- ii. Esther Lambert – Cardinal Gibbons High School
- iii. Steven Iouy – Cardinal Gibbons High School
- iv. Andrew Mixon – St. John Paul II Catholic High School
- v. Joshua Hornsey – Northeast High School
- vi. Seth Boutin – St. Johns Classical Academy

b. Retiring

- i. Kelly Ranch – retiring after 40 years at riverside
- ii. Cindy Hicks – Newsome – program closing and retiring

c. Openings

- i. Rachel Robison – St John’s Classical Academy in Jacksonville is looking for a middle school teacher. They use Wheelock’s Latin, but are not strict to it. They would love to take in someone new to teaching, and are a very supporting group. The teacher should expect to have 1-2 preps.
<https://www.stjca.org/employment-opportunities>
- ii. Pineapple Cove – all three campuses have openings due to predicted growth. Wheelock’s Latin is the base text, but it is not used directly. There is also a possible position for a 6th grade teacher who would rotate between campuses for an Introductory Latin course.
<https://pineapplecoveclassicalacademy.com/employment-opportunities/>
- iii. Tampa Prep in downtown Tampa is looking for a teacher for their 11th -12th grade students. They focus on comprehensible input, and would support anyone willing to give it a shot. <https://tampaprep.org/career-opportunities/>

8. Adjournment

- a. Nest meeting FFLA end of sept
- b. Robert Motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. AI Seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

9. Attendees

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| 1. Phil Dllinger | 15. John Seary | 29. Robert Amsutz |
| 2. Bradley French | 16. Andrew Mixson | 30. Emma Perry |
| 3. Kim McNear | 17. Brian R. Burton | 31. KK Youngblook |
| 4. Anna Glenn | 18. Van Williams | 32. Geoffrey Revard |
| 5. Judith Hahn | 19. Bozena Lawson | 33. Noah Harris |
| 6. Aurelia Ogles | 20. Hunter Wright | 34. Al Kummer |
| 7. Kelly Ranch | 21. Samantha Adamczyk | 35. Adam Mize |
| 8. Craig Bebergal | 22. Alan Pagan | 36. Alex Ramsey |
| 9. Sarah McDaniels | 23. Daniel Germain | 37. Amy Hornick |
| 10. Peter Hoffman | 24. Tony Haakman | 38. Leslie Peebles |
| 11. Mary Caroline Gillam | 25. Kyle McGimsey | 39. Kendal Ogles |
| 12. Meredith Kendall | 26. Rachel Robison | 40. Cory Granholm |
| 13. Mark Chimiak | 27. Maxine Mandt | |
| 14. Michelle Lane | 28. Silvana Wilbur | |