Minutes of the Classical Association of Florida

Friday, April 8, 2011

Orlando Sun Resort and Convention Center

President Susan McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m. There were forty three members present. A list of members in attendance can be found as an attachment to the bottom of the minutes. Susan welcomed the CAF members and new teachers to the meeting.

Susan stated that there would be two changes to the agenda: a spot would be added for Matt Yates under officer’s reports, and Geoff Revard’s proposed constitutional amendment was stricken from the agenda. Susan asked for changes to the fall meeting minutes. Craig Bebergal moved that the minutes be accepted and it was seconded. The minutes were accepted.

Susan reminded the members that the 2011 ACL workshop on June 25th -27th will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota and encouraged all CAF members to attend. The FFLA will be meeting as an executive group in May on the Space Coast. Susan has high hopes for the upcoming FFLA workshop in the fall, and Adam Mize, a member of the committee, agreed that all present would benefit from attending.

Susan asked for any comments or complaints about the National Latin Exam. Craig Bebergal thanked the NLE for accommodating the Virtual School.

Susan announced that the standards for foreign language curricula for Florida have been revised and were adopted in December. Comments, concerning Latin curricula, are being sought from Florida Latin teachers. ACL currently has national standards for Latin. Susan asked Tatiana Fernandez, a representative of the FDOE, if it was possible for Florida Latin teachers to adopt the ACL standards.

Adam Mize, CAF VP, announced that the 2011 State Forum has been running smoothly. He is currently working on improving the FJCL website, especially by adding more tests. He asked all teachers to fill in the gaps for missing State/Regional tests for the FJCL website. He also asked for old State Forum programs to fill in more missing information on the website. Linda Mishkin thanked Adam for all of his hard work, improving the FJCL website. Linda inquired if it would be possible to lock a few tests, in order for teachers to use these “locked” tests to evaluate their students. Adam stated he was always open for ideas and suggestions for the FJCL website.

Phil Dillinger, CAF Secretary, reminded members to sign in and to take a copy of the fall minutes.

Susan reminded the CAF members that all minutes are posted on the CAF website which is linked to the FJCL website.

Sue Shelton, stated that the CAF beginning balance for 2010/2011 was $4,583.03, membership dues this year came to $620, and ending balance was $5203.03. Paying members were down two members this year. Geoff Revard inquired about total number of members including nonpaying emeritus members. Sue discussed publishing the membership list in a Google Doc. This way the list would only be accessible to members who had the link to the Google Doc. Geoff Revard voiced concern that this might not be a viable option, and that he would prefer that the membership list to be published in email form. Daniel Robie stated that an email was no more secure than a Google Doc. Aurelia Ogles stated that it might be possible for the document to only contain email and school addresses. Sue concluded since a Google doc currently seems to be a difficult option that she will send the membership lists to CAF members in email form. Susan asked if all present members were comfortable with email. All present at the meeting were comfortable with this option. The list will be emailed.

Ken Andino, Current FJCL State Chair, stated that teacher of the year ballots will be forth coming. Ken stated in the past the ballots have always been paper ballots sent through snail mail. Craig offered to set up an online ballot. Ken inquired how the group felt about an online ballot. The group agreed that an online ballot would be the easiest and most expedient option. Ken encouraged teachers to bring students to NJCL convention this summer. There were 127 delegates at the convention in Fargo last year. Ken announced that there will be a bus trip to the summer convention with possibly two or three busses. Ken will send an email asking for ballpark figures for the number of students planning on attending Nationals. A scenic bus tour to Richmond would include: a visit to the aquarium and Coke Museum in Atlanta, a night in Chattanooga, and a tour of Mammoth Cave. If a student plans on the bus trip they will need to request pre-convention housing for July 24th. The bus tour, spirit pack, and preconvention housing should cost a student no more than $300 with no cost to teachers. This trip will last eight days. Marie inquired if there was sight-seeing on the return trip to Florida. Ken stated the return will be direct.

Ken announced that he would be stepping down as state chair at the end of this school year, as he is accepting a position at the Flint Hill School in Virginia.

Matt Yates, SCL advisor, mentioned that the SCL’s recently amended constitution states that the CAF must approve all proposed SCL constitutional amendments. Currently the SCL constitution states that the SCL treasurer must live in or around Gainesville. They would like to remove a sentence that states: “a candidate must attend a post-secondary school from which the SCL funds are distributed.” Susan McDonald asked for a motion that the SCL be allowed to propose the amendment. Craig Bebergal moved that it be allowed, the motion was seconded and passed.

Alan Blessing, chair of the Travel Scholarship/History committee, reminded all that Amy Hornick was the recipient of the 2010 travel scholarship. Alan continues to collect histories of CAF/FJCL and asked all members for CAF/FJCL stories and anecdotes.

Linda Mishkin, chair of the student scholarship committee, said the results of the student scholarship would be announced tomorrow at the closing assembly.

Leslie Perkins, chair of the nominating committee, stated that the position of State Chair will need to be filled and nominated Adam Mize. Leslie stated that since there was short notice for this position that perhaps a few more days would be needed for more nominations. Susan asked that this discussion wait for old business.

Aurelia Ogles, financial director of the planning committee, reported that the FJCL balance was currently $35,000 and that we have added an additional $39,000 this weekend. She continued to say that the balance will quickly be used to pay for the expense of State Forum. She stated that since the hotel that hosts State Forum is no longer run by Ramada, they will discuss reducing the room rate to around $105 a night for next year. In the future the hotel hopes to have additional food venues that will be more adequate for our students’ needs.

Aurelia voiced concern that the 2012 FCAT schedule of April 16th -27th will conflict with the current 2012 State Forum date of April 21st.The hotel has stated that the weekend prior to the 21st is available. The date of the 2012 FJCL Forum will be moved to April 12th – 14th, due to FCAT.

Dave Jackson, Academic chair, mentioned that Ken Andino had previously made a suggestion about a creative solution for improving numbers of students attending State Forum. If it would be possible to have 35 delegates per school with only 25 students counting towards sweepstakes, more students interested in FJCL could attend Forum. Aurelia offered that school sweepstakes could be done away with and give way to individual sweepstakes similar to Nationals. Geoff Revard asked if this is the kind of change that would have to be made at the fall State Forum planning meeting. Aurelia remembered that a change such as this would have to be approved by the CAF and the planning committee.

Alan Blessing, facilities liaison, stated there were no forum discipline problems to report.

Susan McDonald, moving on to old business, stated that it was time to elect a new vice president and treasurer. Susan stated that Susan Shelton has been filling in for Karen Rieffel’s term of treasurer. Craig Bebergal moved that Sue Shelton should continue as treasurer. Leslie Perkins seconded the motion. The motion passed. Sue Shelton will be CAF Treasurer for the next two years

Geoff Revard reminded the group that Ken Andino had been appointed to complete Marie Girardeau’s term and that her term would have ended this year. The floor was opened for nominations for State Chair. Aurelia Ogles nominated Adam Mize. Leslie Perkins seconded the nomination. Susan asked for further nominations, there were none. Susan asked to approve Adam’s new position by acclamation. He was unanimously elected.

The floor was opened for nominations for CAF vice president. Silvana Iuculano was nominated by Adam Mize and Dave seconded her nomination. Casey Carpenter-Smith stated that there were enough members present to elect a vice president on such short notice. Susan reminded the group that the CAF vice president was essentially the person who put on FJCL State Forum. Susan reminded the group that the constitution states that terms for CAF offices begin July 1st. The CAF members felt that now was an opportune time for voting and there were no objections. Then Silvana introduced herself and stated that it was her second year teaching. The Silvana was elected by acclamation.

Susan reminded CAF about the workshop sessions for FFLA in the fall. She hoped for a Latin/Classics related workshop for every FFLA session. Linda Mishkin and Leslie Perkins mentioned that Hans Mueller, a Caesar expert, would be speaking at FFLA in the fall. Susan encouraged all members to contact FFLA by June 15th, if they were interested in presenting. Susan will make sure there are six sessions concerning Latin at FFLA. Aurelia Ogles mentioned that she would like to see an AP Latin workshop on the 2012/2013 AP Caesar curriculum. Susan stated that she has disks of material for AP Caesar and she is willingly to share with any interested parties.

Leslie Perkins inquired about funds for paying Hans Mueller’s expenses, as he will be a guest speaker at FFLA in the fall. Leslie recommended that $1000 be allocated from CAF funds for guest speakers at FFLA. Geoff Revard moved that these funds be allocated, Marie Girardeau seconded. The motion passed.

Under new business: Dr. James Sickinger stated that there are concerns at FSU about the decrease of interaction between secondary schools and Florida universities. He proposed a classical essay contest for secondary Latin students at different levels. They hope to have a flier at beginning of the 2011 academic year. Susan McDonald thanked him for his interest.

CAF President, Susan McDonald’s last order of business concerned the NCLG. They have asked for support from our organization. She asked if we would consider making a small donation from our treasury. Members decided that it would be possible for the CAF to donate $50 from the treasury. Geoff Revard moved that CAF donate $50 to the NCLG, Craig Bebergal seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Dave Jackson introduced Lindsay Rogers, a PhD student at UF who is currently searching for a job teaching Latin and Greek. Dave is asking all members to please notify Lindsay about any available positions for Latin teachers. Sue Shelton stated a high school in Fort Walton Beach currently needs a teacher. It was stated that Pineview High school recently closed its Latin program and their former part time teacher is looking for a job. Windermere Prep is looking for a part time teacher. Craig is happy to post available Latin teaching positions on the CAF website.

Susan McDonald called for a motion for an adjournment of the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phil Dillinger, CAF Secretary

Members present, who signed in

1. Craig Bebergal 23. Guy Earle
2. Susan Shelton 24. James Buchanan
3. Matt Yates 25. Linda Mishkin
4. Megan Wallis 26. Nancy Allen
5. Silvana Iuculano 27. Amy Hornick
6. Mark Chimiak 28. Joanne Piris
7. Phil Dillinger 29. Leslie Peebles
8. Aurelia Ogles 30. Jim Sickinger
9. Susan McDonald 31. CarolSue Carlson-Jones
10. Sylvia Marini 32. Jennifer Frank
11. Judith Hahn 33. Shane Lieffers
12. Mary Malpas 34. Casey Carpenter-Smith
13. Megan Kabella 35. Lisa Bunge
14. Daniel Robie 36. David Jackson
15. Adam Mize 37. Generosa Sangco-Jackson
16. Timothy Kandel 38. Marie Girardeau
17. Lindsay Rogers 39. Ken Andino
18. Leslie Perkins 40. Alan Blessing
19. Geoffrey Revard 41. Julia Roper
20. Keith Stafford 42. Catherine Sturgill
21. Larry Lewis 43. Christy Tucker
22. Cindy Hicks