

Classical Association of Florida
Minutes of the Spring CAF Business Meeting
Wyndham, Orlando
Friday, April 5, 2019

Phil Dillinger, CAF President, called the Spring CAF business meeting to order at 5:15 pm. He said that forum was going smoothly and very well.

Phil then recognized Kendal Ogles, CAF Secretary, who distributed the minutes of the 2018 Fall business meeting. Kendal asked for corrections. As there were none, she asked to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Kyle McGimsey moved thusly, and was seconded by Cory Granholm.

Kendal then asked for the minutes to be accepted as written; Craig Bebergal moved for acceptance, and was supported by Leslie Perkins. The minutes were accepted by vocal acclamation.

Phil then started the Officer reports. As CAF President, he covered the upcoming FFLA Conference, which will be at the Wyndham hotel again this year, Oct. 17th -19th. Please send in conference session ideas that could be attended by all types of language teachers. The theme of this year's conference is Connecting Cultures.

Rachel Robison, CAF Vice President, thanked everyone for a very smooth forum, and added that she will send out an order form for additional t-shirt orders.

Jana Wells, CAF Treasurer, passed out the treasury report. She concluded by saying "We have money in the account. We are solid."

Adam Mize, State Chair, invited everyone to attend Nationals this year in Fargo, North Dakota, saying that it is like State Forum, but bigger and longer. At Nationals, students can do everything, including all creatives, certamen, and the academic contests are spread out throughout the week. He hopes to see a big delegation this year!

The dates are July 26th - July 31st, pre-convention housing begins 25th. Everyone should try to fly in, as a bus to Fargo would take too long and cost too much. If you are a teacher who haven't attended before, please check out the Miller Fellowship. They hand those out readily. Brenda Fields asked if space would sell out. Generosa Sangco-Jackson answered that Fargo has the same amount of space as last year.

Geoff Revard ended the discussion saying, "The Fargo people are so nice! You betcha! No Hurricanes. It's a very nice place to go."

Phil moved onto the standing committees, starting with the Jana Wells on the Scholarship Committee.

Jana reported that there was more than one applicant for the Mama G scholarship this year! On the flip side of that, the FJCL scholarship didn't have any applicants. Please have your students apply for this free money!

The Travel Scholarship was given to Kendal Ogles, who is going to France this summer.

Also, a Teacher of the Year list will be sent out by May with applicable people. Let Jana know if there are corrections before the survey goes out.

Phil then recognized Amy Hornick with the Nominating Committee.

Amy reported that the people in the positions of Registrar, CAF VP, CAF Treasurer, and Orals Co-Chair were all willing to do a second term of office. Also, Daniel Robie, Academics Co-Chair, term ended. Brenda Fields, Adam Williams, and Robert Amstutz were all running for that position.

Phil said the elections would be the first order of new business, and recognized members of the Forum Planning Committee.

Rachel Robison thanked everyone for their flexibility with the moving of Ludi events due to weather conditions. She also reminded all teachers to be aware of any outside people in our areas who engaging with our students without name tags. Call them out, make them leave, encourage the Buddy System.

Phil recognized Daniel Robie and Harrison Sepulveda, the Academic Co-Chairs, who were thankful for all of the tests written. They named Alex Ramsey's Classical Art test as best, with High Quality 'awards' going to Leslie Perkins, Jeff Yeakel, and Nick Degroot.

They also discussed the communication issues that surround getting tests written, "We need to create a bridge between what is and what can be. All of us are willing to put in the time and effort, but there needs to be a conversation to facilitate tests being written, without lots of pressure."

Craig Bebergal, Orals Co-chair, thanked all who judged.

Alex Ramsey, Creatives Co-chair, also thanked all who judged in the Project room. She also asked that if anyone had a way to make a better judging system, to let her or Joanna know.

Kristen Youngblood thanked everyone for registering on time this year, and double-checking registrations!

Silvana Wilbur reported that the convention space was working well. Vegetarian options are available for breakfast, and will be more visible in the future. She will be talking to the hotel about the check-in and room key process again this year, and would like suggestions for a smoother check in to be emailed to her.

State Forum 2020 will be held the first weekend of April.

Generosa Sangco-Jackson thanked everyone who helped with Certamen and signed students up to play. The event went smoothly and with patience. She would like anyone interested in reading Certamen to reach out; more readers will give more breaks.

Kyle McGimsey, SCL advisor, reported That's Entertainment would be different this year, and that they would have more student acts, and less SCL acts.

Phil then moved onto any new business, including the elections. Generosa Sangco-Jackson moved to confirm the incumbents by a vote of acclamation. Tim O'Flaherty seconded her motion. Phil took said vote, and all incumbents were elected to continue their offices by a vote of acclamation.

After Adam Williams, Robert Amstutz, and Brenda Fields gave short speeches, a vote was taken which narrowed the election to two candidates. After two more votes, each with equal ballots for each candidate. A motion was made by David Jackson to have both Robert and Adam confirmed to the Academics Co-Chair position, filling the needed Regional Academic position as well. It was seconded by Adrianna Jimenez. The motion passed by acclamation with the majority voting yay and two members voting nay.

Moving onto new business, Phil recognized Harrison Sepulveda, Academic Co-Chair, who said he would send an email asking for test writers. If you would like to write a certain test, email him!

Robert Amstutz briefly discussed having a Reading Comprehension test at additional levels. While a popular idea, this was tabled until the Fall CAF meeting due to time.

Phil then moved on to discuss Region 8, and their lack of a Regionals this year. Despite this, Royal Palm Beach High School students made the most bookmarks in the state! Well done!

If anyone can help in the future with region 8 regionals, please reach out.

Phil recognized new teachers and CAF members, including Will Harvard, Nicole Fafalios, and Sarah McDaniels.

There are several job openings in Florida, including Lakewood Ranch, West Shore Jr./Sr. High School in Brevard county and at Pineapple Cove. Please reach out to those teachers or principals.

Phil asked for a motion to end the meeting. Daniel Germaine moved that the motion be adjourned, with a second from Leslie Perkins. Phil adjourned the Spring CAF Business meeting at 6:30pm.

Attendance

1. Adam Williams
2. Adrianna Jimenez
3. Cory Granholm
4. Bozena Lawson
5. Kyle McGimsey
6. Geoffrey Revard
7. David Jackson
8. Timothy O'Flaherty
9. Daniel Robie
10. Harrison Sepulveda
11. Silvana Wilbur
12. Daniel Germain
13. Leslie Peebles
14. Amy Hornick
15. Susan McDonald
16. Leslie Perkins
17. Aurelia Ogles
18. Judith Hahn
19. Adam Mize
20. Phil Dillinger
21. Kendal Ogles
22. Jana Wells
23. Rachel "Rachelsaurus" Robison
24. Allen Walker
25. Robert Amstutz
26. Kitty Wells
27. Jessica Bradshaw
28. Jeff Yeakel
29. Stephanie Johansen
30. Brenda Fields
31. Hunter Wright
32. John Seary
33. Will Harvard
34. Meredith Kendall
35. Janice Lee
36. Craig Bebergal
37. Sarah McDaniels
38. Jennifer Frank
39. Nick DeGroot
40. Emma Perry
41. KK Youngblood
42. Luca Tizzano
43. Tony Haakman
44. Nicole Fafalios
45. Anya Grady
46. John Henson
47. Alex Ramsey
48. Joanna Piris
49. Generosa Sangco-Jackson
50. Al Kummer
51. Joshua Pincus
52. Jessica Bradshaw