Minutes of the Classical Association of Florida

Saturday, October 15, 2011

The Radisson Resort, Cape Canaveral, Florida

CAF President, Susan McDonald, called the meeting to order at 8:16. She announced that she had extra copies of the CAF history for those interested. There were twenty-four 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 asked new attendees and members who have not attended a CAF meeting in a long time to introduce themselves. Kelly Ranch introduced herself, and announced that she is again teaching Latin for first time in twenty years. Casey Henry, of the Florida Virtual School who resides in Pensacola, introduced himself. Kristen Youngblood, of Leon High School and the Florida Virtual School introduced herself. Shannon Stieg, of Lake Highland Prep, introduced herself. Nick Rich, of Timbercreek High School in Orlando Florida introduced himself. Joanna Piris, of Lincoln High School, who was attending her first FFLA conference, introduced herself.

Susan asked for changes to the spring meeting minutes. Phil Dillinger, mentioned a typo, in the last sentence in the second to the last paragraph on page three of the spring minutes, The Silvana was changed to Silvana. The minutes were amended. Craig Bebergal moved that the minutes be accepted and Aurelia Ogles seconded. The amended minutes were accepted.

Susan encouraged members to attend ACL. Geoff Revard reminded members the convention will be in Las Vegas. Susan stated that Florida attendance was good this summer. Scholarships are available, and Susan encouraged members to apply.

Craig Bebergal, in CAF Treasurer Sue Shelton’s absence, handed out the treasurer’s report. Craig announced that if members have purchased items for CAF and they need to be reimbursed, please send Sue Shelton receipts and she will send a check. Craig read Sue’s report and reminded members to pay their CAF dues; the deadline for dues is Oct. 31st.

Silvana, Vice President, introduced herself, and stated that the fall planning meeting went well. The hotel used for recent FJCL state forums is now closed. The new hotel will be the Wyndham Orlando Resort, on International Drive, in Orlando, Florida. Silvana stated that rooms will be $100 a night, and this should be a good incentive for attendance. Silvana informed the CAF, that the FJCL student officers would like to differentiate between publicity and club of the year. At State Forum, James Sickinger will do a presentation on Hollywood and the classics. Silvana stated that she continues to work on lowering the budget for Forum. She informed the CAF that the new hotel is nicer with a similar layout to the old one. She said that the FJCL State Officers expressed interest in creating a position of FJCL Second Vice President, but this proposal did not seem reasonable to the Forum planning committee and a position will not be created. The purpose of a creating a new position was that the FJCL officers want someone to focus on a community service project for all regions. Adam Mize, State Chair, reminded the FJCL we have more officers than nationals. Linda Mishkin requested the dates of the upcoming FJCL State Forum. Adam reminded all members the date for State Latin Forum will be April 12-14, 2012. He then reminded members that the website has all sorts of useful information (costumes, Dramatic Interpretation, academic materials, etc.). Silvana stated that it is possible that the Wyndham will raise their rates in upcoming years. Geoff asked if another student group would be present, and Adam stated that as of now no other groups would be present during the upcoming State Forum.

Phil Dillinger, CAF Secretary, had nothing to report.

Adam Mize, State Chair, reported that the 2012 NJCL Convention will be at Wake Forest, in Winston Salem, North Carolina and it will start July 26th. The 2011 national convention, at Eastern Kentucky University, was successful, the Florida Certamen teams did well, and the campus was small and compact. Wake Forest’s campus should also be small and compact. The 2013 convention will be Las Vegas, Nevada. He stated that approximately 162 Florida delegates attended the 2011 convention.

Alan Blessing, of the Travel Scholarship/History Committee, stated that the teacher travel scholarship will be available in 2013. Alan is still working on the history; please submit any memories to Alan for the history. Adam asked for any old programs, *Uvae Vitis*, and tests for the FJCL website.

Linda Mishkin, of the Student Scholarship committee, reported that there have been a few applications for student scholarships. Linda commended Susan McDonald for receiving the 2012 Latin Teacher of the Year Award.

Leslie Perkins, of the Nominations Committee, was unable to attend the meeting. Susan stated that next year the offices of CAF President and Secretary will be up for nomination and election.

Aurelia Ogles, Financial Director of the Forum Planning Committee, handed out the FJCL financial report. She stated that last year Forum expenses exceeded the money deposited for registration. A deposit was lost to the last hotel, the Orlando Sun Resort. The owners of the Orlando Sun Resort stopped funding the hotel and perhaps they will eventually return the deposit to the FJCL. Aurelia stated that meals are the greatest cost for Forum. At the new hotel there should be better food for less money and cheaper rooms. Aurelia stated that the Forum planning committee would like to raise the registration fee to $55 a person. Though convention attendance has declined, the demands of Forum have not. Aurelia encouraged young teachers to serve on the Forum Planning Committee. The position of Facilities Liaison will soon be available. Aurelia stated that because the FJCL is not a tax exempt organization, the FJCL has had to pay taxes. This year the FJCL payments will go through a Leesburg High School account so the organization will not have to pay sales tax on the food consumed at Forum. Memberships will still be paid through the old account. Geoff inquired about the deficit. Aurelia stated that the raise of registration fees would ameliorate the deficit. Geoff inquired about depositing money into a school’s account. Aurelia stated that having a school willing to allow FJCL to use an account would become a requirement of the position of Financial Director; this is in order to maintain tax exempt status.

Adam encouraged the new teachers to bring their students to the State Latin Forum. Kristen inquired about the limit of twenty-five students per school at Forum. Adam stated that this limit is to ensure that sweepstakes are fair for small schools. Susan reminded that there is no limit of students for regional competitions. Aurelia was concerned that the new hotel is not as isolated as the old one, because there are restaurants adjacent to the hotels. Security guards will be hired for the late night. Aurelia stated that she would like to reevaluate the rule to lock down the hotel and allow students to cross the street with a chaperone to eat at adjacent restaurants. Linda voiced concern about crossing the streets. Adam stated that it would be better to announce this to the chaperones in the chaperone meet rather than in the opening assembly at State Forum. Cathy Sturgill asked if the new rule would require escorted students to leave the hotel by foot only. The group concurred that the rule should be that schools may chaperone their students across the street, only to the restaurants adjacent to the hotel.

Under old business, Jim Sickinger, of Florida State University, handed out a draft for possible rules for an essay contest for FJCL students. Jim mentioned that CAWMS may be able to fund prizes for the contest, through a grant. Jim proposed that Florida State University administer the essay but that it be under the aegis of the CAF. Jim moved that the essay contest would be administered by the University and be under the aegis of CAF, Sylvia Marini seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The group decided that from here forward, the CAF would stick to sympathy and get well soon cards for members. These cards will be handled through the executive board. Two cards were circulated for Marie Girardeau and Sue Shelton.

Under new business, Aurelia mentioned a proposal of raising CAF dues to fifteen dollars. Sylvia moved to raise dues from $10 to $15 for the 2012/2013 school year. Geoff seconded the motion, the motion passed. Susan asked the group to look for things to contribute for the FFLA Latin basket throughout the year.

Susan asked for more announcements.

Susan asked for dates and locations for regionals. The dates and locations were:

Region I Gulf Breeze High School unknown

Region II Leon High School February 4th

Region III Jacksonville University tentative (Jenny Greenland) unknown

Region IV St. Francis January 28th

Region V Holy Trinity January 28th

Region VI Winter Springs February 4th

Region VII Academy of the Holy Names February 4th

Region VIII J.P. Taravella January 21st

Amy Hornick asked for additional test writers for Regionals.

Aurelia Ogles thanked Hans Mueller for giving a presentation on Caesar at the conference

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Susan called for a motion to adjourn, Craig moved for an adjournment, Phil seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 am.

Respectfully submitted

Phil Dillinger, CAF Secretary

Members who signed in

1. Silvana Iuculano 14. Joanna Piris
2. Judith Hahn 15. Geoff Revard
3. Leslie Peebles 16. Alan Blessing
4. Jeffrey Satriano 17. Casey Henry
5. Hans Friedrich Mueller 18. Sylvia Marini
6. James Sickinger 19. Susan McDonald
7. Meredith Sitz 20. Cathy Sturgill
8. Adam Mize 21. Amy Hornick
9. Shannon Stieg 22. Linda Mishkin
10. Phil Dillinger 23. Kristen Youngblood
11. Craig Bebergal 24. Nick Rich
12. Kelly Ranch
13. Aurelia Ogles