Minutes of the Classical Association of Florida

Saturday, October 19, 2012

Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village, St. Augustine, Florida

CAF President, Susan McDonald, called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm. She asked for corrections or additions to the spring minutes. Alan Blessing moved that the minutes be accepted. Jeffrey Satriano seconded; the minutes were accepted.

Susan reported that this year’s ACL institute in Las Vegas was a success. She stated that the AP exam will themed this year and include: six themes such as Roman values and leadership, figures of speech, making connections, and human beings, and the divine. There will be two syllabus-based passages, and two sight passages on the multiple choice. The long essay is forty-five minutes and should be analytical and comparative. There will be two syllabus based spots including grammar questions. The short and global essays from the old exam will no longer be included on the exam. There was a large emphasis on sight reading at the ACL institute. The exam is now divided in half. The Dickinson College (DCC.Dickinson.edu) has many great resources. She reminded all that the scale for the essay only goes to five instead of six. Susan asked if any other attendees had anything to add. Meredith Sitz stated that students should only write on the right side of the booklet in order for it to be graded. Silvana Wilbur added that this year the packets are combined. This means that the reading period is not enforced, so students can decide what to work on first. Aurelia Ogles said that she has all the AP information from Fairfax on her computer; this also contains all information about Ecce Romani. Susan reminded all that the website also contains this information.

Under FFLA information, Susan was thrilled to see such a nice turnout for FFLA and the CAF October meeting. FFLA has rebounded from the dire straits of previous years, and the organization is doing well financially. Next year the convention will in November and will be combined with ACTFL. The cost will be greater. Aurelia asked if ACTFL would be ignoring Latin this year. In previous years, she said that ACTFL seemed to overlook Latin. Geoff Revard stated that there were four Latin sessions last ACTFL convention and that there might be a call for presenters through ACL. Susan stated that she would contact Marty and inquire about the workshops.

Under Project Proficiere and the new standards, Susan asked all teachers to look over the new standards as she and her colleagues are writing questions and composing new performance assessments. Thirteen teachers are currently working on this project. Aurelia added that the pilot test will be implemented next year, and it could possibly be twenty percent of a student’s final average. The test will be classroom based and written for the three state adopted textbooks: Ecce Romani, LAF, and Cambridge. Teachers will be held accountable for what is taught in the classroom. Each student will still be required to make gains. Aurelia stated that new teachers will soon be needed for the committee.

Silvana Wilbur, CAF VP, addressed concerns from the last CAF meeting and shared new changes from the fall planning meeting. The 2013 State Forum will be from April 11th to 13th. The room rate will be $103 this upcoming year. The hotel is currently being renovated but should be finished by forum. The actual convention center is not being renovated. The catapult will be run by Guy Earle and the new guidelines are on the website and will be in the Ludi Packet. Olympika will remain the same. A few new competitions will be added and some small changes have been made.

Phil Dillinger, CAF Secretary, reminded all members to sign the attendance sheet.

Craig, thanked those who paid dues and asked those who have not to do so. The opening balance was $3803.09 and the current balance is $4303.69.

Susan reminded that October 31st was the deadline for CAF dues.

Adam Mize, Florida State Chair, stated that Florida had a large number of delegates at the NJCL National Convention at Wake Forest. The 2013 Convention will be at UNLV from July 21st until July 27th. There will not be busses to Las Vegas, but there will be a smaller excursion to the Grand Canyon and a small tour of Vegas. Adam reported that the campus is nice. Adam reminded the group that any questions concerning the FJCL website can be fielded to him. He stated that FJCL chapter registration is also posted there.

Under Standing committees, Alan Blessing, announced that under registration there is a place for former travel scholarship winners. There have not been applications for this year’s travel scholarship, a three thousand dollar scholarship that allows teachers to arrange their own trip or attend another Classics based trip. Alan asked the group if they would like to extend the deadline. Aurelia moved that the deadline be extended, Craig seconded, the motion passed.

Linda Mishkin, chair of student scholarship stated that there was nothing new to add.

Leslie Perkins, chair of the nominating committee was unable to attend due to exams.

Susan stated that Phil and Susan were reelected to their offices. The offices of VP and Treasurer will be up for election in the spring. Please send nominations to Leslie. Craig stated that he plans on running for treasurer.

Aurelia under Forum planning stated that last year there was a loss of $5094.21 and this year there was a remaining balance of $20711, and after factoring in last year’s loss and $500 for student scholarships the remaining balance is $15617.89.

Generosa Sangco-Jackson announced to the group that schools may now bring up to ten extra delegates that do not compete in sweepstakes. These students may not do competitive projects, tests, and certamen. They may take tests that do not count towards sweepstakes; they can compete in Olympika, LUDI, and open certamen. These spots might be good for the club historian, the club president, and seniors who are academically weaker than lower classmen. The students must be pre-designated prior to forum. The number on their name tag will begin with a different numeral than competitive students. You will receive their scores and if they do well they will receive certificates. Geoff Revard asked if this was possible in the system. Jeffrey Satriano assured the group that there will be two separate databases, so there will be no possible way that the supernumerary forum attendees will be counted. These students will be in the same testing room as all the other students. Adam asked what the certificates would say. The certificate would not have a place and they would not receive ribbons, trophies, nor would their names be announced in the awards assembly. Geoff was assured that these delegates could take tests, play open certamen, Ludi, and run for state office. State officers would also be included in the school’s group of ten supernumerary delegates. Craig reminded the group that this increases your chaperone requirement. Adam reminded the group that this is done on a trial basis. Susan asked if anything else needed to be addressed.

Aurelia stated that $985 was given to the American Cancer society in Marie Girardeau’s memory.

Kristen asked about students who are no longer enrolled in Latin. Jeffrey stated that there are no rules about Latin, Classics, enrollment in order to compete. He stated that the student should have completed the highest level of Latin/Greek/Classics that the school has to offer. If a student is unable to take Latin under extenuating circumstances, the sponsor could ask the registrar if that student would be able to compete.

Susan asked if anyone objected to this new policy. No one objected. There was nothing else from Forum planning committee.

Under old business, concerning regional redistricting, our regions are lopsided in numbers. Craig placed a map on the website to see if we could even out the numbers of schools on each region. Craig stated that many schools still needed to identify themselves on the map. Aurelia stated that regions were last reorganized in the mid-eighties. Susan stated that larger regions may need to be divided into two smaller regions. Craig reported that there are many geographical concerns. Susan recommended that a committee should look at the regions and make some revisions.

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

Region I Gulf Breeze HS February 9th

Region II Leon HS January 26th

Region III Wolfsan HS February 2nd

Region IV Oak Hall February 2nd

Region V Holy Trinity February 2nd

Region VI Windermere Prep February 16th

Region VII Tampa Prep February 2nd

Region VIII J.P. Taravella January 19th

Amy Hornick stated that she still needed test writers and anyone willing to write, please talk to her as soon as possible. She stated that eleven tests are still needed.

Generosa stated that if you are willing to write Regional Certamen questions please see her.

Under region districting, Craig stated that he would ask region hosts about schools that attended this past year’s regionals; he would then gather four members, and then see if there is a consensus. The group agreed that Craig and four other members would be in committee.

Under new business, when Craig put up the new registration, it brought up an issue about scholarships and their names. The question was posed if the Geraldine Hodges Memorial Travel Scholarship should have a name change to honor other departed Latin teachers or should the name be kept the same. Adam stated that if names are added then people’s feelings could be hurt. Geoff suggested if the scholarship had a general name then other teachers would be mentioned alongside Geraldine Hodges. Craig mentioned concerns that money which has been donated in Linda Gaskins’ name is currently in the general fund. Since many of these funds were one time donations, he stated that funds would have to be set aside in the future to perpetuate scholarships. Linda Mishkin stated that the name of Geraldine Hodges could not be taken away, since it was established to honor her specifically. She suggested a non-monetary way of reminding us of those who have passed. Aurelia stated we could continue to supplement both scholarships with dues if the money is there. Adam reminded that we wanted to keep the Marie scholarship together with the Regional coin war. Aurelia argued that perhaps the coin war should be a student based initiative as far as which cause its funds support. Silvana suggested that we could split the coin wars regional and state, one for scholarships and one for a charitable organization. Generosa stated that the awards or tests could be named after those who have passed. Susan summarized that the scholarship names should not be changed (Geraldine R. Hodges Travel Scholarship and Marie Girardeau Memorial Student scholarship). Susan asked if we reached a consensus. Craig liked Generosa’s idea for adding names to awards and recognitions in the memory of former colleagues. Susan McDonald stated that a mention could be added in next year’s State Forum program that funds were received as memorials for teachers. Generosa asked if we could start a general scholarship fund. Adam stated that those funds could be included in the general fund. Craig mentioned that now each year the Geraldine Hodges Travel Scholarship is taken out of CAF dues. CAF dues were recently raised because general funds were running low. Susan asked if the group agreed that the scholarship names remain the same and a list of names for whom donations were given be published. The group consented.

Susan thanked Kristen Youngblood for getting the new AP course code. She congratulated Jeffrey Satriano on being Latin teacher of the year for 2012. Susan asked for more announcements.

Jim Sickinger stated that more money was received from CAMWS and the essay contest would continue. The essay prompt would be published on November first and essays will be due after the conclusion of all Regional Fora. He continued to state that CAWMS will be in Tallahassee first through the third of November. Attendance of High school teachers is encouraged on Nov 3rd. Non-members may attend, at the cost of $25 a day. More information will be forth-coming on the CAF website.

Cynthia Hazard introduced her colleague Misti Wonders.

Other new members were introduced by Susan McDonald. Harrison Sepulveda, is teaching at St. Johns Country Day School.

Meredith Sitz introduced, Vanessa Zeiner-Parilla, a new teacher at the Bolles School.

Danielle Goldsby is the new Latin teacher at the Out of Door Academy.

Adam mentioned a new job opening at Edgewood senior high school in Meritt Island.

Aurelia and Amy Hornick will be doing a CAF trip to Sicily this summer. There is a working itinerary including Pompeii, Rome, and Herculaneum. Costs are approximately $2300 plus airfare. Current airfare ranges from $1100 to $1500, and a group rate may be possible. This includes Aeolian Islands. The dates are approximately June 6th to the 20th.

Generosa stated that the CAWMS pedagogical panels will start at 1pm on Saturday Nov 3rd.

Craig Bebergal said that the Virtual school is still looking for part-time and full-time Latin teachers.

Aurelia recommended Barnabus and Bella, a “Glee” type student video, completely in Latin. It was made by students at Santa Monica High School, and it retails at $10.

.

Silvia Marini had many free items to give away.

Susan called for a motion to adjourn, Geoff moved for an adjournment, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Dillinger, CAF Secretary

Members who signed in

1. Christy Tucker 17. Catherine Sturgill
2. Kristen K. Youngblood 18. Geoffrey Revard
3. Meredith Sitz 19. Craig Bebergal
4. Adam Mize 20. Harrison Sepulveda
5. Silvana Wilbur 21. Judith Hahn
6. Casey Henry 22. Jim Sickinger
7. Casey Carpenter-Smith 23. Leslie Peebles
8. Misti Wonders 24. Silvia Marini
9. Cynthia Hazard 25. Susan McDonald
10. Janice B. Lee 26. Vanessa Zeiner-Parilla
11. Rosie Grabowski 27. Generosa Sangco-Jackson
12. Aurelia Ogles 28. David Jackson
13. Alan Blessing 29. Jeffrey Satriano
14. Amy Hornick 30. Linda Mishkin
15. C. Danielle Goldsby 31. Tony Haakman
16. Megan Kabella 32. Phil Dillinger