Minutes of the Classical Association of Florida

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort

President Susan McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:58. There were fifteen 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 thanked them for their contributions to the FFLA conference.

Susan asked for changes to the spring meeting minutes. Sue Shelton moved that the minutes be accepted and Geoff Revard seconded. The minutes were accepted.

Susan spoke briefly about the business end of the ACL. She passed around the annual financial ACL report around the meeting.

Susan stated that FFLA was budgeted at $29,000 and had already brought in $30,000. She said that finically things were looking up for FFLA. She was hopeful that the new financial director and president of FFLA would properly handle the business end of FFLA. Aurelia Ogles mentioned that Geoff Revard would be willing to be nominated for FFLA president. Susan agreed that she would nominate Geoff at the noon FFLA business meeting.

Susan reminded members to fill out evaluations for the FFLA speakers. The current FFLA president wants to ensure that the general assembly speakers are applicable to all language teachers.

Leslie Perkins inquired about FFLA student scholarships.

Geoff Revard inquired about devising a new CAF logo that is separate from the FJCL logo. Adam Mize said he would ask the FJCL technology coordinator to work on a new logo.

Adam Mize, Vice President, reminded all members of the date for State Latin Forum, April 7-9, 2011. He suggested that everyone check out the new FJCL website which has been updated and streamlined. He would like teachers to submit any digital copies of Regional and State tests to him. Geoff Revard voiced concerns about publishing tests to the web. He recommended that the tests be password protected on the site to only allow teachers and FJCL members to view them. Geoff also suggested adding a disclaimer and a copyright to each test. Adam said he would prefer that we not password protect the tests. Adam announced that he has been creating a database of chapters with JCL who do not attend State Forum. He has sent letters to these teachers encouraging them to come to State. State Forum registration

Phil Dillinger, Secretary, had nothing to report.

Sue Shelton, Treasurer, handed out the CAF financial report. The only expense has been $10.63 for postage. There have also been donations made to the CAF treasury. It was recommended that donations to the CAF be discussed under old business. The current CAF balance stands at 4583.03.

Aurelia Ogles handed out the FJCL financial report. Currently she has only received $429 in FJCL dues. The deadline for dues is November 30th.

Sue Shelton recommended that someone else be added to the list of signing CAF checks. Craig Bebergal motioned that Susan McDonald be added to the list. Leslie Perkins seconded. The motion passed.

Ken Andino, State Chair, reported that 107 delegates attended the 2010 NJCL convention in Fargo, North Dakota. Despite a tornado warning the first night he reported that it was an enjoyable convention. All three State Certamen teams made the finals. Amber Houston of Florida was elected NJCL Editor. A student from Florida tied for first place for Academic Decathlon. The governor of North Dakota made an appearance at a general assembly. The 2011 convention will be at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. There are currently plans to have a bus trip leave July 23rd for a scenic trip to convention. The bus will stop for sightseeing in Atlanta, an overnight in Chattanooga, a day Mammoth Caves, and then to the University for the Preconvention Night.

Alan Blessing announced that Amy Hornick is the recipient for CAF travel scholarship and that she will be visiting Roman Britain next year. Susan commended Judith Hahn for her presentation on the Etruscans at FFLA.

Linda Mishkin reported that applications for student scholarship are on the FJCL website.

Susan McDonald mentioned that there is currently not a nominating committee. She recommended that she would like one to be formed. Leslie Perkins volunteered to head the nominating committee. Susan appointed Leslie as the nominating committee chair. Susan mentioned that in the spring there will be a need for nominations for CAF Vice President. Sue Shelton is currently taking over the position of treasurer for Karen Rieffel. Craig Bebergal recommended that Sue Shelton finish Karen’s term of treasurer. Leslie Perkins seconded. The motion passed. Sue Shelton will finish Karen Rieffel’s term as treasurer.

Dave Jackson, Certamen committee Chair, mentioned that there will be an academic decathlon completion offered at state. He said that the contest will not be for points but rather with a monetary reward. Leslie Perkins inquired where the money would come from. Aurelia Ogles suggested that it be built into the FJCL budget.

Cathy Sturgill had nothing to report for creative for State Forum.

Under old business, Susan McDonald asked for a second round of applause for Ken Andino, Florida Latin Teacher of the year. Geoff Revard decided that he would like to write a constitutional amendment. Currently the constitution reads that the President is elected in the spring meeting and the newly elected President takes office July 1st. Currently FFLA business starts in January. Geoff mentioned that it would be more sensible to elect a new president in the fall meeting. This way the president would be able to attend both FFLA planning meetings. Geoff recommended that the election of the president of CAF be held at the fall CAF meeting. Geoff promised to submit a formal proposal for this amendment in the spring. Leslie Perkins recommended that there be an online voting system for CAF offices. Craig Bebergal said he would be able to easily create an online voting system. David Jackson voiced a concern about proposing a new amendment. Leslie Perkins moved that we table this discussion to the end of the meeting. Craig Bebergal seconded the tabling. The discussion was tabled to the end of the meeting.

Under new business, Susan mentioned the Most Valuable Teacher Awards at FFLA. A new pipe line for FFLA states that you must be nominated for the Most Valuable Teacher Award five times to be awarded a FFLA Hall of Fame Award. Many CAF member names were submitted to FFLA committee member, Silvia Amaya. Unfortunately the names were not received by email. Fortunately Susan was able to nominate the CAF members present at the awards as Most Valuable Teachers. She asked that you please think about who to nominate for next year’s FFLA.

Susan offered Kudos to Craig Bebergal and Adam Mize for the work on the CAF and FJCL websites. There was a motion to combine the server for the websites but the motion was withdrawn. Adam and Craig will work on this later. Craig stated that FFLA presentations and the AP Caesar material will be posted the CAF website.

Susan discussed the current call for presentations for the 2011 FFLA meeting. She would like to garner all teacher ideas for these presentations. These must be submitted by July 1st. Aurelia Ogles suggested that there be an offsite AP workshop at the next FFLA convention. Please email Susan any ideas you might have throughout the year.

Under history, Susan discussed the booklet that Alan Blessing handed out the previous day (A History of the Classical Association of Florida). Currently there needs to be an update on FJCL and CAF history from 1985-2010. Alan Blessing volunteered to be chair of the *ad hoc* committee for updating the history. Susan appointed him as *ad hoc* committee chair for updating CAF history.

Dave Jackson mentioned upcoming Certamen workshops in Gainesville and Tallahassee.

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

Region I unknown unknown

Region II Leon HS January 29th

Region III unknown unknown

Region IV Leesburg HS January 29th

Region V Satellite Beach HS January 29th

Region VI unknown unknown

Region VII Berkeley Prep. February 5th

Region VIII J.P. Taravella HS January 29th

Sue Shelton stated that she will try to send teachers with virtual students to Regional Fora. She said that Virtual Students must be accompanied by a parent.

Susan asked for more announcements. Geoff Revard withdrew the discussion on CAF presidential elections.

Susan called for a motion to adjourn, Alan Blessing and Aurelia Ogles seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01am.

Respectfully submitted

Phil Dillinger, CAF Secretary

Members who signed in

Aurelia Ogles Sue Shelton

Judith Hahn Geoffrey Revard

Adam Mize Alan Blessing

Craig Bebergal Silvia Marini

Ken Andino David Jackson

Susan McDonald Phil Dillinger

Linda Mishkin Cathy Sturgill

Leslie Perkins