

MINUTES:

OHIO CLASSICAL CONFERENCE MONTHLY MEETING: MAY 2023

Monday, May 15, 2023, on Zoom, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Timothy Wutrich, President

Kenneth Silverman, Vice-president

Mary Jo Behrensmeyer, Treasurer

Edith Foster, Secretary

Jeff Kolo, Webmaster

Christy Benning, Columbus Academy Liaison

Garrett Jacobson, Member at Large

I. Old Business

The Minutes of 18 April were not yet accepted; they will be brought forward, together with the minutes of 15 May, on June 20.

B. Officer reports

1. President (Timothy Wutrich):

TW: announced that a main job of the present meeting would be to begin to hammer out an agenda for the October meeting (See II.B, below, for the draft agenda.). He also announced that we should hold a morning meeting later this summer, in Columbus, in order to go over the changes to the OCC constitution. He said he would send around some dates, so that we could try to find a day that works for as many people as possible. MJ says that OCC could fund lunch and travel for the group.

2. Vice President (Kenneth Silverman):

KS had news about the speakers for the October meeting. He asked if TW had heard back from Greg Nagy: he had not. He announced that Professor J. Reid would hold the Vergilian Address, and that Richard Janko would speak on Homer; Reiner Friedrich is in ill health and cannot attend. Ken will reach out to C

Katherine Kretler, and otherwise put together the Homer panel. TW: asked whether he had tried a call for papers from professors in general, and suggested that we should invite the professoriate to come back and hold papers, as they used to.

3. Treasurer (Mary Jo Behrensmeyer)

MJB reported that the taxes had been paid without incident. She suggested that the OCC should run a book table at the annual meeting, as it has done in the past. She volunteered to contact publishers who could provide books *gratis*; the books would be handed out at the end of the meeting. TW suggested that we could also raffle the books off. CB asked MJB: how do I get financing going for Julie Berry, whose fee is \$2000 plus traveling, she will be driving in from Buffalo. MJB responded that the funding will not be a problem CB and MJB discussed that Julie Berry may also have books that she would like to share. MJB suggested that she will order books for attendees and ask the speaker to autograph them, so that the OCC could hand them out at the conference. CB agreed; TW proposed that we should run expenses past the finance committee. CB confirmed that we would need to cover the fees for Julie Berry, plus travel, plus whatever books of hers we want to purchase.

4. Secretary (Edith Foster):

(1.) EF gave an update on the grant proposal for the Ohio Humanities Council. She spoke with an agent at the council, who was enthusiastic about the proposal partly to cover speakers' expenses for the October with an OHC grant. The grant would be for \$5000; MJB asked whether this could be considered a "matching" grant. EF responded that \$5,000 was the maximum 'Spark' grant, and that OHC does expect that we will cover more of the expense for the meeting than they do.

(2.) EF informed the group that so far only one essay has been submitted for the undergraduate panel, while acknowledging that there is still some time before the deadline. There was some discussion about making the panel a hybrid student/professor panel (GJ). There was speculation about whether our original CFP was too specific; EF noted that some professors had told her that they and their students don't currently have anything on Homer to contribute. Ultimately KS agreed to write a CFP for a general panel, at which professors might also speak, but others (GJ, EF) thought this might be too rushed, moreover, OCC is not well-enough established that people will write a paper in the middle of the summer so that they can present at OCC. We agreed that we would all try to get submissions from our students and as a group we will wait for the 26 May 2023 deadline before taking further action.

5. Webmaster (Jeff Kolo):

JK asked whether we want a more specific blurb for the meeting on the website. CB suggested perhaps producing a short slideshow, announcing keynote speaker, providing a link to her website, and/or showing the cover of her book, for instance.

There could also be a slideshow concerning the different events at the meeting. It was agreed that once we have titles for the talks we can announce them on the website.

6. Columbus Academy Liaison (Christy Benning):

CB suggested contacting Samantha Frodge about timing of the certamen at the fall meeting: samantha.frodge@ihsd.us. She had earlier discussed payment of the Keynote Speaker with the treasurer (see section 3).

II. New Business

A. Draft Agenda for October Meeting

Friday, October 13th

Friday afternoon 3:00 – 5:00: Business Meeting?

Friday evening: Banquet (paid event).

Saturday, October 14th

8:00 –9:00 Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 Keynote Speaker or Undergraduate panel?

10: 00 – 11:00 Keynote Speaker or Undergraduate panel?

11:15– 12:15: Eta Sigma Phi: Play Reading (Aristophanes' *Clouds*?)

Lunch 12:30 – 13:45 : Vergilian Luncheon

2:00 – 3:00 Homer Panel

3:00 – 4:00: Certamen

4:00 – 5:00: professorial panel?

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, June 20th, at 7:00 PM.