

## MINUTES:

### OHIO CLASSICAL CONFERENCE MONTHLY MEETING: APRIL 2023 AGENDA

Tuesday 18 April 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  
Christy Benning  
Benjamin Lupica

#### I. Old Business

A. the Minutes of 27 March were accepted.

#### B. Officer reports

##### 1. President (Timothy Wutrich):

In response to the threat to the Shaker Heights Latin Program TW wrote a letter to the school board, and has heard that the program will be retained; the outpouring of support for the program has been strong. Another program saved. CB thanked TW for his efforts. TW remarks that this is something the OCC can do when needed.

For the 2023 meeting, TW asks, shall we solicit papers from Professors in Ohio. This was previously a mainstay in the program. No decision was reached.

##### 2. Vice President (Kenneth Silverman):

KS reports on the Academic panel speakers for the Homer Panel, Richard Janko says he will come, Gregory Nagy also responded, and is very enthusiastic to help with the project, and has forwarded the invitation to students and colleagues at Harvard. TW offers to 'nudge' Greg Nagy to attend. BL remarks that Nagy has attended the OCC before.

J. D. Reed has agreed to hold the Vergilian Luncheon lecture. TW suggests a call for papers for further Homer scholars to fill out the Homer panel. Also, we could reach out to Katherine Kretler.

##### 3. Treasurer (Mary Jo Behrensmeyer)

MJB: the OCC's taxes have been filed. The OCC pays \$100 per year for the Ohio Charitable Trust. The OCC pays no taxes federally, but the tax prep costs \$2,300 per year. This is a big on-going expense for the OCC. TW asks: should we explore other options? MJB says: they have been doing our taxes for some time and know our organization, they are very good and detail

oriented. Other ways might be cheaper, but will they be as good? MJB: all our assets are with Dieter Advisory Group since prior to 2008. Dieter Group is in Cincinnati; he has nothing to do with the tax preparers, but thinks they are very competent. We have never had an issue with an IRS.

MJB says that we have access to \$20,000 for the next meeting if we need to use that much: we can pay for the guest speakers. CB asks about last year's speaker, who cost \$1,825, with airfare and stipend, and \$600 for the hotel.

The Banquet: MJB has retained The Barn, as for last year. She suggests a charge of \$30 for each person for the meal. Last year people signed up and didn't show up, so we need people to pay in advance. CB says that if you want folks to show up, \$30 is really generous. Perhaps \$40 would be better? If the OCC is paying \$100 per plate, that might be more reasonable? TW says: should we reintroduce the conference fees? BL and EF say that a conference fee sounds very reasonable.

4. Secretary (Edith Foster): reads draft letter to Ohio Humanities Council, which she will send off; asks for suggestions for an undergraduate panel moderator from a non-participating institution. Suggestions include Neil Bernstein at Ohio University and Sarah Iles Johnston at OSU; the group agreed that SIJ should be contacted first. It is also suggested to reach out to the two Latin teachers at the Seven Hills School; Katie Swinford, Marcy Handler, since they have connections with the UC crowd, especially in Archaeology.

5. Webmaster (Jeff Kolo): was not present but sends word that he will post updates at any time.

6. Columbus Academy Liaison (Christy Bening): keynote speaker: CB reports that she has written to most of the people on her list. Most said no, however, Julie Barry, who wrote *A Lovely War*, said she might be interested. Barry used to be a children's author. She has not written back recently, but CB will contact her again. TW asks her to please follow up.

C. Budget Committee updates: Paul Iversen (CWRU) agrees to serve. MJB, TW, SL, and PI will be the budget committee.

## II. New Business

### A. Membership Development (Christy)

How can we incentivize people to attend? CB: We want to make sure that we cultivate younger Latin teachers. TW: How can we get the state schools back into the conference? We have some new colleagues, e.g. OSU has hired a new Greek philosopher. How to get the high school teachers and specifically the teachers from Seven Hills School in Cincinnati involved? TW suggests a poster session on Archaeology, perhaps after lunch, involving the two teachers from Seven Hills School.

## B. Other New Business

Next meeting: a priority will be to set the agenda for next year's meeting. CB says that Columbus Academy could not be available on the Friday before the conference. Various alternative suggestions were offered, including OSU and the conference hotel.

## III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:11.

Our next meeting is on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM on Zoom.