

MINUTES
OHIO CLASSICAL CONFERENCE MONTHLY MEETING:
JUNE 2023 AGENDA

Tuesday 20 June 2023 on Zoom, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Timothy Wutrich
Kenneth Silverman
Edith Foster
Christy Bening
Sherwin Little
Jeff Kolo
Samantha Frodge
Garrett Jacobson

Excused Absence:

Mary Jo Behrensmeyer

I. Old Business:

- A. Review of and vote on Minutes of April 18th and May 15th. With some spelling changes, the minutes of both meetings are approved.

Samantha Frodge introduced herself as one of the state chairs of the OCL.

B. Officer reports

1. President (Timothy Wutrich): TW had no initial report.
2. Vice President (Kenneth Silverman) reported on the Homer panel; KS has been communicating with Katie Kretler and Lilian Dority, both of whom seem like they may be able to speak for the Homer panel. As for the Vergilian Luncheon: KS reported no new developments.
3. Treasurer (Mary Jo Behrensmeyer): see e-mail from 19 June 2023 (see attachment) The committee wishes to record its thanks to MJB for taking care of so many tasks.
4. Secretary (Edith Foster): reported on the undergraduate panel; eight papers were received, four chosen; the Homeric theme posed difficulties for colleges that have Latin, but no Greek. Once final titles have been received, EF will send these to JK, who will be able to make up the program. A panel moderator is needed. The committee asked EF to contact Sarah Iles Johnston at OSU.
5. Webmaster (Jeff Kolo): offered updates on the website; CB asks if there is already a blurb about the keynote speaker, SL and SF say they can further advertise the event, once a blurb has been created.

6. Columbus Academy Liaison (Christy Bening): has been in communication with the keynote speaker. A discussion of the simultaneous OCC/OJCL program ensued. The new schedule is as follows:

Friday, October 13th

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

Friday evening: Banquet 6.30

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 – 3:30 Homer Panel

3:30 – 4:30: Certamen

Socializing ad libitum.

C. October 2023 Meeting at Columbus Academy 13 – 14 October 2023: for the new agenda, see above.

II. New Business

A. Ohio Humanities Grant Application: EF reported that a budget for the entire meeting will need to be created for the grant application; Mary Jo will therefore need to be consulted; a draft needs to be written in July, finalized in August.

B. July meeting in Columbus to finish the OCC Constitution was set for Tuesday, July 18th at 10:00

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52.

Dear Timothy, et al.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to join the June meeting as I will be in Cleveland with the Cuyahoga Community College and Vocational Center (cast and all) addressing the needs of the Knox Technical Center where I teach the GED/Adult Diploma.

My Treasurer's update is as follows:

The Ohio Classical Conference Schwab One Account Effective May 31,2021: \$261,472.51

The contract with The Barn, Gahanna, Ohio, for the OCC Banquet has been signed. I have moved the banquet to 630 p.m. to allow for drive time to the banquet and to meet the needs of their staff as well. We will not be in the Trophy Room, but The Loft, which is upstairs. Just as beautiful, but a little larger.

I reached out to Julie Berry. I will handle her hotel arrangements for her, as well as her husband, who will be joining her. I have extended an invitation to both for the banquet.

Julie Berry has requested an opportunity for a book signing. However she prefers local, not franchise/large bookstores, e.g. Barnes & Noble. I made contact with Paragraphs Bookstore located here in Mount Vernon. They handled the book orders for our George O'Connor visit. They will order books for us with an educator discount. We can discuss this further.

I look forward to an in-person meeting at Columbus Academy. The later in July, the likelihood I will be able to drive. I am still in a cast and non-weightbearing until Thursday when, hopefully, I go to a walking cast. I, too, am traveling to Israel July 5 and returning July 14.

Thank you to all,

Mary Jo