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OHIO CLASSICAL CONFERENCE MONTHLY MEETING: MARCH 2023

Monday, March 27, 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

The minutes of the Meeting of March 28, 2023 were accepted.

II. New Business: Officer Reports.

a) TW spoke of the urgency of planning an eta sigma phi event for the October meeting. CB suggested that Tim should contact Lisa Mays, at the OCL, about further student involvement.

b) KS said he would contact speakers for the Homer panel soon.

c) EF will email Jeff Kolo and ask him to send out a reminder of the CFP for undergraduate papers for the October meeting. She will also draft a letter to the program officer(s) at Ohio Humanities about funding for the October meeting. The letter will be sent to MJB, GJ, TW, and KS first, for approval. EF further suggested that the constitution be amended to make the secretary responsible for recording, not communication.

d) MJB reported that she decided on Progressive for event insurance for the October meeting; insurance costs $105.00. She asked whether there would be a banquet on the Friday of the conference this year. TW suggested that we should have a banquet, but that we should pay for our own food, except that we should pay for dinner for the speakers. Alternatively, the OCC could pick up a portion of the meal. MJB volunteered to take care of the banquet, once we have a plan for it. She also shared a new email
address: mjbehrens@hotmail.com

e) CB reported on choices for the keynote speaker. She had many suggestions: Natalie Haynes, Julie Berry, Flora Kirk, Pat Barker, Caroline Lawrence and others. Another possibility might be Denise McCloskey, who might speak in honor of Judith DeLuce. She volunteered to contact four possible speakers to see what response would result. Her report led to a short discussion of the speaker for the Vergilian luncheon: KS reminded the committee that he had made suggestions at the previous meeting. CB also reported on closing of program at Shaker Heights High School. TW said he would write a letter of protest on behalf of the OCC. Christi reported that the program at Shaker Heights is thriving and excellent in quality.

III. Constitutional Issues

EF read a summary of constitutional changes, so far. CB suggested tabling all constitutional issues until June, and then devoting a special meeting to the constitution, perhaps meeting for two hours. TW suggested meeting in Columbus. It was decided that we would take time next meeting to set a date for the constitutional meeting.

Next month’s meeting was set for Tuesday, April 18th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54.