

**Minutes from EAC Meeting**  
**June 10, 2020**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Joan Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:02 am and then recited the opening prayer. Those in attendance were: Barb Atteln, Paula Bakula, JoAnn Donovan, Nancy English, Maggie Fowler, Wendi Valenti, and Mary Lee Walter. Joan Falk joined later in the meeting.

*Minutes: Nancy English*

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

*Treasurer's Report: Paula Bakula*

Paula's report had been sent via email to EAC members. Currently, the FCC treasury shows a balance of \$6867.00.

*Corresponding Secretary: Barb Atteln*

Barb had acknowledged six membership renewals this past month.

*Communications: Joan Falk (Joan had not been in attendance at this point of the meeting; however, she had submitted her report via email before the meeting. Her report is included here.)*

The Communications Committee had been at work on the Summer issue. In this issue there will be a feature article about President Nancy Blattner, a feature on the FCC award for the woodshop renovation in the Fine Arts Department, a story on the Prayer Connection, and reports of the Zoom presentations on awards relating to the G.R.A.C.E. program and the Food Lab update. A report on the new officers and committee members will be included as well as a note to the membership encouraging full participation at the upcoming Annual Planning meeting in August. Joan reminded everyone that she can add graphic elements for visual appeal to any FCC message or invitation going out to the membership. Joan had designed the "Staying Connected" email invitation to the Zoom talks scheduled for June and July.

*Archives: Nancy English*

Nancy had nothing to report.

*Awards: Mary Lee Walter (Susan Lenihan was not in attendance.)*

Wendi reported that this year's Homecoming would be in a virtual format. As part of that, program time will be made available for FCC to highlight funded projects currently underway at the university. Attendees will have to register for specific events throughout the entire Homecoming event; therefore, it will be possible for FCC to know which alumnae had expressed interest in each of its events, regardless of whether alumnae actually attended the event or not. Barb Atteln asked if it would be possible to record each of the events. Wendi replied that this possibly could be accomplished. Maggie suggested a little video could be shown in the FCC event, the purpose of which would be to introduce FCC to the viewers by including a description of its creation, an overview of past awarded projects, and an accounting of the significant amount of money donated over the years. Joan Kelly suggested that if any of us had any ideas about such

a video or about the FCC event at Homecoming to please send them to Mary Lee for consideration.

*Bylaws: Barb Atteln*

The bylaws are ready for review by the EAC. One issue that still has not been clarified is the extent of the responsibility of the immediate-past chair as a member of the EAC. The bylaws under which the FCC has recently operated make no mention of that position as part of the EAC, primarily because it is not an elected position. If someone were to leave the organization after serving as president, there obviously would be no election to replace that past president. Should this person, who probably knows the very most about the organization, have the responsibility of further serving the organization by acting in an advisory position on the EAC? Should this position be a voting position? Should this information be added to the bylaws? As much as having the past president be included as an EAC member would aid in the continuity of leadership, what would happen if the president-elect served for three years, then served as the chair for three years, and then would she have to serve as the immediate-past president for three years? That would mean that a person would be donating almost a decade of her life to serve on the EAC. Would it be possible to simply suggest the past president serve a minimum of one year as an EAC member? Wendi proposed that if the immediate-past chair was unable to fulfil this particular responsibility that the chair could have the power to appoint some other previous chair to assume this position. Barb said that in light of all of this discussion, she would work up a proposal and then send it out to the EAC members before the next meeting.

*Events: Mary Grace was not in attendance.*

*Membership: JoAnn Donovan*

JoAnn discussed the three Zoom events scheduled for the summer – two that would each showcase a previously funded projects and the third which would be a Summer Social Zoom between the newer members and any seasoned (*older* just did not seem kind to add here) members of the FCC who would like to participate. Mary Lee explained that the purpose for this third Zoom event would be to build a stronger bridge between the newer members and the organization itself.

Other activities planned for this coming year include continuing to make phone calls in the month of February (around Valentine's Day) to thank members for their support, as well as Zoom events, similar to those scheduled for this summer, that feature past award winners. It has been suggested that alumnae who have graduated from the department featured in the Zoom event, could be personally invited to these events. This would serve as a heads-up on what the FCC is doing that supports the majors in that alumna's department. Attempts are also being made to target graduates of more than 25 years, who live in cities outside of St. Louis, to get Fontbonne graduates together in their own cities of residence.

*FCC Liaison: Wendi*

Until June 26<sup>th</sup>, campus will remain closed. Nancy Blattner's first official day is July 1. It is not yet known how the campus proceedings will unfold during the month of July. From Advancement's perspective, at least for the beginning of the school year, the Zoom platform will

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be used for its business. Room restrictions in terms of required 25% capacity put a hamper on any sort of physical attendance.

*Calendar Updates:* July 15<sup>th</sup> is the date scheduled for the transition meeting. Joan Kelly announced that officer selection would be completed by the end of June.

The meeting was officially concluded at 10:09 am.

*Respectfully submitted by Nancy English, Recording Secretary*