

**EAC Meeting
June 9, 2021
Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by chair, JoAnn Donovan at 9:02 am. Wendi Valenti recited the opening prayer. Those in attendance were Barb Atteln, Paula Bakula, Connie Diekman, JoAnn Donovan, Nancy English, Joan Falk, Lucy Hahn, Joan Kelly, Susan Lenihan, Wendi Valenti, and Mary Lee Walter.

Agenda and Consent Agenda: JoAnn Donovan

Motions were made, seconded, and passed to approve both the agenda and the consent agenda.

Results of the membership vote on the slate of officers: JoAnn Donovan

There had been no objections to the proposed slate of officers sent via email to the membership at large. Consequently, these are the officers who will assume duties as of July 1, 2021.

Chair: JoAnn Donovan
Vice-Chair: Connie Diekman
Past-Chair: Joan Kelly
Treasurer: Paula Bakula
Recording Secretary: Nancy English
Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Ann Kerr

Status of the membership campaign: Lucy Hahn

There was nothing new to add to the Membership Committee report, which can be found at the end of this document.

Golden Arcade Reconnect: Wendi Valenti

This event, tentatively scheduled for September 17 at noon, will be set up for women in the Fontbonne graduation classes of 1964 through 1969; it will provide the participants in these classes a chance to reconnect with classmates. FCC has several members who graduated in these years, which possibly could increase the likelihood of successfully recruiting from these classes. (Originally it had been thought that this would include the class of 1963 as well; however, it was decided that the classes of 1964 through 1969 were those classes from which most of our current FCC members graduated. Perhaps the classes of 1963 and earlier could be invited and would be combined into a separate *1963 and Earlier* category.)

Diversity and Inclusion: Mary Lee Walter

In October, Kasi Williamson, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will present a program highlighting how Fontbonne's efforts to promote diversity and inclusion have been enhanced by FCC grants. Perhaps Deanna Williams, Fontbonne's new Director of Multicultural Affairs, will help facilitate this endeavor.

Planning Meeting: Joan Kelly

- Joan had just sent out a copy of the tentative agenda for this meeting. She was open to suggestions regarding the amount of time devoted to the Membership Committee and their discussion of the Centennial Campaign.
- Membership and Awards will be the only two committees with scheduled breakouts at the Planning Meeting; it will be emphasized that attending one of these breakout sessions will not be interpreted as wanting to become one of its active members.

Voting Survey Results: Wendi Valenti

Members suggested they be provided with more budget detail in the submitted proposals. This topic will be on agenda at the Planning Meeting.

FCC Video; Joan Falk

The video is now complete. Questions linger as to how to post it on the website for maximum benefit and how to revamp the website itself to make it more effective. This will have to be a joint effort with the newly staffed Marketing department. The decision as to when and how this video will be shared with all FCC members has not yet been made.

Corresponding Secretary Issues: Barb Atteln

Now that Barb is officially transitioning her position to Ruth Ann Kerr, Barb has suggested that there be an official way for the corresponding secretary to be reimbursed for postage.

FCC Manual: Barb Atteln

The first review of current contents should be completed by the end of June.

Awards: Mary Lee Walter and Susan Lenihan

Marcia Quint will be talking with the Awards Committee in the Fall. In that Marcia is also available for the Planning Meeting, it was thought that it would be effective to invite her to be part of the Awards Breakout Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am.

Reports from Chairs and Officers

- ***EAC Meeting Minutes: Nancy English***
Minutes from the May 12 EAC meeting were approved.
- ***Treasurer's Report: Paula Bakula***
\$11,022 is currently available for future awards.
- ***Corresponding Secretary: Barb Atteln***
 - Barb acknowledged two membership renewals and two new members (Catherine Schroy and Marie Harris, CSJ).
 - Barb reported FCC had received a *Thank You* letter from Sr. Donna Gunn for the \$800 donation made by FCC to the Fontbonne Art Department for a Nazareth Living Center project. This amount was proposed and approved at May's EAC Meeting, and was to be taken from the FCC Operating Fund (as is documented in the minutes).

- Barb needs to determine how to appropriately acknowledge the passing of George Zell, husband of deceased FCC member, Janet Zell.
- **Communications Committee: Joan Falk**
 - Communications Committee plans an early August issue of the Summer FCC Newsletter. It is expected to feature out-of-town members, the new FCC video, the June 17th Zoom on *Fontbonne Library/Archives* and the July 15th Zoom on the FCC-supported *Girls in Science* program. It will also mention August's New-Member-Social-Zoom Event and the Annual Planning Meeting.
 - Communications has prepared the invitations/announcements for the upcoming FCC Zoom activities. They are still exploring updates for the website, as well as various identification "labels" on funded projects to acknowledge FCC support.
- **Archives Committee: Nancy English**

Nancy had nothing to report.
- **Awards Committee: Susan Lenihan and Mary Lee Walter**
 - Marcia Quint had spoken to EAC at the May meeting in order to answer some questions about outside grants and how FCC-Award recipients might use their awards to leverage their ability to get outside grants. It was recommended that the Awards Committee have Marcia speak with their committee in the future. Two items for the Awards committee consideration were highlighted by Marcia.
 - Marcia said that an FCC Award allows pilot projects to get started and that evidence of a successful pilot is beneficial when seeking larger outside grants. She recommended that FCC consider changing its rules to allow for multi-year pilots, which is what many outside funders are looking for.
 - The Awards Committee is considering an event that would communicate about the Awards process for faculty, staff and students ahead of the opening of the preliminary application in the Fall. The purpose would be to educate newcomers and to inspire dreams. Marcia is planning to host a seminar/lunch-and-learn type of event to educate faculty and staff about grants. Perhaps Marcia and the Awards Committee can coordinate these efforts.
 - The 2020 Final Reports are coming in. We expect a few extensions may be necessary again, due to delays related to the pandemic. In looking at Kasi Williamson's award, *Dialogues across Differences*, a workshop for faculty and staff, it seemed like it might be a good time to have an FCC event sharing some of the programs we've funded about justice, diversity, and inclusion. Mary Lee Walter brought this up at the Membership Meeting, and all agreed that it would make a good event for the Fall, possibly in October. We are hoping to secure several of the faculty members who had awards related to these topics to present their findings.
- **Events Committee: Joan Kelly**

Joan provided a tentative agenda for the Planning Meeting.

FCC 2020 All Member Planning MEETING, August 12, 2021

10:00 to 10:02	Welcome, JoAnn Donovan
10:02 to 10:05	Opening Prayer
10:05 to 10:10	Opinion Survey Results as follow-up of Annual Awards, Mary Lee Walter/Susan Lenihan
10:15 to 10:30	Centennial Membership Campaign, Maggie Fowler (Do we want to show video?)

10:30 to 10:50	Breakout Committee Discussions (What Committees want their own break-out sessions?)
10:50 to 11:00	Breakout Sharing Discussions
11:00 to 11:00	Wrap-up, JoAnn Donovan

- **Membership Committee: Maggie Fowler and Lucy Hahn**

- There are currently seven members who have not engaged in any activity at all in FCC since July 1, 2020. None of those seven seems to be in danger of allowing her membership to lapse.
- Update on Idaho Recruitment: Lucy has invited six Fontbonne graduates in the Boise area to meet at her home on Saturday, June 19. This is the first time we have actively been engaged in recruiting out-of-town members.
- After Karen Gedera's announcement about FCC at the last Fontbonne Board meeting, two Board members have expressed interest in becoming FCC members.
- There are several young alumnae who are cycling off of Fontbonne's Alumni Board. In that we have enough money in the Sponsorship Program, we should be approaching these young women about FCC membership.
- Wendi will send out an email from FCC regarding the Library Archives Zoom Presentation to a diverse group of Fontbonne alumnae. This information should be quite interesting for many of them.
- *Golden Arcade Reconnect*: Ruth Ann Kerr has suggested a Zoom program for alumnae in the classes of 1963 – 1969. These particular classes provide a solid beginning because FCC has such good representation in those classes. This event would be sponsored by Advancement and FCC. We can include a three-minute update by Nancy Blattner, show the recently completed video, and give information pertaining to the upcoming 2021 Homecoming. Obviously, we would do a commercial for FCC. Members of each class could be assigned to separate breakout rooms to visit with others in their individual classes. The program for this event would be a great topic for our Planning Meeting in August. The *Golden Arcade Reconnect* is tentatively scheduled for September.
- The class of 1970 has not yet had its 50th reunion. Wendi was not sure what is in the works for the class of 1971, and the class of 1972 has not yet begun planning its reunion.
- *Diversity and Inclusion*: Mary Lee Walter suggested we have a Zoom program in October whose focus would be on those funded projects that have dealt in some way with justice, diversity, and inclusion.

- **By-Laws Committee: Barb Atteln**

At last month's EAC Meeting, we discussed a change to the timetable for updating the FCC Manual. The new target date for reviewing the chapters involving officers and committees is now the end of June. Barb will review again the best way to address this 'Step 1' with each officer and committee chair.

- **Advancement Liaison Report: Wendi Valenti**

- Wendy reported that the slate of officers had been emailed to all members for approval and there had been no objections.
- She had attached a rough draft of the 21-22 calendar and asked that EAC members review it and send any additions, recommendations, and/or corrections to her.

- The email invitation for the summer programs had gone out to all members and as of the time of this report there were about ten people registered for each session.
- A reminder will again be sent out next week.
- The Membership and Communications Committees are preparing an email to go out to all alumnae for whom we have emails on record, inviting them to the June and July events. That email will be sent from the Advancement database (due to the large number of emails) but all will show they were sent from fcc@fontbonne.edu.
- *Campus update:* Most staff have returned to campus and some COVID restrictions have begun to loosen; however, masks are still required in public, indoor spaces. We have not yet received direction regarding on-campus meetings and the lifting of room-occupancy restrictions.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy English, Recording Secretary, July 13, 2021.