

EAC Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson JoAnn Donovan; Lucy Hahn read the opening prayer. Those in attendance were Barb Atteln, Paula Bakula, Connie Diekman, JoAnn Donovan, Nancy English, Joan Falk, Maggie Fowler, Lucy Hahn, Joan Kelly, Ruth Ann Kerr, Susan Lenihan, Barb Stroer, Kathy Tanner, Wendi Valenti, and Mary Lee Walter.

Both the agenda and the consent agenda were approved.

Annual Meeting: Joan Kelly

In the interest of reinforcing our membership campaign, the decision was made to include prospective members amongst the invitees. Invitations that go out to the membership will encourage the inviting of non-members and will include a link to the FCC video (which will also be viewed as part of the meeting). Joan provided last year's agenda, which, with a bit of tweaking, morphed into the agenda for this year's meeting.

Membership Update: Lucy Hahn

Graduation Party: Fontbonne Alumni Association will host a Graduation Party in the early evening of Thursday, May 5, 2022. This is not considered to be a recruiting event; it is just an opportunity for FCC to congratulate the new Fontbonne graduates. An FCC representative will be selected to give a toast to the graduates. Wendi is coordinating this with the Membership Committee.

Golden Arcade: This will be part of the Reunion Weekend that will be held May 13-14, 2022. It will include graduates from the years '70 and '71, along with those from '72, who are celebrating their fifty-year anniversary. (Due to COVID restrictions, the other two years' graduates had been unable to meet on campus for their Golden Arcade and are therefore included in this year's event.) Mary Lee has agreed to deliver a toast to these attendees, as she has done in the past during Homecoming.

Awards: Mary Lee Walter and Susan Lenihan

The Awards Committee is seeking answers for two overall questions that deal with the nature of the FCC Awards.

- (1) Should we be doing something different while we are funding dreams but are also dealing with projects that are more operational in nature – items that really should be university-funded?*
- (2) If we fund something that is operational in nature and it will need ongoing financial support, who is supposed to provide the support – FCC or the university?*

Quite a bit of discussion was devoted to the first of these two questions; some of the major points are outlined here. It was decided to address the second question at a later meeting.

- Dreams are nice but the university needs rejuvenation. How do we balance this? Three items are already in place that help us keep this balance.

- Proposals are approved by the department chairs and the dean, which helps ensure that the project has a chance of going somewhere.
- The roundtables help us determine this,
- Every member gets to vote – the vote itself is helping to determine our balance.
- More guidelines need to be provided for the membership to determine the winners. What is it that each member should prioritize in her mind? Could a set of guidelines be provided for each member before the voting for the projects takes place?
- Should we bring back the inclusion of the university strategic plan?
- Do we need a video about the university itself? The new marketing team includes a videographer who has taken videos of the university for recruitment of new students.
- At each roundtable we should discuss *the dreams vs. the needs* situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

Officer and Committee Reports

- ***Treasurer's Report: Paula Bakula***
\$65,902 is available for future Awards as of January 31, 2022.
- ***Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Ann Kerr***
 - There were no new members, no lapsed members and no memorials or tributes.
 - One member was moved from lapsed to dropped.
 - There were six renewals to whom Ruth Ann sent our regards.
 - One sympathy note was sent from FCC.
- ***Communications: Joan Falk***
 - The Editor and staff have just been catching their breath after issuing the FCC Winter '22 Newsletter.
 - The next issue will be ready in early May and will feature accounts of roundtable discussions and our celebratory Annual Meeting and Award Announcements! We hope to also highlight progress on recent award project(s), upcoming activities, and any new members. We are open for suggestions for additional items.
 - We are currently developing an invitation to the Annual Meeting, scheduled for April 23. We are available for assistance in design/editing of other announcements for FCC activities/events.
- ***Archives: Nancy English***
Nancy had nothing to report.
- ***Awards Committee: Susan Lenihan and Mary Lee Walter***
We had one additional application, which, due to an apparent computer glitch, we never received by the deadline. The applicant did let us know when she didn't hear back; we contacted her supervisor, who confirmed knowing about the proposal. After passing the application on to the Awards committee members for their review and opinion, we admitted it to the final application stage. Twenty-six applications will move forward to the final application stage.
- ***Events: Joan Kelly***
Joan had nothing to report.

- **Membership Committee: Lucy Hahn and Maggie Fowler**
 - FCC Valentine is ready to be sent out to all members on February 11th.
 - We would like to contact members that we have not heard from in a while to let them know we care and wonder if there is anything they need. If each EAC member called a few members, it would not be difficult to do.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - Encourage all members to invite a prospect/friend to attend the Annual meeting on April 23, via Zoom.
 - Develop an invitation to forward to a prospect that would include links to the most recent newsletter, video, and Zooms.
 - Graduation party on Thursday, May 5th. FCC representative to give a toast and congratulate graduates on their accomplishment and give short blurb about purpose of FCC. (video?)
 - Golden Arcade reception for classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972 is May 13th.
 - FCC chair or representative to give toast and invite each person to consider membership in FCC.
 - Desserts provided by FCC.
 - Show video?
 - Saturday, May 14th campus tours will include bringing attention to projects funded by the FCC. There will be no students on campus at that time, so the tours will be led by FCC volunteers.
 - We started a conversation on ways to increase diversity of the FCC membership.
 - Increased diversity will give stronger representation and add to discussions when selecting awards.
 - Invite four diverse members to attend an EAC meeting, or at another time that works for them, to share their ideas for recruiting.
 - Prospect list of diverse graduates has been developed but we need some strategies for how to best reach them.
- **Bylaws: Barb Atteln**
Barb had no official report for this month – “still getting my act together.”
- **Advancement Liaison: Wendi Valenti**
There was no report; however, Wendi had sent out the up-to-date calendar.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy English, Recording Secretary, March 7, 2022