

**EAC Meeting
June 8, 2022
Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Vice-Chair Connie Diekman; Barb Atteln read the opening prayer. Those in attendance were Barb Atteln, Paula Bakula, Connie Diekman, Nancy English, Joan Falk, Maggie Fowler, Lucy Hahn, Joan Kelly, Ruth Ann Kerr, Susan Lenihan, Wendi Valenti, and Mary Lee Walter.

The Agenda and the Consent Agenda were both approved.

Comment about Treasurer's Report:

In that the report does not reflect the removal of the money for the 2022 Awards, it is worth noting that \$14,546 is currently available for *future* awards.

Reunion Weekend Review: Susan Lenihan and Mary Lee Walter

Thirty-five alumnae participated in the Tea and Tours on May 14. There appeared to be a very enthusiastic response; alumnae were excited to see the changes that had taken place on campus. The conclusion was that this activity was a potentially successful recruiting tool. Four possible FCC prospects have been identified from the group of participants. An invitation to this summer's Zoom event will be mailed to each of the attendees of this weekend's Reunion activities.

Membership: Lucy Hahn and Maggie Fowler.

Connie Diekman has agreed to serve as co-chair of the Membership Committee with Lucy Hahn. Although Maggie will no longer serve as co-chair, she will remain an active member of the Membership Committee and will concentrate on recruitment.

Planning Meeting (August 10, 2022): Joan Kelly

Joan Kelly shared her proposed agenda for the Planning Meeting. Chairperson JoAnn will open the meeting and provide a short review of the 2022 Awards. Connie and Lucy will discuss the Centennial Membership Campaign. Two, twenty-minute break-out discussion sessions will follow – one for Awards and one for Membership. It will be made clear that participating in one of these break-out sessions will not be interpreted as having interest in serving on one of these committees. Wendy must have all slides for the Meeting's slide show by July 18. The invitation to the event will be sent out three weeks in advance.

Summer Event (Pipeline Project for Careers in the Humanities): Mary Lee Walter

The summer event will showcase Corinne Mason's FCC-funded project, whose purpose was to introduce Fontbonne's History and Humanities majors to places in St. Louis where their skills could make a real difference. The project concluded with a student panel at which students could share what they had researched and learned. The summer event is scheduled for noon, July 22 on Zoom.

Slate of Officers: Connie Diekman

The Slate of Officers had been accepted by the entire FCC community. Joan Kelly announced that she was looking for a co-chair for the Events committee.

Strategic Planning: Connie Diekman

Might we be able to have FCC's plans parallel the university's strategic plan? We need to be aware of where and how we intersect with the university's overall plan. In September, Connie would like to hold a strategic-planning session similar to that which was held in 2019. The purpose would be to discuss how FCC could get to thriving in the next twenty years. It may be advantageous to bring in an outside person to facilitate this – someone who could look objectively at our organization.

Master Calendar: Wendi Valenti

Wendi included a rough draft of the master calendar in her Liaison Report to precipitate thought about future events. Perhaps this could be a topic of discussion at the transition meeting (July EAC meeting), to be held July 13th.

Formal Thank You to Maggie Fowler: Connie Diekman

A formal thank was extended to Maggie Fowler for all of her work over the past years. Kudos to her for years of dedication.

Annual Reports:

Annual Reports are due in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am.

Officer and Committee Reports

- **Treasurer's Report: Paula Bakula**

As of May 31, \$105,147 is available for future awards.

- **Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Ann Kerr**

- Ruth Ann acknowledged one new member, and nine renewed memberships.
- She acknowledged two CSJ Anniversaries.
- She sent thank-you notes to those who facilitated the tours at the Tea and Tours event in May.

- **Communications Committee: Joan Falk**

The FCC Communications Committee has no additional reporting to make as it continues progress on the Summer Newsletter.

- **Archives: Nancy English**

- On June 2nd, Mary Lee Walter, Susan Lenihan, Rebecca Van Kniest (Fontbonne's Archivist), Brady Shuman (Fontbonne's Scholarly Resources Manager), and Nancy English met in the President's Conference Room. We discussed the optimum way to keep the FCC Archives available for those who wish to search digitally and for those who prefer to search in person. Special archive boxes will be provided for the print resources that from this point forward will be printed on special archival paper.

- It was decided that the Awards Archives will be handled separately from the rest of the FCC Archived material. This decision is based on the fact that the Awards calendar year is not comparable to the regular FCC business year which corresponds to the University's business year extending from July 1 to June 30. The Awards Archives will be kept such that all materials dealing with awards given in a single year will be together.
- **Awards Committee: Susan Lenihan and Mary Lee Walter**
 - The Campus Tours for the 50-year classes of '70, '71, and '72 went very well. Participants loved it - they loved pouring over student newspapers and memorabilia from their years, which had been made available in the Library Archives.
 - In the works is a summer Zoom event showcasing Corinne Mason's project involving career opportunities in the St. Louis area for history and humanities majors. We need to set a date for this event.
 - Susan Lenihan, Mary Lee Walter, Nancy English, and Wendi Valenti met with the Library archivists to review what needs to be included in the Archives.
- **Events Committee: Joan Kelly**

There was nothing to report from the Events committee for the month of May. Joan had attached the agenda for the August Planning Meeting.
- **Membership Committee Report: Lucy Hahn**
 - Welcome and Thanks:
 - Connie Diekman is the new co-chair with Lucy
 - Sandy Lehrer joined the committee
 - Maggie Fowler deserves all kinds of kudos for her work on this committee and for FCC in general.
 - JoAnn Donovan gets a thank you for finding our new co-chair.
 - New meeting time:

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 3pm CDT
 - Golden Arcade Reunion and Tours:
 - Forty alumnae attended the weekend events - most were from the classes of '71 & '72.
 - Attendees will be invited to the FCC-hosted summer events.
 - Tours were so well received that it is hoped they will be repeated for Homecoming Weekend in fall.
 - During Homecoming FCC may host a reception for Golden Arcade members even though no class will be inducted at that time.
 - Summer Events:
 - Mary Lee is working on this – it looks as if Corrine Mason's project will be showcased.
 - Membership Campaign Update
 - Plan in-person reception for recruits at Maggie or Sandy's home.
 - Create video of the campus tour to show out-of-town prospects.
 - Create video or brochure to show work of FCC.
 - Create FCC business card to be given to prospects that provides the website address where further information could be found.
- **Bylaws Committee: Barb Atteln**

Barb is still in the process of reviewing the past activities of the FCC Manual Update project. Since this was first attempted in February of 2021, it has taken a while to find and record all the emails originally sent out, to record who had responded, and to determine what needs to be done to resume the project. She will send each current officer and committee chair an email in the next week or so to confirm what information she has. Please feel free to provide any thoughts or suggestions you may have to handle this project in the most timely and efficient way.

- **FCC Liaison Report: Wendi Valenti**

- Wendi included a copy of the Centennial Calendar with information about some of the events that will be happening next year.
- She also attached a first draft of an FCC calendar that is intended to be a working document. This FCC calendar is for planning purposes and is a draft that is not for distribution. Please review and plan to update the calendar at the transition meeting in July so that we can distribute it in August.
- Advancement department update: Kay Barnes will be retiring at the end of the month. Jeff Brown (whom some of you may know from his time at Fontbonne before) has joined the Advancement Team as Director of Philanthropy.
- Wendi has officially transitioned to Director of Alumni Engagement & Annual Giving.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy English, Recording Secretary, July 3, 2022.