**Central Florida Anthropological Society**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**November 16, 2020**

At 7:05 pm, Dr. Deborah Bauer called the meeting to order. Fifteen people were in attendance on the virtual Zoom meeting. Bauer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

President’s Report:

Dr. Bauer reported that because our normal meeting place, the Winter Park Public Library, will be unavailable through the end of 2020, the Central Florida Anthropological Society (CFAS) meetings will be held virtually on Zoom through the end of the year. As usual, CFAS will be on hiatus in January, so there will be no meeting. Meetings will resume in February, with the location to be determined, however, since Zoom meetings have been so successful, the meetings will probably continue online as well as potentially in person in February.

Dr. Bauer stated that unfortunately our December speaker, Shana Harris, will be unable to make the meeting due to a conflict. Another speaker is in work and will be announced shortly in the newsletter, on Facebook, and on the CFAS website.

Dr. Bauer attended the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) Quarterly meeting. She stated that there is a call for FAS board members for 2021. If interested in serving on the FAS board, please contact FAS.

Dr. Bauer also requested that all CFAS members make sure their membership information for both CFAS and FAS are up to date. Also, if interested in receiving the CFAS newsletter, please go online on the CFAS website and sign up to receive them.

Old Business:

Dr. Bauer announced again that CFAS is hosting the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) Conference in May 2020. She asked for volunteers to help with the conference. If interested, please send an email to centralflorida.fas@gmail.com.

New Business:

The 2021 CFAS Slate of Officers was announced. They are: Dr. Deborah Bauer – President, Susan Harrington – Secretary. Two positions remain open: Vice President and Treasurer. If interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please email CFAS at centralflorida.fas@gmail.com.

After concluding the announcements, Dr. Bauer introduced the evening’s speakers, Ms. Becky O’Sullivan, from the FPAN West Central Office, and Mr. Eric Prendergast, Senior Staff Archaeologist at Cardno in Tampa, who spoke about efforts to help preserve African American cemeteries thought to be lost. They specifically discussed the Zion Cemetery in Tampa, Florida, its origins, history, how it was lost, and community, archaeologist, and government involvement in efforts to find and reclaim it. This presentation will be available by the end of November on the CFAS website.

CFAS officers Deborah Bauer and Susan Harrington were in attendance.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted on November 17, 2020

Susan Harrington, Secretary

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