**Central Florida Anthropological Society**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**September 21, 2020**

At 7:05 pm, Dr. Deborah Bauer called the meeting to order. Forty-one people were in attendance on the virtual Zoom meeting. Bauer welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2020-21 season.

Officer Reports:

Dr. Bauer reported that the Central Florida Anthropological Society (CFAS) October and November meetings will also be virtual on Zoom. She stated that the October presentation will be given by Dr. Lee Newsom, Flagler College, who will speak on “Gourds, Mastodons, and Florida Indians: Insights into the Origins and Evolution of an Indigenous Paleoethnobotany”. Bauer also reported that the November presentation will be given by Ms. Rebecca O’Sullivan, Florida Public Archaeology Network, West Central Office, who will speak on “Towards Zion: In Search of Tampa’s earliest African American Cemeteries”.

Old Business:

None to report

New Business:

Dr. Bauer announced that CFAS is hosting the Florida Anthropological Society (FAS) Conference in May 2020. It will be held at the Westin in Lake Mary May 21 through 23. As of now, it is planned to hold the conference In Person. She asked for volunteers, especially students to help with the conference. She asked everyone to stay tuned for more information to come as available through the FAS and CFAS websites and newsletters.

Dr. Bauer also said that CFAS is looking for volunteers to fill some of the officers’ positions that are open.

After concluding the announcements, Bauer commented that Dr. Robert Cassanello, who was originally scheduled to speak, unfortunately had a conflict with this meeting, but will speak to us in the future. Instead, Ms. Brigitte Stephenson, Sanford Museum Curator, graciously agreed to speak at this meeting on “From the National Level to the Municipal Level: Women’s Suffrage”. Ms. Stephenson discussed the history of Women’s Suffrage, comparing and contrasting the national through local levels. She also discussed the impacts to the African American Suffrage movement. Ms. Stephenson commented that much of this information is available for viewing and research at the Sanford Museum.

At the conclusion of Ms. Stephenson’s presentation, Bauer thanked her for speaking with CFAS.

CFAS officers Deborah Bauer and Susan Harrington were in attendance.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted on September 26, 2020

Susan Harrington, Secretary

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