**Central Florida Anthropological Society (CFAS)**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**February 15, 2021**

At 7:00 pm, Dr. Deborah Bauer called the meeting to order. 26 people were in attendance on the virtual Zoom meeting. Bauer welcomed everyone to the meeting.

President’s Report:

Dr. Bauer reported that the Winter Park Public Library where the CFAS meetings have been held in person will not reopen until later this year. Consequently, the monthly CFAS meetings will continue to be held virtually through the June meeting. A new state of the art library and meeting room will be completed by next September 2021, and CFAS is at the top of the “list” to reserve the meeting room beginning in September for in-person meetings. However, CFAS will still try to hold hybrid virtual and in-person meetings at that time.

New Business:

CFAS officer elections – After introducing the proposed slate of officers for the CFAS 2021 board, Dr. Bauer requested additional nominations from the floor. No other nominations were made, and the attendees unanimously voted in the proposed slate of officers. They are: Dr. Deborah Bauer – President, and 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.

Dr. Bauer announced that next month’s speaker is Sean Norman, Gulf Archaeology Research Institute, who will speak on *Seminole Wars Archaeology: The Battle of Wahoo Swamp.*

After concluding the announcements, Dr. Bauer introduced the evening’s speaker, Dr. Lee Newsom, Flagler College. *Gourds, Mastodons, and Florida Indians: insight into the Origins and Evolution of an Indigenous Paleoethnobotony*. Dr. Newsom discussed archaeological findings related to ancient plant remains and mastodon bone and dung found throughout the Florida area, and how the increase and decrease of the plant remains appears to coincide with the existence and decline of certain animals (e.g., mastodons) and humans, leading to the idea that these animals and humans consumed and/or carried these flora as they migrated to and from the Florida area.

CFAS officers Deborah Bauer and Susan Harrington were in attendance.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted on February 16, 2021

Susan Harrington, Secretary

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