

Central Florida Anthropological Society
General Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2020

At 7:11 pm, Dr. Deborah Bauer called the meeting to order. Thirteen 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. She stated that the September meeting with Ms. Brigitte Stephenson was well attended and received. 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:

Dr. Bauer announced again 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. The theme of the conference is "Still Standing Strong", and Dr. Bauer displayed the associated conference logo with the Senator Cypress Tree, the biggest and oldest bald cypress tree in the world, that was located in Big Tree Park, Longwood, Florida.

The tentative schedule is: November – call for papers; December – venues, schedule of events and hotel to be announced, January – registration to begin.

Bauer 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 is asking for volunteers to fill four to five of the officers' positions that are open.

If interested in volunteering for either the conference or officer's position, please send an email to centralflorida.fas@gmail.com.

New Business:

None to report.

After concluding the announcements, Dr. Bauer commented that Dr. Newsom, a renowned paleobotanist who was to speak on the Wendover Site, was not able to attend the meeting. She is hopeful that Dr. Newsom can be rescheduled to speak in the future.

Consequently, Dr. Bauer provided a brief discussion of the Wendover site, one of the most important finds in Florida. After her discussion and answering questions regarding the site, Dr. Bauer thanked everyone for attending.

CFAS officers Deborah Bauer and Susan Harrington were in attendance.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted on October 20, 2020
Susan Harrington, Secretary
Central Florida Anthropological Society