

## CHES MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

In attendance Sandy M., Maria H., Tina N., Angela H., Alicia R., Kathleen C., Deborah Z., Jessie Z., Elizabeth Z., Irina V., Cristy S., Tricia W., Torry H., Diana H., Edith M, Marcy B., Danica R., Christina, Christi B., Sandy, and Dani S.- facilitator.

Meet Torrey Hilton – A former PACT Classical Education student. Torrey shared how the absence of the Great Books as part of modern education has left a void in today's society. Many of the events that occurred 2500 years ago have much relevance with what we see around us and understand today. Torrey has embarked on a tutoring career geared towards helping students understand the Great Books, Epics, and engage in the Socratic method of dialoguing. Torrey is not limited to teaching the Great Books, he can assist with understanding period architecture, and just about everything else having to do with Ancient Mesopotamia up to the Late Roman Empire. See flier outside Dani's office for Torrey's contact information. He is available Monday – Thursday 1:30 – 4:00 p.m., and Fridays are open.

Dani, Danica, Sandy, and Tricia shared highlights from the Andrew Pudewa Seminar they attended in Auburn. Andrew Pudewa emphasized teaching Character, Knowledge, and Skills as the three subjects. A story was relayed how his daughter was lacking in "Character" and much time was needed to develop her moral character. He actually sent her away to work at a labor intensive 'camp'. Mr. Pudewa spoke about the Eight Keys to Great Teaching: 1) You, not them 2) Quality, not conformity 3) Classics, not textbooks, 4) Mentors, not professors 5) Simple, not complex 6) Inspire, not require 7) Structure time, not content 8) Relaxed, not stressed.

There will be an upcoming seminar in February with speaker Dr. Mark Reynolds from the Torrey Institute at Biola University. See Dani for more information.

In comparing classical writing with standards-based writing we looked at a series of writing exercises called the *progymnasmata*. The preliminary exercises increased in length and complexity as the student advanced through the list. We also compared the writing required at each grade level.

There is a helpful website with fables and other free downloads at [classicalwriting.com](http://classicalwriting.com)

Since Latin seems to be desired by many, Tricia will come back as a guest next month and discuss the different Latin programs available and options for Logic stage students. You don't want to miss it!