

**FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA BOARD MEETING**  
**January 25, 2007**

The meeting was held at the Farmer's Market Restaurant. Attending were: President Carol Andresen, Marvin Scherl, Arnold Sporleder, Paul Meis, Martha Brown, Howard Hicks, Peter Peiffer, Ralph Cauthen and Laura Lennon; also present were Fred Andresen and Nancy Peiffer.

Arnold Sporleder gave the treasurer's report. The bank balance as of 12/31/06 was \$5882.82. This does not include the money that is invested with the Winston-Salem Foundation or in CD's.

Marvin Scherl reported that we have paid memberships for 27 individuals and 26 families. This gives us a total of 82 individuals. This is about half of our initial membership in 2006, which is what was anticipated. It was decided that this membership list be distributed to all members, minus e-mail and telephone information so as to protect the privacy of those that might not want their information shared. Copies will be e-mailed to those with addresses and "snail mailed" to the other members, along with the minutes of this meeting.

There was both informal and formal discussion of our proposed June, 2008 exchange to Lima, Peru. After considering their moderate winter weather, the relative ease of getting there, minimal time change and the wonderful people who visited Winston-Salem FF in 2000, it was enthusiastically decided to accept the exchange. Carol will inform Atlanta of this decision.

Although Paul reported having a difficult time getting specifics, we are expecting a visit from FFI of Aichi, Japan in September of this year. It is not too early to plan for hosting these ambassadors.

Peter Peiffer gave his report on the exchange to Braunschweig, Germany May 9-24, 2007. The fee remains at \$2700. There are currently 14 people signed up, but action is being taken to increase the numbers to 20, if possible. Members have sent e-mails to prospects and Paul Meis will present the trip at his church on the 28<sup>th</sup>. All applications must be in by the end of February, as Atlanta needs the final count by 03/03/07.

There is a current need for people to chair the cultural workshop and hosting committees. The workshop will probably be in mid-April. Peter will also need people for ambassador interviews.

Carol suggested that we pursue one or more domestic exchanges in 2007. After considering the long list of possibilities, with escaping our summer heat in mind, it was decided to make contact with clubs in Helena, MT, Southern Oregon and Columbia-Cascade area of Washington. Howard will pursue these clubs with the possibility of putting together a two week exchange. It was also suggested that we might get a more popular destination by "selling" our area as a desirable location for a return exchange. Those attending activities in Atlanta will also make contacts with other club officers and members.

The final topic was World Friendship Day, which is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Since the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in Atlanta conflicts with this, it was suggested that an activity at a later date in March would be good.

Marvin told about the International Students' Friendship Family Program, a program for giving family support to students studying in the area. He and Linda participate in this program and find it very rewarding. Contact names of the Rev. Scott Freese (who started the program in Winston-Salem) and Audrey Womack in Greensboro were shared. It was also noted that we have plenty of local diversity on which to draw.

The next Board meeting will be held at Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:45 AM. Future meetings are scheduled for May 3, July 12, September 20 and November 15.

Laura Lennon  
Secretary