

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the FFCNC met at 11:45 AM on July 12, 2007 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville with President Carol Andresen presiding.

The minutes from the May 3rd meeting were corrected and approved.

Arnold gave the treasurer's report. Arnold made a motion that we take \$3,000 from the maturing CD to add to the checking account and to reinvest the remainder in a CD. The motion was seconded and approved.

Paul informed the Board that his Aichi Exchange committee had met twice. He had received a good profile list of the 23 ambassadors, most of whom are single. It was agreed that hosting should be open to people outside the club. There will be an orientation meeting to prepare the host families. Arrival is scheduled for 1:30 PM Thursday, September 27th at PTI. Plans include a welcome party, Old Salem tour with Pam Kahl and lunch at the Tavern, a bus trip to Mabry Mill and lunch at Chateau Morisette, a bus trip to the NC Zoo and a farewell party that will be open to all members. Departure is Wednesday, October 3rd at 10:20 AM. The bus tour is still being negotiated due to expenses. A potluck welcome party was suggested, perhaps at Triad Park. Marvin proposed setting aside \$100.00/ambassador for the hosting budget. The motion was passed.

Ralph went to Atlanta for training for the Open World Russian Exchange and acquired lots of information. This is a US government/Library of Congress program to develop Eastern European leaders. There is a need for hosting for 4 groups of 40 people, arriving in Atlanta on October 31st and one group coming here Friday November 2nd through Saturday November 10th. The attendees will be coming from various parts of Russia and will have varying language skills. There will be facilitator/4 and interpreter/10 guests. From the varying interest areas, Ralph is considering Responsible Governance, looking at small communities like Oak Ridge since the Russian government is interested in development at small local areas. There will be ten guests and two interpreters selected by the program for our area, for whom we will receive a grant of \$3500.00. The Russians are guests of the US government.

For FFI, this is part of the bridge-building program, which will give them professional and other connections and assist the goal of three more FFI clubs in Russia. Our part will include hosting, a welcome party, and finding groups to whom they can speak and do presentations, the latter being a Board activity. Job shadowing is also encouraged. A farewell on November 9th may be planned.

Carol spoke for Lundee concerning the Peru Exchange. Carol had an informative E-mail from the South Connecticut ED giving pointers on such issues as a lack of English spoken, extra expenses for activities, impure water and the intestinal consequences, and the strenuous nature of the Machu Picchu trip. We were also reminded of the importance of travel insurance by the misfortune of one of the ambassadors who broke her leg. An E-mail to be sent regarding a Travel Channel program on Peru.

There will be dinner at the Kabuto on the 26th of July, with 14 reservations to date. The Triad Park potluck lunch will be on Saturday August 25th starting at 11:00 AM at shelter #4. Carol suggested that Board members try to bring at least one guest. There is an effort to contact new Guilford County residents. Carol is to work on getting media coverage.

Paul and Fred gave a written draft report of their investigation of FFCNC funds held by the Winston-Salem Foundation. It was noted that they were originally placed there to protect the funds from FFI at a time when the organization was in turmoil. The conclusion is that for now, there is no need to take action to move the funds, but that the account needs to be re-titled to reflect the club's name change.

Carol presented the proposed ED reimbursement policy developed by Peter and her. Ralph suggested adding "...travel and tour costs that are a required part of the Exchange experience." Changing "...at the discretion of the ED" to "...at the discretion of the FFCNC" was also requested.

It is noted that we need to develop a Policy Manual and to clarify what will be done with overage funds from exchanges.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, September 20th, 2007.

Attending: Carol and Fred Andresen, Paul Meis, Linda and Marvin Scherl, Arnold Sporleder, Martha Brown, Nancy Peiffer, Ralph Cauthen, Howard Hicks and Laura Lennon.

Laura Lennon
Secretary