

Minutes

The Board of Directors of the FFCNC met at 11:45 AM on September 20, 2007 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville with President Carol Andresen presiding.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Arnold Sporleder's absence was noted and expressions of sympathy and concern for his family tragedy were expressed. Laura will send a card from the Board.

It was noted that our balance has decreased by \$1000.00 since the previous Treasurer's Report. Concern was expressed over the need for checks to be written and Arnold's time away is unknown. Howard Hick's name is also on the account and he will see if he can sign checks; if not, he and Carol have offered to cover interim expenses personally. There are also deposits to be made.

Peter has completed the expenses for the German exchange and sent \$88.00 refund checks to the ambassadors. Policy changes need to be made before future exchanges.

Carol expressed the need for a committee, or possibly the president and secretary, to work on Policies and Procedures. Peter recommended attending a program presented by the State Auditor's Office on how to run a board. The programs are held at different locations around the state and are free.

Martha was applauded for our wonderful web-site (www.FFCNC.org)! She noted that there are E-mail links for various activities and that applications can be added. The site has been paid for three years. The site will renew in 2010 with charges to the same credit card and E-mail if not changed. The secretary will file site access information. Information and photos were requested. Paul plans to document the Aichi Exchange.

Paul noted his active and excellent committees for the Aichi Exchange and the successful Orientation Meeting. The current Mabry Mill count is 38—must be in today. Potential income for the exchange is \$3,675.00 and budgeted expenses are approximately \$3,169.00.

Buddy Leasure is taking care of golfing arrangements and Forest Oaks will forgo green's fees for our guests. Three people are currently signed up and there are two tee times available. The availability of the course at River Landing on the 28th and 30th and the availability of clubs was also noted.

Carol has arranged for an interview on WFDD with a host and guests on Sunday afternoon. She is also working on an early morning interview on WFMY TV. Paul commended Carol for her publicity efforts. She plans to continue with publicity for two to three years to establish relationships with people in the media.

The Farewell Dinner will include a dulcimer performance, a barbershop quartet and a magic show by one of the Japanese guests.

Ralph will soon learn the identities of the 10 visitors and two facilitators for the Russian hosting. They will be observing elections and other government functions. Martha noted activities for Monday and Wednesday in Greensboro and Winston-Salem, Tuesday elections and possibly Thursday at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill for a presentation by Dr. Thornburg.

FFI will have a smaller Open World program in the spring for 2008. We hope to have excess funds from this event for future use.

Lundee said we should have prices for the Peruvian Exchange by October, ideally under \$3000.00 plus fees and a "cushion" which should be about \$200.00 additional. Several out of state friends have expressed interest. Departure will be on July 8th with arrival on the 9th for a 6 night home stay. This will be followed by the extension to Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley of the Incas and Cusco and an optional extension. A possible charity project in Lima is being discussed.

Ralph offered an invitation to his house on Saturday night where three Peruvian mayors are being entertained.

Howard and Carol discussed the 2009 exchange possibilities and there is interest in "interest oriented" exchanges in addition to the usual. It was agreed that we would seek one week outbound and one or two inbound exchanges of one week each. We would like 20-25 people outbound, but can be flexible if site requires fewer guests.

We may also be paired with another club, if necessary.

The membership will be offered the following choices for a vote at the Annual Meeting and we will request the top five: Nepal, Scotland, Ireland, Costa Rico, Brazil, Canada, Chili, Turkey, and special exchanges of Vietnam and Morocco.

We have a request form Montana for a domestic exchange and Harrisburg, PA might also be interested.

Carol Andresen reported for Carol Bryan, who was absent. Cathie Alexander will plan the next Let's Eat Out (LEO) event for early 2008. The Annual Meeting on October 25th will be a potluck at MSUMC, the same as 2006. Donna Lambeth, 2008 Board Chairman for FFI, will be our speaker. A written notice with dues and election information will be mailed on the 11th.

Unfinished Business

Marvin moved that trip cancellation expenses be passed through. The motion was seconded and approved, as was his statement of policy for ED travel reimbursement

Linda was approved to form a nominating committee with results needed by October 11th.

Marvin distributed an updated membership list.

The next Board Meeting will be November 15th, 2007.

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

Laura Lennon

Secretary