

Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina (FFCNC)

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November 20, 2008

Present: Ralph Cauthen, Fred and Carol Andresen, Barbara North, Peter and Nancy Peiffer, Marvin Scherl, Arnold Sporleder, Paul and Marcia Meis, and Martha Brown

The Board of Directors of the FFCNC met on Thursday, November 20, 2008, at 11:45 a.m. at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, NC, for their regularly scheduled meeting. The minutes of the last meeting on September 18, 2008 were approved as emailed to the Board.

Ralph distributed the new brochures from Friendship Force International. The club has received fifty complimentary copies. Carol suggested a computer label with local chapter information be printed and placed on the back of the brochures. The cost of additional brochures is approximately \$19.00/100 brochures.

The Friendship Force International 2008 US Domestic Exchange Directory which was revised in May 2008 did not list our club. This oversight should be corrected on the 2009 list.

Financial Report:

Arnold Sporleder reported the club had a **checking accout** balance of \$3427.92 which included \$671.00 for the Peru exchange. Peter will contact Lundee Amos to finalize the records from the Peru exchange. The Winston Salem Foundation account showed a value of \$13,896.09 as of September 2008. Total assets of the chapter were \$21,440.93 for the period ending November 20, 2008. Arnold presented a proposed budget for 2009 with a projected income of \$2850 and projected expenses of \$3255. **\$500 will be withdrawn from the Wachovia CD to balance the budget.** (The amount of withdrawal from the CD may need to change in order to balance the budget.) The proposed budget was accepted by the board. A full financial report is on file with the minutes.

Peter presented a motion for a \$200 donation to be given to Main Street United Methodist Church for the use of space for the board meetings and the annual meeting. Martha seconded the motion and the board approved the donation.

Membership Report:

Fred reported the club has 73 memberships paid through 2008 and 36 paid memberships **to date** for 2009. Thirty-seven memberships have yet to be renewed. He will send personalized mailings to these members and to an additional 45 people on the potential members list.

Audit Committee Report:

Howard Hicks, Peter, and Arnold met on Thursday, November 6th, to discuss the finances of FFCNC during 2008. Arnold uses Quicken to reconcile the accounts. The audit committee found the accounting processes easy to follow and understand. (A professional audit of the accounts is not necessary at this time.) The audit report is on file with the board minutes.

Status of 501(c)(3):

Ralph Cauthen reported that Donna Lambeth has copies of the Articles of Incorporation from the NC Secretary of State, Dated 12/11/85, and the letter granting tax exempt status dated 2/15/86.

(Donna Lambeth located some information concerning the Winston-Salem Foundation which originally raised sponsorship money for the local Friendship Force chapter. The Foundation has control of the money which can only be distributed to the clubs. A maximum of 5% of the money can be distributed in any one year but we are covered by a “grandfather” clause. The Winston-Salem FF chapter has a tax number and a letter granting tax exempt status dated 2/15/86 from the NC Secretary of State. The Articles of Incorporation are dated 12/11/85.)

Exchanges:

Japan - Peter reported in Laura’s absence that the Harrisburg group needs to have the Japan outbound exchange the second week in November, the 9-15th. About 8-9 people from our chapter have expressed an interest in this exchange, while the Harrisburg group numbers 7 to date. The cost of a roundtrip ticket is estimated at \$1200.

Inbound domestic exchanges:

In October 2010, the Friendship Force International Conference will be held in Washington, DC. The Board agreed to notify Atlanta our club would be available to host before and after the conference.

The inbound domestic exchange with the Harrisburg club is tentatively scheduled for June 5-10. **(Note: these dates later changed to May 11-15.)** Carol Andresen has agreed to be the ED for this exchange. She will check on some optional dates. The board agreed to accept this exchange which should number about 20 people.

On December 12, three international Korean visitors sponsored by PTCIV (Piedmont Triad Council for International Visitors) will be hosted by a reception. An invitation will be extended to FFCNC members.

The Mid Atlantic Conference will be held April 3-5 in Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Ralph Cauthen, Nancy and Peter Peiffer, and Paul and Marcia Meis are currently planning to attend. The meeting is open to all FFCNC members. Our local chapter will cover the cost of the registration for the current officers, Peter and Marcia, which is \$108 per person.

Membership Development:

The next LEO is scheduled for January 9th, 2009, at the High Point Country Club. A speaker on Nepal and Nepalese dancers is proposed. On February 28, 2009, a day outing to Wytheville, VA, to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre is planned with Holiday Tours. Another membership meeting will likely be held in September.

New Business:

The board meeting schedule for 2009 is as follows:

Thursday, January 15th

Thursday, March 19th

Thursday, May 21st

Thursday, July 16th

Thursday, September 17th

Thursday, December 3rd

The November 2009 board meeting was scheduled for December to avoid any conflict with the Japan outbound exchange. The board meetings will continue to begin at 11:45 a.m. and meet at Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, NC.

Committees: Several persons were suggested for possible leadership positions in the organization: Judy Greene, Pam Kahl, Mary Ann Vinson, and Nancy Sherrill. An exchange director will be needed if Laura Lennon does not continue as the current chair.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned until January 15, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara S. North, Secretary