

Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina (FFCNC)

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July 16, 2009

Present: Lundee Amos, Ralph Cauthen, Marcia Meis, Barbara North, Peter and Nancy Peiffer, Marvin Scherl, and Arnold Sporleder

The 2009 Board of Directors of the FFCNC met on Thursday, July 16, 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 May 21, 2009 were approved as written and previously emailed to the Board.

Financial Report - Arnold circulated the financial report ending July 15, 2009. Current assets of \$20,557.55 include a bank account balance of \$5976.16, the Wachovia CD for \$3299.72, and the Winston Foundation valued at \$11,281.67. The bank account balance includes \$2500 for the Japan exchange. A full financial report is on file with the minutes.

Japan Outbound Exchange –Peter reported a total of thirteen persons have now signed up for the outbound exchange, nine from our club, two from the Harrisburg, PA club, and two from Sonoma, California. Peter commented the travel agent in Charlottesville, VA is not very responsive. Ralph suggested Peter contact the Japan Travel Bureau for travel information. Marvin stated he could make business cards for those going on the exchange, if desired. A personal picture could be used in place of the logo on the cards.

Exchanges for 2010 – The inbound exchange from Australia has been approved. This exchange is set for February but a later date will be proposed to avoid our winter weather. The outbound exchange to New Zealand was moved from September to November 2010. Several names were suggested as possible EDs for the inbound exchange; Judy Greene, Ophelia Jones, Margaret Griffin. Ralph agreed to be a mentor for the ED for this exchange.

Reports – Fred was not present to provide an update on the Mid-Atlantic Conference. Ralph reported a picnic was scheduled for Saturday, August 22, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Lake Norman home of Marilyn Baird. Lunch will be served around 1 p.m. A rain date is set for the 23rd. A pontoon boat will be available for rides but a driver will be needed. A menu of barbeque is planned with potluck desserts. It was suggested that members be charged a nominal fee with the club providing the additional funds. A motion was made and passed for club funds to be provided to support the picnic. Marcia volunteered to call members as needed to extend an invitation to the picnic. No program is planned for this event. It was also

suggested that small home potluck dinners be held in September as an LEO event. Similar dinners were held with the Harrisburg inbound exchange and were well received.

Publicity – Peter noted the recent article on Friendship Force which appeared in the summer issue of “Triad Living” magazine. Copies of this magazine are distributed free and can be found in various establishments throughout the Triad. However, copies are not always available at the locations listed on the website.

Old Business – The local chapter, FFCNC, is not a registered not-for-profit organization per Peter. The state charter and not-for-profit status were originally granted to the Friendship Force of Winston-Salem. Ralph offered to work on the issue which hopefully may just require a name change.

Nominating Committee – A nominating committee is needed to present a slate of officers in October at the membership dinner. Ralph, Marcia, and Peter agreed to serve as the committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned until the next Board meeting on September 17th.

Respectfully submitted on August 24, 2009,

Barbara S. North

Secretary