

## Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina (FFCNC)

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February 4, 2010

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

The 2010 Board of Directors of the FFCNC met on Thursday, February 4, 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 December 3, 2009 were approved as written and distributed.

**Financial Report:** Arnold circulated the financial report ending February 4, 2010. Current assets of \$21,125.61 include a bank account balance of \$4442.61, a Wachovia CD for \$3315.00, and the Winston Foundation valued at \$14,341.98 (as of 12/31/09). An additional \$975.21 is held for the President's Roundtable conference. The Wachovia CD will mature in 2/22/10 and will be renewed. A full financial report for the year 2009 is on file with the minutes.

### **Reports:**

**Activities Committee** – Ralph is to check with Main Street United Methodist Church to determine if October 21 is available for the annual membership meeting. This date would also coincide with any possible hosting activities following the FFI World Conference in Washington, DC. The next LEO is planned for Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at Billy Bob's Silver Diner in Winston-Salem. This breakfast gathering will be in celebration of World Friendship Day and members are invited to bring an international friend. The theme for World Friendship Day this year is "Friendship on Six Continents". Our club members will be encouraged to send messages of friendship to their international friends and to share any messages received at the LEO. The deadline for reservations to be sent to Pam Kohl is March 4<sup>th</sup>. The program will focus on the inbound exchange from Australia.

It was suggested a separate email invitation be sent to the membership for the Friday night dinner on April 9th during the President's Roundtable Conference.

**Membership** – In 2009, the club had 30 paid single and 40 paid family memberships. In 2010, we have 21 paid single memberships and 37 family memberships. There were 11 persons who did not renew this year. Ray will be attending the President's Roundtable in April and is hoping

to hear some new ideas for increasing membership. Carol will send the Membership Directory, which was created in PowerPoint, to Ray to update and include in membership packages for new members. The list of non-renewals was reviewed by the Board. The membership list will be purged by February 21 of non-renewals and Martha will be notified to update her email lists.

**Inbound Exchange from Australia** – Paul Meis reported for Valerie Stokes. Only nine or ten people have signed up for the exchange in May 21-28. Paul stated he needed volunteers for planning the inbound exchange. Carol Andresen will share her list of contacts for activities with Paul.

**Home Hosting Committee** – The Winston section of the Hosting Committee is interested in knowing who is not willing or able to host in the membership. The Hosting Committee will interview new hosts the first week of April and will hold an orientation the first week in May. In April, as many as 12-14 homes may be needed to host the President's Conference attendees. The Winston and Greensboro sections of the Hosting Committee are not clear on the hosting process and exactly what they are to do. Marcia will clarify the role of the committee with Carol Bryan. Martha will request hosting information for April and May in the next newsletter.

**Outbound Exchange to New Zealand** – A new ED for this exchange will need to be appointed. Ralph has resigned the position due to other responsibilities. A candidate has been identified and is considering the position.

**Mid-Atlantic President's Conference** - Fred reported the Long Island and Hudson Valley chapters will not attend the meeting. Approximately 16 clubs will be represented by about 25 attendees. Fred circulated copies of the tentative agenda and the logistics to the Board. Approximately 9-10 homes will be needed to host attendees. A representative from Atlanta is not expected to attend the meeting.

**Exchange Proposals for 2011** - an email has been received from FFI proposing an outbound exchange for our club in September 2011 to Ottawa, Canada. This exchange will also be shared with Florence, SC. An inbound exchange from Lima, Peru is proposed for October 2011. The Board accepted the proposal. The proposed exchanges will be announced in the next newsletter.

**New Business:**

**Indonesian Exchange** - our club has been asked if we would host a group of Indonesian students from Jakarta who will be visiting North Carolina. There are 31 students, 15-17 years of age, and 6 teachers. They will spend the first week in western North Carolina. It was suggested they be hosted two per household. They would arrive on Wednesday, April 21, and depart the following Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. After some discussion, the Board voted to host half

of the group. Martha will send a special announcement requesting host families, especially those who have teenagers. An ED for this exchange is needed quickly as the club only has two months to plan.

**Legacy Fund** - Donna Lambeth requested the Board consider a donation of \$500 to the FFI Legacy Fund in observance of World Friendship Day. The money from this fund is used to develop new destinations mostly in Third World countries. After some discussion, the Board voted unanimously to donate \$250 to the fund. In the next newsletter, members will also be encouraged to individually contribute.

**Old Business:**

Ralph reported the name of the chapter has been officially changed to Friendship Force of Central North Carolina. Arnold has received the letter from the NC Department of State confirming the name change. Martha will scan the letter and place on the chapter's website.

It was also suggested the club's email policy and the responsibilities of an ED be available on our website.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned until the next Board meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Respectfully submitted on March 23, 2010,

Barbara S. North

Secretary