

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

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April 1, 2010

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

The 2010 Board of Directors of the FFCNC met on Thursday, April 1, 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 February 4, 2010 were approved as corrected and distributed.

**Financial Report:** Arnold circulated the financial report ending April 1, 2010. Current assets of \$20,530.72 include a Sun Trust checking account balance of \$2867.07, a Wachovia money market account of \$3320.67, and the Winston Foundation valued at \$14,342.98. An additional \$2975.00 is being held for the President's Roundtable conference. The Wachovia CD matured in February and the money was placed in a Wachovia variable rate money market account. Arnold reported a check for the Legacy Fund for \$250 was sent on February 4<sup>th</sup> as directed by the Board at our February meeting. A full financial report is on file with the minutes.

### **Reports:**

**Activities Committee** – Carol Andresen reported on the recent LEO held on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at Billy Bob's Silver Diner in Winston-Salem. Over thirty people attended this breakfast meeting. It was considered a success despite a long wait for our reserved tables. The Deacon Tower Grill may be considered for a LEO lunch in the future. The next LEO will be planned for the summer since there will be club activities associated with the Indonesian and Australian inbound exchanges in April and May.

**Mid-Atlantic President's Conference** - Fred reported on the President's Conference which convenes in one week. Twenty-eight delegates and seven guests have registered for the meeting. Thirteen persons have elected to stay at the Hilton Garden Inn while eighteen will be home hosted. There are also four persons who have chosen to commute. Delegates will arrive on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. At registration, they will be given name tags. A Hospitality Suite will be available for conference delegates. Host families will meet their guests at the hotel between 3-6 p.m. on Thursday. The sessions will begin on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. and end Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> around noon. Twelve Friendship Force members are involved in the meeting itself – 3 as delegates and 9 as facilitators and recorders. Recorders will provide Donna Lambeth with

their written notes after the sessions for use in her Summary and Findings Discussion at the close of the meeting. The conference emphasis will be chapter development. Carol Andresen has planned activities for the seven guests. There are forty-nine reservations for the dinner on Friday night at the Embassy Suites. A Friendship Force mug and coaster will be presented at the dinner to our speaker, Jim Kirkpatrick. Lunch will be provided on Friday by the Hilton Garden Inn. An LCD projector will be needed for the meeting presentations. Fred is still checking on outside sources which may be cheaper than the hotel. Karen Smith will be giving a presentation on member development. She is working with Atlanta to develop a presentation to be used world-wide. The conference attendees may be asked to critique the presentation for future use by FFI.

**Indonesian Exchange** – Peter Peiffer and Martha Brown have agreed to be co-EDs for the Indonesian Exchange. Peter distributed the proposed program and a list of the exchange participants. The Indonesian delegation will be split into three groups for a second week of home hosting - one to Knoxville, one to Atlanta and a third group to Greensboro. The Greensboro group will consist of 12 students and two teachers. They will arrive on Wednesday, April 21, and depart the following Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The students, ages 14-16 years, will be primarily hosted by families with teenagers. Seven of the host families are currently non-members. The budget for the exchange will include \$1400 from FFI and \$600 previously approved by our board. The students will be met in Hickory on Wednesday morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> and visit Old Salem in the afternoon on their travel to Greensboro. Peter proposed renting passenger vans as needed for transportation for \$100/day. Marvin volunteered his cars to carry luggage on Wednesday. Activities planned for the group include a visit to UNC and Duke on Thursday, April 22; visits to the International Civil Rights Museum and Grasshoppers baseball game on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, and a visit to the Charlotte Motor Speedway and Concord Mills mall on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be an entrance fee to the International Civil Rights Museum and the baseball game. A farewell buffet dinner is planned at Fire Mountain Restaurant in Kernersville on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at a cost of \$13.50 per person. Peter estimated the expenses for the exchange to be \$2200-\$2300. This exchange would be a wonderful opportunity for some media exposure. Judy Greene was the person responsible for the news coverage we received in Winston-Salem for the Turkey inbound exchange two years ago and may be able to arrange some media coverage for this exchange. An orientation meeting for the host families is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. at Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville. Dr. Gene Ruble, who was a Southern Baptist missionary doctor in Indonesia for 15 years, will present a short talk on the Indonesian culture.

**Inbound Exchange from Australia** – Paul Meis reported for Valerie Stokes. Eight ambassadors will be arriving from Grand Junction, CO for a homestay from May 21-28. Five families are involved in hosting. A welcome party on Friday evening of May 21<sup>st</sup> will be held at the home of Carol and Fred Andresen. Saturday and Sunday are free days to be spent with host families. Activities planned on Monday – Wednesday include trips to Guilford Battlefield, Replacements, Reynolda House and Gardens, the International Civil Rights Museum, and Seagrove. The farewell party is planned for Wednesday evening at the church. (The location was later changed to Triad Park since the church was not available on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>). Thursday is another free day with host families and ambassadors are scheduled to depart on Friday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. Paul suggested in lieu of a gift exchange between the two clubs that the money be used instead for a charitable contribution agreed upon by both clubs, i.e., Haiti or Chile quake victims, etc. The Board suggested the inbound ED present a specific proposal to the Board for approval. The Board would match the amount the Australian chapter proposes. The cost of a chapter gift is usually around \$50.

**Outbound Exchange to New Zealand** – Jim and Barbara North have agreed to be the outbound exchange directors for the exchange to New Zealand in October/November 2010. This exchange will consist of two homestays – one in the North Island hosted by the Auckland North Shore chapter and a second homestay in the South Island hosted by the Otago chapter. The trip proposed will be three weeks with a tour of the South Island between the two homestays. They are working with a tour director in New Zealand to finalize tour plans and obtain airline information. Attempts to work with a local travel agency have not been successful to date. Donna Lambeth suggested they contact Gigi Phillips at Aladdin Travel in Winston-Salem.

**Post World Conference Hosting** - home hosting after the World Conference in Washington, DC is scheduled for three days, October 18-21. Karen Smith, Regional Field Rep, is proposing to charter a bus for transporting the ambassadors to the four North Carolina clubs who will be hosting around 61 people. Our club expects to host at least 14 persons. An ED for this hosting event is needed to handle the details. Suggestions for ED included Nancy Sherrill, Judy Greene, Helen Lowry, Marilyn Baird, Doris Kiszely, and Ruth Jackson.

**2011 Exchanges** – the club has accepted an outbound exchange in September 2011 to Ottawa, Canada and an inbound exchange from Lima, Peru in October 2011.

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

Respectfully submitted on May 12, 2010,

Barbara S. North, Secretary