

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

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June 3, 2010

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

The 2010 Board of Directors of the FFCNC met on Thursday, June 3, 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 April 1, 2010 were approved as emailed.

Treasurer's Report: Arnold circulated the financial report ending June 1, 2010. Current assets of \$20,728.07 include a Sun Trust checking account balance of \$2,495.54, a Wachovia money market account of \$3332.77, and the Winston Foundation account valued at \$14,899.76. Costs for the regional Presidents' Roundtable exceeded revenue by \$185.13 (will be \$320.13 after refunds of \$135.00 approved by board); costs for the Indonesian students visit exceeded revenue by \$621.73—which is less than anticipated.

Arnold asked that he be relieved of his office due to family health issues. He will continue to serve until a new Treasurer can be found.

Membership Report: Ray has been working with the US Census. No new FFCNC members have joined since March 1. Peter asked that non-member hosts for the Indonesian students be considered members for the remainder of this year and that they be added to our email list. He and Ray will contact these families.

Mid-Atlantic Region Presidents' Roundtable: Fred reported that 26 delegates participated in the Roundtable; 24 FFCNC members were moderators, recorders and home hosts; and 53 people attended the banquet Friday night. The board voted to refund \$85 and \$35 to two delegates who had to cancel a few days before the Roundtable.

At the NC chapters meeting, it was suggested that priority be given to intra-state ambassadors for outbound exchanges. There is interest in pairing NC chapters for domestic exchanges. NC chapters will now be part of the Southeast FFI Region...along with chapters from TN, AL, GA and SC.

Inbound Exchange from Australia: Paul reported that the exchange went smoothly with a nice program—one we can modify for future inbounds. It was a team effort; Paul, Carol (Andresen) and Carol Bryan covered for ED Val Stokes as work kept her from participating in the daytime activities. Expenses were definitely below the estimate (full report pending.) The picnic farewell party seemed to be a success.

Indonesian Exchange: Peter reported that funds expended for the youth visitors included \$1,400 from FFI and \$600 from FFCNC. The host families with kids (6) were the most successful; we recruited 13 host homes for our 14 guests.

Peter is writing a letter to FFI to indicate FFCNC's interest in hosting another youth exchange...BUT NOT until the medical agreements concerning guardianship can be clarified.

Homestays Following International Conference: Fred reported that a bus will bring delegates to Raleigh, Shelby, Morganton and Central Carolina for a homestay October 18—21. No further information has been received since the Roundtable; Bob Schwagerl (Charlottesville) is coordinating homestays around the Washington DC area...and Karen Smith is coordinating the bus to North Carolina. There were many questions: will we need to plan a program or leave to hosts? Will all the delegates be from one country? Can delegates request a city for homestay? How old or young will these delegates be? Will FFCNC be compensated in any way?

An ED needs to be appointed (and confirmed by the board) for this special inbound. A list of potential EDs was started, and a note asking for interested volunteers will be in the June newsletter.

Outbound Exchange to New Zealand: The maximum number of ambassadors has been recruited by EDs Barbara and Jim North. The cultural workshop is scheduled Saturday, September 11th.

2011 Exchanges: Outbound will be to Ottawa in September...and inbound will be from Lima, Peru in October. EDs for both will be sought after one for the Post International Conference Homestays is appointed. In conjunction with membership renewals for 2011, Ray will query members about their FFCNC leadership interest. Training for potential EDs would include being an ambassador, an Assistant ED, and reading the FFI manual for EDs.

Annual Picnic at Lake Norman: August 14th is confirmed for Marilyn Baird's lake house. Ralph will coordinate the menu and logistics.

LEO at Noma: will be Saturday, June 26th at 11:30a in downtown Winston-Salem. Noma is at the intersection of Marshall and 4th Streets. It is an "urban bar and grill" – we will order from the menu. An invitation will be in the June newsletter.

Planning for Annual Meeting October 21st: Ralph reported that Denise Franklin of WFDD has agreed to speak and will plan to interview FFCNC's International Conference homestay visitors.

Ralph also advised that PTCIV is hosting 23 curators from different countries over the July 4th weekend...and that FFCNC members could host a small group dinner (for 3-4 curators) on Monday evening July 5th. The curators would need to be picked up and returned to their hotel. There is also a potluck reception Tuesday the 6th at the Greensboro Historical Museum which FFCNC members would be welcome to attend.

Martha has updated the website and would like board members to review it.

Arnold shared his daughter's article, "the Backseat", in the June issue of "Parenting" magazine.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on August 5, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Andresen, Acting Secretary