

Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina (FFCNC)

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January 6, 2011

Present: Lundee Amos, Fred and Carol Andresen, Martha Brown, Ralph Cauthen, Judy Greene, Ophelia Jones, Ray Kiszely, Donna Lambeth, Paul and Marcia Meis, Jim and Barbara North, Peter Peiffer, Marvin Scherl, Valerie Stokes

The Board of Directors of the FFCNC met on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 11:45 a.m. at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, NC, for their regularly scheduled meeting. Ophelia Jones was welcomed as our new Member-at-Large on the Board. The minutes of the last board meeting on September 30, 2010 and the minutes of the Annual Membership meeting on October 21, 2010 were both approved as written and previously circulated.

Financial Report: Judy Greene presented the treasurer's report for the period ending December 31, 2010. The bank balance was \$7005.57 with \$4152.42 of that amount on hold for the New Zealand exchange. The balance of the money market account at Wachovia is \$3335.75. The value of the Winston-Salem Foundation was last reported in June 2010 at \$13,909.62. Our current checking account is located at Sun Trust Bank which has recently changed their checking account fees. A \$1000 minimum balance will now be required or a \$10 per month service fee will be charged. After some investigation, Judy recommended we move our account to Wachovia where we can get a free business checking account with no fees and no minimum balance. The Board agreed and our current money market and checking account will be combined into one account and moved to Wachovia as soon as possible.

Membership: Ray presented a summary of membership renewals as of January 4, 2011. There are 52 memberships consisting of 23 single memberships and 29 family memberships for a total of 83 members to date. At least 6 memberships are still to be received while 8 memberships will not be renewed this year for various reasons. The cut-off for inclusion in the membership directory will be the end of February. A draft copy of the proposed membership directory for 2011 was circulated. No email addresses will be included in the directory. A roster of 2011 members dated 1/6/11 was distributed to the Board. Marvin and Martha were asked to coordinate and prepare a listing of board members with addresses, phone numbers, etc., for the next board meeting.

Activities:

Website: Martha Brown reported the chapter's website has been updated. Martha had previously circulated to the Board a brief history summary of Winston-Salem to be included on the "About the Triad" page on our website. Fred and Ray volunteered to put together a similar history of Greensboro and High Point, respectively.

LEO: Ralph Cauthen reported Valerie Stokes is the new Activities Chairperson. She plans to form a committee to revolve activities around the common interests of the club. Valerie recently sent to the membership by email a lovely invitation to the next LEO which is scheduled for January 15th. The program for the LEO will be the recent New Zealand outbound exchange. Carol Andresen recently received a call from Wake Forest to offer us a group of 10 tickets to a Wake Forest basketball game. Valerie and her committee will give some consideration to this activity before responding.

Christmas Party: Donna Lambeth complimented the committee involved in planning the Christmas social at her home this past December. Sixty-six people attended. There was a good presentation of people from Winston-Salem. Donna has given Ray a list of invitees and those who attended so they can be invited to our next social event.

New Business:

Publicity Chair: A publicity chairperson is needed for the chapter. Ray suggested a request for a volunteer be made in an email to the membership or be included in the next newsletter, which is scheduled to go out next week. Jim North reported he plans to submit a small article and photo to the local weekly, *The Northwest Observer*, on our recent New Zealand exchange.

Outgoing Exchange to Canada: Ralph reported Florence has a pre-trip to New York City, Saratoga, and Montreal. The actual exchange dates are September 22-29. There has been little response from our club for this exchange. It was suggested the exchange be actively promoted through the newsletter and possibly our next LEO as well as to the community.

Incoming Exchange from Lima, Peru: Ray Kiszely will co-chair with Paul Meis for this exchange. The tentative date is October 1st for approximately a week. It was suggested the dates be changed to allow more time between the outbound and inbound exchanges. The exchange committee is scheduled to meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. on January 7th.

Domestic Exchange: The domestic exchange from Tucson, AZ has been cancelled. The club has chosen to go to Asheville and Charlotte.

John Wilhelm: Our Southeastern Regional representative has asked for email addresses for an email marketing service used by FFI. However, Marvin noted our members are already registered on the website by him when they join our club. However, communications cannot be sent FFI by club designation. John could send any communications to Martha Brown who could then distribute to the club.

Conference Meeting: the Southeastern Regional conference will be held the first weekend in April in Black Mountain, NC. This is a new conference for North Carolina and it is important for our chapter to have representation at this meeting. Board members were urged to attend if possible.

Rental Equipment: A \$20 rental fee will be charged for the use of our speaker system which is currently stored at Peter's home. Ray agreed to write up formal rental procedures, format a form to use, and present them at the next Board meeting.

Board Meetings in 2011: Board meetings in 2011 are scheduled for March 3, May 5, July 7th, September 1, and November 3rd. The annual membership meeting should be held in October during the Peru inbound exchange.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned until the next Board meeting on March 3rd.

Respectfully submitted on February 8, 2011;

Barbara S. North, Secretary