

Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina (FFCNC)

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September 1, 2011

Present: Carol Andresen, Martha Brown, Ralph Cauthen, Judy Greene, Ophelia Jones, Ray Kiszely, Paul and Marcia Meis, Barbara North, Peter Peiffer, and Valerie Stokes

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 11:45 a.m. at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville. The minutes of the last board meeting on July 7, 2011 were approved as written and previously circulated.

Membership: Ray reported no change in membership from the previous reports. He was contacted by a potential member who lives in Jefferson. Long-time member, Kit Ravenel, has moved to Germantown, TN. Donna Lambeth has recently had hip surgery and is at home recovering.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was previously distributed to the Board by email since Judy was not certain she would be at the meeting. There was some discussion about including additional details on the financial report, such as period disbursements and income. Marcia is to discuss with Judy. As of September 1, there is total cash available of \$5644.61 with total assets of \$22,309.11.

2011 Outgoing to Ottawa, Canada (Sept)

Ralph reported the Florence, SC club has replaced the ED for this outbound exchange. There was no additional information to report for this exchange which is scheduled for later this month.

2011 Incoming exchange from Peru-(Sept)

Paul reported the inbound Peruvian ambassadors arrive in Atlanta either today or tomorrow, September 2. They will fly to Greensboro on Thursday, September 8th. The group will be met at the airport the morning of the 8th and a welcome luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. at Stonefield Cellars Winery in Stokesdale. The luncheon will be catered by Pepper Moon. The cost of the luncheon will be covered for all attendees. Wine tasting will be available for an additional \$10 charge. Valerie needs a head count by Monday, September 5th. Activities planned for Friday, September 9th, include a visit to Old Salem followed by lunch at the Old Salem Tavern, a visit to SECCA and Reynolda Gardens, and an optional Wake Forest soccer game that evening. The weekend is free to spend with the host families. Small group dinners are planned over the weekend for the ambassadors in Greensboro and in Winston-Salem by several club members. On Monday, September 12th, a trip is planned to see the Titanic exhibit at the Natural Science Center in Greensboro. The cost is \$14 plus \$5 for headphones. The audio is available in Spanish. The cost of admission includes all exhibits in the science center. A picnic lunch is planned afterwards in Country Park at Pavilion #9. This covered picnic area has its own parking and restroom facilities. Sandwiches will be purchased for the group from Subway for this activity. Hosts are asked to bring dessert and any necessary utensils. An afternoon tour of Battlefield Park is scheduled for 3 p.m. that afternoon with Charles Cranfield, who is bilingual. Monday evening is free. On Tuesday morning, September 13th, the group will visit the International Civil Rights

Museum in Greensboro. Ray hopes to have an interpreter available for the tour. Lunch will be at Natty Greene's. A trip to the Greensboro Historical Museum is scheduled for the afternoon. Valerie Stokes is hosting the Farewell Dinner on Tuesday, September 13th, at her home on Vickery Chapel Road in Jamestown. Carpooling is encouraged since parking space is limited. Ralph will assist with parking direction and Don and Patti Sylvester and Ophelia will assist with set-up and food. Valerie will furnish drinks. An RSVP will be requested by September 6th. The ambassadors were originally scheduled to leave on Wednesday but are now leaving early on Thursday morning. Wednesday will be a free day with the host families.

2012 Outgoing to Brazil (Sept) -Joe Logan is unable to be ED for this exchange due to work conflicts. An ED is still needed for this exchange and the exchange should be promoted at the annual meeting in October. Ophelia offered to serve as co-ED and is willing to discuss the exchange at the annual meeting.

2012 Incoming from Berlin (May 28-June 1) – there is no news to report at this time.

2012 Incoming from N. Ireland (Sept. 2012) – A meeting is scheduled for September 16th between Donna and Ray to discuss this exchange.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Fred and Carol Andresen along with Marcia and Peter will comprise the Nominating Committee. Peter will be the incoming President. Offices to be elected include President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Committee chairs and at-large members are appointed. The slate of officers is to be presented at the annual meeting in October. Membership renewal notices will be mailed together with the flyer of the annual meeting at least two weeks before the meeting.

Annual Meeting: it was suggested the annual meeting which is currently scheduled for Thursday, October 27th, be rescheduled, due to several members' conflict with the Bryan Series lecture in Greensboro. The date of October 20th was suggested as the best alternative and appears to be available at this time. However, Marcia will double-check with the church secretary on the availability of this date. Carol will ask Fred if he knows anyone who might speak at the meeting on Brazil. Fred, Ray, and Ophelia will be working together to plan the annual meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next board meeting on Thursday, November 3rd.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. North, Secretary