

Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina (FFCNC)

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November 3, 2011

Present: Martha Brown, Judy Greene, Ophelia Jones, Donna Lambeth, Ray Kiszely, Barbara North, and Peter Peiffer

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 11:45 a.m. at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville. The minutes of the last board meeting on September 1, 2011 were approved as written and previously circulated.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was previously distributed to the Board by email. Judy reported that the Wachovia Bank accounts were successfully transferred to Wells Fargo Bank. As of November 1, there is total cash available of \$ 5024.98 with total assets of \$20,709.83. The cash total includes \$715.48 being held for the previous Ottawa and Peru exchange expenses. Assets in the Winston Salem Foundation as of 11/2/11 are \$15,684.85. Judy has expanded the format of the financial report as requested by the Board to include income and expenses. A donation to charity in honor of the Peruvian exchange still needs to be given before the incoming exchange budget can be closed out.

Membership: Marvin will report on the membership after he returns from Nepal in December. Second notices for membership renewal will need to be sent.

Annual Meeting Report: The annual meeting was held on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville with a speaker and program on Brazil. At the meeting three people signed up for our next outgoing exchange to Cascavel, Brazil. The following slate of officers for 2012 was presented and approved: President: Peter Peiffer; Vice President/Membership: Marvin Scherl, Secretary: Ophelia Jones, Treasurer: Judy Greene, and President Elect: Barbara North.

Lima, Peru Incoming Exchange: Ray reported on the numerous activities of the recent Peru exchange and referred everyone to the recent chapter newsletter for details of the exchange.

Ottawa Outgoing Exchange: Ralph submitted a written report on the Ottawa exchange which took place September 22-29. Twelve member of FFCNC were joined by two people from Tucson, AZ, and eight from the Florence FF club. The Florence group planned a pre-trip to New York, Saratoga, and Montreal, and was joined by one member from NC. Five of the travelers were new to the club. Travel arrangements were made individually. All bills have been paid including a \$200 exchange gift to the FFI Legacy Fund in honor of the Ottawa Club. The remaining balance of \$259.10 will be transferred to the general fund of the club treasury. There were many opportunities to learn from and observe the operations of the Ottawa club which is extremely active and well organized. A report sent by Judy Greene on September 30 to the Board and Ralph's exchange report outline their observations. Judy's comments are to be included in the next newsletter.

2012 Outgoing to Brazil (Sept) – Ophelia gave a presentation on Cascavel, Brazil at the annual meeting. She will not be able to co-ED this exchange as previously planned. An ED is still needed for this exchange.

ED Committee: A new chair is needed for this committee. Paul Meis will resign from this committee the end of this year.

2012 Incoming from Berlin (May 28-June 1) – Marcia has made one contact with the ED for this exchange.

2012 Incoming from N. Ireland (Sept. 2012) – There are approximately 12 people signed up for this inbound exchange according to the current President of the N. Ireland FF club. An ED for the exchange has yet to be chosen by their club. The ambassadors are also scheduled to visit New Jersey and the Hudson River Valley FF club but exact dates have not been set. A subcommittee from our club will need to be formed in early 2012 to plan activities and hosting arrangements.

New Business:

2013 Planning Request Form: This form must be submitted to FFI this week to provide information on our club availability, capacity, and destination interests for the 2013 exchange year. Our club has agreed to host up to 20 people for up to one week at any one time preferably during the months of March-June or September –November. We are also available for special inbound exchanges. The Board expressed interest in outbound destinations to Australia, Russia, Costa Rica, and Turkey including specialized programs in China, Morocco, Vietnam, and Cuba. Peter will complete the form and submit to FFI.

2012 Calendar: The Board meetings for 2012 will be held on the first Thursday of every other month beginning in January. Meetings will be scheduled for January 5th, March 1st, May 3rd, July 12th, September 6th, and November 1st. The annual membership meeting will be tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 25th.

Peter will prepare a new list of the 2012 Board members for distribution at the next Board meeting. He will also work on obtaining two co-chairs for the Social Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next board meeting on Thursday, January 5th, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara S. North, Secretary