

Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina (FFCNC)

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March 1, 2012

Present: Peter Peiffer, Ralph Cauthen, Ophelia Jones, Valerie Stokes and Marvin Scherl, Barbara North, Marcia Meis and Ray Kiszely.

The Board of Directors of the FFCNC met on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 11:45 a.m. at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville. This was their regularly scheduled meeting. The minutes of the last board meeting on Jan. 5, 2011 was approved with some corrections to be added.

Activities:

Valerie reported that the Spring LEO luncheon will be held at the Old Europe Restaurant, 1540 S. Strafford Road in Winston-Salem on March 3rd at 11:30 a.m. The committee will be using the GTCC facility for this year's World Friendship Day activities. Last year's participants are invited back and new activities are planned to make the event fun and memorable. The next LEO outing will be given at the Cleopatra Restaurant on Westover Terrace at the end of April or early May.

Financial Report:

Judy's treasurer report were approved and seconded. The funds available in the Wells Fargo Bank were \$495.70 in checking with savings account funds reported at \$3501.24, total amount of 3,996.94. The Winston-Salem Foundation investment accounts were reported with \$16,463.23(2/27/12.) The gift check written to the MSUMC never arrived and a stop payment charge for the lost check was charged to FFCNC.

Membership:

Marvin distributed copies of the current membership. Our current membership stands at 50 members (family and single), 11 memberships have failed to renew for 2012. Some discussion followed on possible retaining some of those members. The FFI has sent a "Global Expansion Plan for 2012-2014." The plan comprises five initiatives for building a strong Friendship Force for tomorrow. The Morganton club was mentioned as a possible partner because their club membership is dwindling also. Dual hosting activities could be used to recruit and bring new members to both clubs.

Communications:

Martha has received a request to advertise in our newsletter, a home stay in Mexico for the Orlando, FL club. A short reference with a hyper link is suggested to be more cost effective. Martha will explain further in our May meeting.

Exchanges:

2012 Outgoing to Cascavel, Brazil (Sept) - Peter and Judy will be the ED's for this fall exchange. Some discussions about the travel arrangements, Brazil's club activities, home stays and a possible two day home stay in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2012 Incoming from Berlin (May 20-26th) - ED's will be Marcia Meis and Judy Greene they have received little information from Berlin at this time. A time limit will be set for a response from the German club to carry out this exchange.

2012 Incoming from N. Ireland (Sept. 21-28th 2012)- This incoming home stay has been cancelled.

New Business:

Peter distributed the analysis of 2013 exchange requests from FFI.

Peter has received information concerning our outbound requests. We received a request from a club in western Australia near Brisbane for July of 2013. There are no incoming assignments for 2013 at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until the next board meeting was set for Thursday, May 3rd ,2012.

Respectively submitted on, April 26th, 2012
Ophelia Jones, Secretary