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Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina (FFCNC)

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September 5, 2013

Present: Barbara North, Marvin Scherl, Judy Greene, Valerie Stokes, Donna Lambeth and Ophelia Jones, Ray Kiszely, Martha Brown, Laura Lennon, Peter Peiffer and Carol Andresen.

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 11:45 a.m. at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville. The minutes of the last board meeting on June 27, 2013 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was previously distributed to the Board by email. As of September 4, 2013, there is a checking account balance of \$9,983.83; a saving account of \$1,501.74, cash on hand as of 9/04/13 is \$2,970.82; the Winston Salem Foundation investment account of \$18,657.89 as of 9/04/13, total assets of \$21,628.71. The treasurer's report was approved as distributed.

Membership: Marvin reported one new member to join. Marvin has requested for someone to take over the membership records. He would like to complete this training before the end of the calendar year.

Activities Committee: Valerie reported that suggested LEO for the Eastern Music Festival activity, held on the Guilford College campus, music for a Sunday evening on the lawn was rained out. The Annual Membership meeting will be our business meeting with a slate of officers for the upcoming year. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish to be shared with the membership and guests. Activities will be provided by the post-outbound Australian ambassadors and a hardy welcome to the Colorado ambassadors.

2013 Exchanges:

Outbound Australia: (July)

Judy and Ray had 13 ambassadors going to Australia. The annual meeting will be used to highlight some of the activities of their exchange.

Inbound from Colorado (Oct. 16-23th)

Denver and Laura Lennon are been approved to be the ED's for this project. The number of ambassadors are 16 members, this exchange will need 14 day hosts for each family. Laura sort advice on places to take hosts and any other ideas given by the board. The Pike's Peak club will have their formal welcome at the annual meeting on October 17th.

2014 Outgoing Exchange to Moldova:

The Moldova exchange will be in September 2014 for approximately 15 ambassadors. Discussions with FFI are ongoing and we have 2 people who are considering being Co-exchange directors: to be confirmed.

Communications/Newsletter

Martha Brown made a request for additional volunteers to assist the Publicity Committee with developing invitations/flyers for time sensitive events, writing articles for the newsletter

and assisting with the FFCNC website.

Old Business:

- Brochures: Martha reviewed the revised FFCNC brochure with several suggestions for wording that will keep it current. She will have 100 copies printed for the Annual Mtg. on Oct. 17th 2013.
- Membership Interest Survey: discussion was tabled due to lack of time.
- By-Laws Changes: Carol Andresen received further comments and discussion of proposed changes in the By-laws. It was decided to postpone a membership vote until later in the year.

New Business:

- Nominating Committee Report: Peter Peiffer reported that the committee is making progress identifying a slate of officers and expects to present them at the October Annual meeting.
- Suggestions for Board Members-at-Large for 2014: Discussion centered around the need to define the role of a Member-at-Large so people would know what they were agreeing to do and make recruiting easier. One additional suggestion was to invite some of the newest members to serve in that role to learn about FFCNC as well.
- Exchange invitation from Dayton, OH for 2014-2015: Board agreed to pursue more information about this invitation in addition to requests for in or outbound domestic exchanges from FF SunCoast, in the Tampa, FL area as well as to talk with the inbound ambassadors from Pike's Peak, CO about a possible outbound to CO. Discussion will resume at next meeting.
- 2015 Exchange Matching Request Form needs to be submitted to FFI by November 1. Board members were asked to read the handout and submit suggestions. A short survey of members will be developed based on the information about available exchanges.

Unfinished Business: In addition to the unfinished items above, the following were skipped due to the lack of time.

- Use of Social Media
- New Member mentoring
- A new item suggested by Donna Lamberth is added for future discussion: Use of investment account to provide professional development travel scholarship for teachers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at MSUMC at 11:45 a.m.

Thank you to Judy Greene for the note taking during this meeting.
Respectfully submitted,
Ophelia Jones, Secretary