

“The mission of Friendship Force is to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people”

Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina (FFCNC)

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November 7, 2013

Present: Barbara North, Marvin Scherl, Judy Greene, Ralph Cauthen, Hal Guess, Donna Lambeth Ophelia Jones, Ray Kiszely, Doris Kiszely, Martha Brown, Laura Lennon, Peter Peiffer, Marcia Meis, Karla Shanahan, Tim Prout, Bill Doran, and Marta Rhodes.

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 11:45 a.m. at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville. The President, Barbara North, opened the meeting with a welcome to new officers and Board members and a farewell to others. Outgoing members are recognized for their long time involvement, lending their homes, talents, skills, time, and hard work over the years. They will all be missed. An informative flyer was distributed to indicate the new members, the at-large members and the 2013 ED's for the Australia, Colorado and our Inbound Open World exchange, as well as the 2014 outbound exchange to Moldova.

The minutes of the last board meeting on September 5, 2013 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Greene gave the treasurer's report, which was previously distributed to the Board by email. As of November 6, 2013, there is a checking account balance of \$493.03; a saving account of \$1,501.77, cash on hand as of 11/06/13 is \$1,964.30; the Winston Salem Foundation investment account of \$18,874.34 as of 9/04/13, total assets of \$20,838.64. Also included in the report was the credit/deposits since the last report (\$203.00) and debits/expenses paid since last report: (\$9714.80). Judy reported that the audit of books will be done before the books are turned over to be cleared by the Auditor, Mr. Buddy Leasure. The treasurer's report was approved as distributed.

Membership: Marvin reported no new member to join. New 2014 membership will be sent out in December.

Activities Committee: Karla Shanahan, assistant to the activities Chairperson, reported that she and Marta Rhodes will be helping with the clubs activities in the future. Valerie will be leaving the Chairman position. One suggestion was to perhaps each LEO and the Annual meeting responsibilities could be divided up. Lundee Amos has been asked to provide a work shop on "Laughter" late in January for the membership as a LEO.

2013 Exchanges:

Inbound from Colorado (Oct. 16-23rd)

Laura Lennon the ED of the exchange stated a good time was had by all. Activities were varied by the different hosts. The farewell dinner was different (Liberty Oaks Restaurant and the Triad Stage Play). Inbound Day hosts did discuss the car driving problems from Grbo/Winston-Salem and vice versa. Thank you notes were given to all who helped. A suggestion was also made to include a FFCNC orientation meeting for new members in the middle of the year. The welcome dinner was held at the Annual Membership meeting in October. There was much dancing and eating.

2014 Outgoing Exchange to Moldova:

The Moldova exchange will be scheduled for the middle of September 2014 for approximately 15 ambassadors. The PA and a CA club have expressed an interest in joining the exchange. Barton Parks will act as the ED for this exchange. FFCNC has agreed to mentor a group in Chisinau, Moldova as they form a new Friendship Force club. This type of exchange suggests interviews may be necessary for the ambassadors selected. The November newsletter will provide more information on the exchange.

New Business:

- The Moldova ambassadors will be invited to Turkey, on the second week of touring. The FF Ankara club has invited us to Turkey. Barton would not like to work on Moldova and Turkey. We will need an ED for the Turkey exchange. Some discussion followed concerning the disturbances in Turkey and in the different nearby countries. A motion is made and seconded to include Turkey with the Moldova exchange. FFI will be informed that 2 weeks is desired.
- There was a request for an inbound exchange from Edmonton, Canada in 2014 in March, April is better for our climate. The request was approved.
- FFCNC has received a request from Open World to host a delegation from Kosovo in January 2014. Kosovo would be our 4th Open World program to be hosted here. Jan 10-18th 2014 are the dates for the arrival of the delegates. Three different topics are proposed 1. Women Leaders 2. Economic Development 3. General rule of law. Home hosting will be required for these guests. Ralph and Ray have volunteered to be the co-ED's for this program on Women Leaders. Karla will assist. The board approved the OW request and FFI and OW will be informed.
- The Colorado club has invited us for a 2015 outbound. Laura is in contact with the Pikes Peak Club, she will inquire about 2014 and 2015 outing for a weeks stay, the month is uncertain at this time.

Old Business:

- Russia, Costa Rica and Chile were the top three choices for 2015 international outbounds per our member's exchange request forms completed at the annual meeting. These choices were submitted to FFI by November 1 as requested.
- Donna is asking for all Membership Interest Surveys before December 17th.
- 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 next year.
- Donna has suggested the use of the Investment Account to provide professional development travel scholarship for teachers. Discussion tabled until Jan.
- Discussion followed on the Board meeting times. 10:30-12:30 was decided to be the new time for the Board meetings. Barbara is going to check with the church staff. A motion is made for the continuation of the \$200 honorarium given to the church for the use of the meeting rooms. Motion is seconded and passed.
- For the January meeting, the Board was asked to read the By-Laws so everyone will be familiar with the wording. Carol Andresen will be back for discussion.

Communications/Newsletter: Martha stated that the Newsletter will be sent out by November 13th. Information concerning Moldova and Turkey to be included.

Topics for Discussion at the Jan meeting:

- How can we mentor new members
- How can we recruit new members
- When to have a second orientation/and or membership meeting during the year.
- Ray will work on presentations for any social clubs

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 2 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at MSUMC at **10:30 AM**

Respectfully submitted,
Ophelia Jones, Secretary