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Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North /Carolina

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Present: Ray Kiszely, Leroy Stokes, Marvin Scherl, Barbara North, Tim Prout, Martha Brown, Peter Peiffer, Marta Rhodes and Evelyn Parks (9)

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met for their scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 25 at 10:30 AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, NC. Barbara North, the President, opened the meeting with a welcome and an agenda was provided.

The minutes of the last board meeting on June 26, 2014 were approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

Tim Prout, the treasurer provided written reports for all board members. In summary: the Balance of the Wells Fargo checking account is \$8,319.64. The Balance of the Winston-Salem Foundation Account is \$14,927.88. The sum of \$6,000 was transferred from the W-S Foundation account to the Wells Fargo checking account to facilitate the expected cash requirement for the Russian Outbound exchange. After some discussion and explanation by the Treasurer the report was voted on and accepted.

Membership Report:

Judy Greene was absent and sent a report via e-mail as follows:
There is one new member since the last meeting: Carol Weaver Joined July 31; she is on your newest member. We have 29 single and 33 family paid memberships for 2014. (95)
Plus one family and one single complimentary memberships (+3 = 98)
And 2 family and 1 single Legacy members (+5) who receive email only for a total headcount of 103. Renewal notices will go out first week in November.

Update on 2014 Outgoing Exchange to Moldova-

Evelyn Parks gave a report. All ambassadors enjoyed the program. The work of mentoring two new clubs was time consuming and challenging, but worth the effort. We will look for a more in-depth report at the Annual Meeting in October.

Update on 2015 Outgoing Exchange to Moscow- Martha reported in great detail about the exchange and included two handouts outlining the time frame of dates that are of importance to all concerned. Martha also included specific details that includes names of club members that have volunteered to assist in the formation of the Exchange and helping with the logistics of future meetings about the Exchange. Dates of the exchange and follow up tours are June 9 to June 25, 2015

Old Business-

- Colorado domestic outbound exchange in 2015. Laura Lennon will be the ED for this exchange. Laura did not attend this meeting and we have nothing to report.
- Ray Kiszely reported that he and Doris would begin to work on the Inbound Exchange from the United Kingdom now that they have returned from Moldova and Turkey. The Exchange is expected to be in October 2015.
- Martha provided a lot of information on the June 2015 Outbound Exchange to Russia (see above). The expected cost will be \$4600 per person including airfare and after exchange tours.
- The program for our Annual Membership Meeting will be Thursday evening October 30, 2014 at the Main Street United Methodist Church, Kernersville, NC. It will be a potluck dinner and there will be an election of club officers. Additionally there will be a review of the Moldova Exchange given by some of the participating Ambassadors.
- The proposed changes to the By-laws were briefly discussed; and presented to the board for approval. The board approved the by-laws as amended, and advised that the changes must be e-mailed to all members by October 15th so that the entire members can vote for or against their approval at the annual meeting on October 30, 2014.
- Compensation for inbound ED's was discussed at length. Marvin Scherl provided a comprehensive and detailed outline of suggested methods and amounts of Compensation to provide. After much discussion it was decided to table the discussion until the next board meeting.

New Business-

- The nominating committee lead by president-elect Leroy Stokes reported that the 2015 Slate of Officers has not yet been completed. He is hopeful that a full slate of officers will be presented to the general membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 30, 2014.
- A brief discussion took place about a change in the cost of membership in FFCNC, primarily because FFI national dues are scheduled to increase for 2015. The board approved the following: Keep single membership at \$25.00, and raising family membership from \$30.00 to \$35.00 for 2015. This means the Club will retain \$10.00 for each membership fee.

- A discussion and review of Exchange Requests resulted in the following outbound countries for which our club will request Outbound Exchanges for 2015. Costa Rica, Chile, Peoples Republic of China and Republic of Georgia.

A discussion about the Winston Foundation Committee Report took place and the board decided to abandon any planning for dissipation of the approximately \$20,000 in this account, and to consider the Foundation money as an endowment that could be drawn upon when necessary for the proper functioning of the club.

Field Rep Training Highlights were not reviewed, except to note that all board members had received a copy of the report.

No information was given about a proposed outbound exchange to Northern Ohio.

Communication and Newsletter: Martha Brown reported that Doris Kiszely and Jane Cauthen were currently working on a report from Moldova and Turkey and will be presented at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 30, 2014

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned. The next Board Meeting will be at MSUMC Thursday November 6, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Kiszely
Filling in for Secretary Jones