

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

FFCNC Minutes for

July 9, 2015

Present: Ray Kiszely, Leroy Stokes, Ophelia Jones, Barbara North, Hal Guess, Dian Nussbaum, Doris Kiszely, Martha Brown, Marvin Scherl and Karla Shanahan (10)

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met on Thursday, July 9, 2015. The meeting was held at 10:30 AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, NC. Leroy Stokes, the president, opened the meeting with a welcome, a consent agenda was provided by email.

The Minutes were approved, the membership report was acknowledged as no new members since the last report. The treasurer’s report was accepted as written. All reports were approved and seconded.

Old Business

- Open World inbound from Kosovo on May 1-9- Report was given by Ray Kiszely. The Kosovo team was featured in the “Leader” magazine {A Carolina Farm Credit Member Publication} of June 2015. The activities and programs given went very well. Ray explained the excess of monies after the program was \$576.42, these monies should be sent to FFI.
- Martha Brown send by email a detailed report of the Russian outbound exchange from June 9-26th. Martha asked for clarification regarding refunds for ambassadors. Our existing policy states that if the monies remaining at the end of an exchange equal \$20 or more per ambassador, these monies are refunded to the ambassador equally. Martha was also instructed to include in her budget a line of \$25 per ambassadors for “FFCNC admin fee.” This was in addition to “programming organizing expenses” which covered administrative costs such as copying material, etc. Martha questioned whether the FFCNC treasury was to receive \$25 per ambassador and then refunds should be calculated per our policy or if this line item was simply a duplication of “programming organizing expenses.” If the later (both line items were intended to cover administrative costs) and given the amount of money remaining after the end of the exchange, Moscow ambassadors will receive refunds (probably approximately \$60 or more per ambassador) and the FFCNC treasury will retain no money from this exchange. Those present in the meeting who have served as ED’s before clarified that “FFCNC admin fee” was a duplication of “programming organizing expenses.” The amount of the refund to be calculated for the ambassadors will take into account all the exchange monies remaining.

- UK inbound exchange October 1-8, 2015. Doris and Ray gave a report on activities planned for the excursion. The activities will include the Hanesbrand Theatre in Winston-Salem, with the play "Wit", as well as other activities around Greensboro and Winston Salem.
- Ray attended the meeting on June 8 with Steve Mackler involving nurses from Moldova, arriving on September 12-20th 2015 for an Open World excursion. Ray has been asked to put together a program with the Guilford Rotary Club. This should be good relationship for our club. Ray is our ambassador from Friendship Force.
- The inbound exchange from Sunshine Coast, Australia to Greater Atlanta, Central North Carolina, and Huntsville in April, 2016. Judy Greene is to poll our previous Australia ambassadors. We still need an ED for this excursion.

Martha suggested some the use of Skype or similar technology to get in touch with other countries contacts. This discussion lead to how to recruit for ED's for our various excursions and ways to cover all the difficult situations that ED's might encounter. The Board suggested to send to Leroy 3 names of member who might be a candidate for future Exchange Director positions. Martha and Ray will work with the Inbound and outbound names for possible ED positions for the future.

- The Colorado domestic outbound in June or July 2016 was updated. Judy Greene will be the ED for this excursion. More information will come.
- Outbound exchange to Liuzhou, China in September 2016 update was given by Leroy. He stated that he finally reached Michelle Yu in Liuzhou and they are looking forward to our visit in September 2016. Communication was not the best on June 18. This exchange still need an ED.

New Business:

- The Portland Oregon domestic outbound in 2017 or 2018 is offered to the club. We replied that we are interested around Rose Festival in May. They believe the Rose Festival is in late May or early June and they will hold a spot on their calendar.
- This discussion was headed by Ray Kiszely, he stated that some policy needs to be made if affordable or comfortable hotel accommodations for the President or a designee when they represent the club at away functions. Some compensation on

the hotel and/or registration fees should be allowed. This will be put on agenda for further discussion in the next meeting.

- There will not be a club donation for the Nepal devastating earthquake around the end of April. The club felt members have already contributed to various organizations that have already given funds for this cause.
- Dian Nussbaum was open to suggestions for our next LEO, before or after our annual meeting. Suggestion was the recent visit to Russia be given a time to display and talk about their excursion, a time and date will be sent out to the membership, other suggestions followed.
- From Tom Laggy, the Club and Member Information- Our club was rated as a 3 star club according to our Rating Criteria. We will focus on the Executive Transition Plan from the Information Sheet for FF Leaders and Club Members sent to us by the *Communique*.
- Barbara will focus on some feedback on the executive policies, take a look at the wording to get a better policy. She distributed a draft copy of some outbound and inbound exchange policies for the ED's, it also included some notes on inbound Exchange Director Compensation policy.
- The LED projector – Peter will be asked to be the gatekeeper for the projector. The rental agreement will be draw up for our projector, if we decide to rent it out to members.
- The annual Meeting date was not decided at the meetings end. TBA. (Memos have been sent out to indicate that Nov.5 will be the annual meeting date.)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday September 3rd at 10:30 AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernsville.

Respectively Submitted,

Ophelia Jones