

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

FFCNC Minutes

for

September 3, 2015

Present: Leroy Stokes, Barbara North, Judy Greene, Doris Kiszely, Ray Kiszely, Nancy Russell, Karla Shanahan, Martha Brown, Ophelia Jones and Marvin Scherl (10)

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met on Thursday, September 3, 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 and membership report were approved, the treasurer’s report had some unresolved questions. A motion was made to table the treasurer’s report until we can get with Tim Prout, the treasurer.

**Old Business:**

- **The FFCNC Exchange Director Policy revisions-** Barbara gave a report on the revisions to the FFCNC Exchange Director Policies. It was brought to her attention that the gender should be changed to include the terms (his or her). The new revisions will be placed on our website. The new revisions were approved and seconded.
- **UK inbound exchange October 1-8, 2015 update-**Ray distributed a hand out on the Cleveland County, United Kingdom, Club #12258 visit to the Triad . This draft program hand out #3 as of Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, included the tentative estimates of the schedule of activities with the dates and time of their arrival to departure of this excursion. Orientation for those involved in the Winston area will meet at Martha’s home on Saturday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the afternoon, and on Sunday, Oct. 13, Ray is waiting for Karlyn Shankland to set arrangements to be made at Friends West , for those in the Greensboro area. Sundays orientation will be hosted by Ray and Doris at the Friends West location. Those involved may attend either day. Judy Greene is also involved in setting up the host arrangements.

Ray has also requested that the Cleveland County, United Kingdom club pay \$150 per ambassador, FFCNC has already received \$1650 from the Cleveland County club and the money is in our treasury. So that our host families may participate in some or all of the events planned by the ED’s, Ray is asking that our club subsidize this exchange by \$200 per ambassador for a total of \$2200. A motion was made and approved that the club subsidize this exchange by \$2,000.

- **Guilford Rotary Club, Open World Excursion September 12-20<sup>th</sup> 2015-** This excursion involves nurses from Moldova. Doris gave a update on the visit with Steve Mackler and the invitation to their home on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> for hosts and members who have visited Moldova in the past.
- **Compensation for representative of club to attend conferences-**Ray provided the board with information following a survey conducted among most of the Friendship Force Clubs in our Region. It was noted that altered wording would be used that would include financial support be provided to the Club President or his/her designee to represent their club at Regional, National and or International Friendship Force Executive Meetings. Ray has proposed that our club provide a Travel and Lodging and Meal expense of up to \$400 per year to allow our President or his/her designee to attend the meeting without a financial hardship. After much discussion, a motion was made to allocate \$400 to the Club President or his/her designee to be used so that he/she will be

represented for any Regional, National and or International Friendship Force Executive meetings. Original receipts must be provided to the treasurer following the meeting to be reimbursed for any expenses that might occur.

Motion was amended to included alternate wording of (gender representation) and to include any Regional, National and or International FFI meetings the President or his or her designee, \$400 is allowed for expense. Motion was carried, seconded and passed.

- **Inbound exchange #12559 from Sunshine Coast, Australia to Huntsville, AL, Greater Atlanta GA, and Central NC April 27, 2016- May 4, 2016-**This was an open item and the President wanted the club to know the need for an ED for this excursion.
- **ED training activities update-** A report was given by Ray and Martha. Martha started off with the understanding that the word training was not one that they wanted use, as yet, but rather at this stage call it sharing of information to our members so that they understand what the ED's role is and all that is required to get their interest. The second stage would be the training. Ray gave an ED Search Committee Report that contained a short list of nominees to contact. They included Patti Gilmour and Don Sylvester, Ann and Charlie Finch, Tamara Michael, Charlotte Hamlin, Dottie Blanchard, Jackie Rountree, Hal Guess, and Karla Shanahan. The results of the search was reported. It was suggested that Patti and Don be asked to assist in the next possible inbound exchange to let them have a first hand experience. This report reached out to all the Board to please pass on to other FFCNC member names to Ray and Martha for them to follow through.
- **Colorado Springs area domestic outbound in July 2016 update-** This report will be given by Judy Greene, the ED for this exchange. She states that the members of the Pikes Peak Area Friendship Force are available to host up to 20 ambassadors after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July up until the 27<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 for a week with a minimum stay of 4 days. Additional information will be sent out after October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Outbound exchange #12682 to Liuzhou, China in September 2016-** The president gave a report on the progress. Ralph was asked to be the ED, he could not commit at this time. We are still in need of a committed ED to start planning this excursion as soon as possible.
- **FFCNC Vice-President vacancy candidates-**Leroy is open for suggestions to fill this important position. We need candidates for this position that would be organized, have leadership skills and be able and willing to move up into the president's position. Much discussion followed with some names mentioned from our membership lists, and Ray suggested we might want to find an interested person with good leadership skills who might want to take on the job of vice-president. Send any suggested candidates or ideas to Leroy.
- **Oregon domestic outbound in 2018-** This excursion is still up in the air. The Rose Festival is late May or early June and they will hold a spot on their calendar for us.

## **New Business:**

- **\$100 host fee discussions-** The president wanted clarification on the club's host fee as stated as \$100. A motion was made and seconded to raise the home host fee to \$200. Ray gave a report to may sure the home hosts can participate in all the activities planned for the

Cleveland County, United Kingdom Oct. 1-8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 exchange. Exchange costs estimates based on 11 ambassadors was \$2,022 and after much discussion the amount added would be an additional \$1,100. A motion was made and seconded to approve additional funds of \$2,200 for the UK exchange.

- **The Annual Meeting for November 5<sup>th</sup> (Program suggestions)-** A program is needed for our Annual meeting on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6. Our next board meeting will be November 12, at 10:30AM.
- The next **LEO** will be held at the O'Henry Hotel Social Lobby, on September 24, at 5:30 to 8:30 PM, Jazz and cocktails is the theme.
- **The Domestic exchange to Northeast Ohio (FFNEO), 2017-** Barbara stated that the domestic exchange to Northern Ohio was open. We stated that we were interested in Barbara to pursue our visitation.
- **Nancy Russell** would like some club member to act as a backup for our facebook accounts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 12 at 10:30AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville.

Respectfully submitted,

Ophelia Jones