

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

FFCNC minutes

March 3, 2016 Minutes

Present: Barbara North, Martha Brown, Ophelia Jones, Leroy Stokes, Tim Prout, Charles John, Judy Greene, Karla Shanahan and Ray Kiszely (9)

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met on Thursday, March 3, 2016. The meeting was held at 10:30 AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church of Kernersville, NC. Leroy Stokes, the president, opened the meeting with a welcome, a consent agenda was provided by email and he asked for any additions or correction. There was two corrections which was the date of the Colorado outbound should have been July 13-20th and the date of the minutes to be 2016. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda with those corrections. It was moved (Judy) and seconded (Ophelia) to approve the consent agenda.

The minutes, membership report and treasurer’s report was approved as distributed, a motion was made and seconded to approve consent items.

Old Business

- The Open World Program report from Ukraine was given by Ray Kiszely. They will arrive on April 29. Ralph and Ray has worked with several committee members, Judy, Martha, Karla, and Don Sylvester and Patti Gilmour to name a few with assistance in various tasks. He gave an update on the progress of the OW visit. There will be 5 Ukrainian journalists, their mission is Investigative journalism and Media with an eye toward corruption. He and Ralph are busy setting up business connections and other arrangements needed for great experiences. They are awaiting final connections so that plans can be made for our guests.
- Judy Greene gave a report on the domestic outbound trip to Colorado- July 13-19, 2016. As of this morning she has nine payments for the trip two more are expected on Saturday. The deadline is March 10th for collection. The maximum number is 20, everything is going well.
- “It’s a Match” exchange #13156 is planned for July 2017, to Sao Luis, Brazil. Leroy gave a review and Martha gave a more complete report. This is small new club with 15 members, our trip will be their first exchange. Martha asked pertinent questions from our FFI, all that what now is needed is an ED to start the process of communication to recruit ambassadors for this exchange.
- The alternative method of managing the club without elected officers was opened by the President for discussion. In our last meeting Barbara distributed a report from Steve Tindell, a member of the FF Pikes Peak Colorado Club. We

were to read this document and bring back to the board our feelings about this method of leadership for our club. Some discussion followed, Martha gave us an idea how the leadership council appeared on paper, there are 7 elected to the leadership council (Council coordinator, secretary , treasurer, communications coordinator, exchange coordinator, memberships and events coordinator) Six positions were named, an activities coordinator is also needed. These positions the council members decide amongst themselves who fills what position, council members can opt to change roles on the council during the annual council formation. Mr. Tindel (FF Pikes's Peak) liked this system better because there was more of a member buy in and decision ownership by the council as oppose to the autocratic approach of top down management structures. Discussions followed on how to get this information out to the membership. A motion (Tim) was made and seconded (Judy) that this information concerning the alternative method of managing the club be sent by an email, mailing, and telephone be sent to the membership to explain the situation. Judy will summarize the membership list with Donna to ascertain the interests of the members concerning this issue.

New Business

- The Northeast Ohio FF club, in 2017 is a domestic exchange with proposed dates August 21 (Mon. to Sun.) 27, 2017. \$310 was the proposed fare amounts. This was the dates the Ohio club suggested. The dates were approved and Leroy will talk with NE Ohio club until the ED takes over.
- A LEO brunch will be held on March 5 at 11 AM at Bistro B- 126 S. Main St. Suite E in Kernersville. They will assemble to hear about Ukraine in preparation for our Open World exchange. The speaker will be Dr. Jeff Jones, Associate Professor of History, UNCG, whose specific area of research is Russia-Soviet history.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 26 (because of Open World Ukraine visit) at 10:30 AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville.

Respectively submitted,
Ophelia Jones, Secretary

