

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

FFCNC Minutes for

May 26, 2016

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

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met on Thursday May 26, 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. A consent agenda was provided by email. He asked for a motion to approve the consent items for this meeting. Motion approved and seconded. He moved on to except a motion to approve the minutes, the membership report and the treasurer’s report. Motion was carried.

Old Business

- The Open World group from Ukraine’s report was given by Ray Kiszely. Ray provided a report sponsored by the Open World Leadership Center, a Host Narrative (due three weeks after delegation departure). He provided a financial report of monies spent and the Grand Total Cost Share of \$11,457.28 was shown. He gave pertinent information that would be good for future inbound Open World groups to follow. This was a successful Open World program.
- The domestic Colorado outbound update was given by Judy. She talked about the transportation to the airports in Colorado. She said everything is ready to go. They will have a final get together in the week of June 13 for a picnic in Harmon Park in Kernersville.
- The Sao Luis, Brazil outbound exchange #13156 for July 2017 was given by the ED, Charles John. He has been in contact with the travel agent, Ana (FFI) recommended some ideas for the exchange. He shared a preliminary look at some alternatives for the visit. This will be a three week exchange, we need visas to enter the country. There will be more content given at the next meeting.
- The alternative method of managing the club without elected officers were sent out by Leroy some time ago. Leroy received a total of 23 responses, most members said we should give the new system a try. The ambassadors to Colorado will ask questions about this method when they visit so that we can get a better feel of this club’s leadership methods.

- The Activities Chair/Committee- The next excursion will possibly occur in the fall month of September. Martha asked me if I could coordinate a visit to Charlotte Hawkins Brown State Historical Site in Sedalia, as a possible LEO. Ophelia said yes, she would. It was suggested that maybe Dottie Blanchard and Karla could help with the arrangements.
- The Northeast Ohio domestic exchange was lead in discussion by Leroy. The arrival will be on Monday 8/21/17 and departure on Sunday 8/27/17 or +/- a few days to obtain the best airfare. Leroy leaned toward Don and Patti as a possible ED's for this exchange.

New Business

- This was a suggestion from Judy to discuss with the International Black Theater Festival Board to explore the feasibility of offering a themed inbound exchange for the end of July or the first week in August, 2017. This would be a domestic exchange. Tim, Tamara and Karla, who has connections with the School of the Arts, might be willing to help. Judy has volunteered to be the ED on this exchange if the board approves. A motion was made to have Judy pursue these discussions, a second was given, Motion carried.
- Barbara have a report that said, Marta Rhodes would like to resign from the communications committee. She would be willing to help with other areas. The Newsletter will be coming out in the summer and discussions followed of what might go into its publication.
- Leroy, the president would need the minutes before he traveled out of town before June 29. The next Board meeting will be Thursday July 7th at our regular time.
- The Annual meeting will be Thursday, October 27th and November 3rd as a second date.
- The Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon club was a place holder for our outbound domestic exchange in June 2018. They will hold us a place during the Rose Festival held on June 9th, 2018. The Oregon Club was letting us know that there would be an extra \$100.dollar charge for the Rose Parade seating, breakfast and tickets for the Parade. Leroy will inform them of our decision to okay that change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday July 6, at 10:30 AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville.

Respectfully submitted,

Ophelia Jones, Secretary