

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

Friendship Force of Central North Carolina
Minutes for January 12, 2017 Meeting of the Board of Directors

Present: Leroy Stokes, Charlotte Hamlin, Martha Brown, Charles John, Marylin Moniquette-John, Barbara North, Ophelia Jones, Zella Harris, Judy Greene, Ray Kiszely (10 quorum)

Leadership Council Selection: The meeting opened at 10:30 a.m. with outgoing President Leroy Stokes calling attention to the purpose of this special discussion prior to the scheduled Board meeting. The goal is to determine which leadership roles the seven newly elected representatives would assume under the new governance mode. At the annual meeting on Oct. 27, 2017, the membership voted to suspend Article V (Officers) of the current Bylaws to be replaced on a one year trial basis by a seven person Leadership Council (LC). All of the new members elected on Oct. 27th were present except Lois “Crickit” Mendezoff who was absent because of a vacation, with the addition of Zella Harris who had subsequently been appointed to fill the seventh position. Leroy invited the new LC members to introduce themselves, describe their skill sets, FFCNC involvement, and leadership interests. Martha who had talked with Crickit earlier reported on her club interests and some skill sets. Ray talked about the Open World Program to which he suggested the club have a coordinator for that category. The Open World is centered around the delegates of the former Soviet Union and now Republics that came of that break-up, of last delegates were from Ukraine (Journalist). Charles suggested a Program Developer might be one of the Leadership Council leaders. No action was taken on these suggestions.

After discussion, the new LC members agreed to fill Leadership Council roles: **Leadership Coordinator** would be Barbara North; **Secretary**, Charlotte Hamlin; **Treasurer**, Ray Kiszely; **Membership Coordinator**, Marylin Moniquette-John; **Communications Coordinator**, Zella Harris; **Events Coordinator**, “Crickit” Mendezoff (to be confirmed on her return); and **Exchange Coordinator**, Martha Brown. Ex-officio 2017 Board members are past-President Leroy Stokes and Exchange Directors, Charles John and Judy Greene.

Business Meeting:

Leroy convened the business portion of the meeting. A motion was made and approved to accept the persons designated above for the new Leadership Council of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina to serve a one year term. Leroy reviewed some of the first of the year activities such as the annual audit, and the change of signatures on the FFCNC Bank accounts. The bank would like to see the minutes from the meeting before the transfer of checkbook authority is given to Coordinator, Treasurer, and Secretary who will go to bank in Kernersville in the near future.

Reports:

The **Treasurer’s report** for 2016 was approved as submitted by outgoing Treasurer, Tim Prout. Ray agreed to meet with Tim to review the financial situation and report outstanding issues in February.

The **Membership report** was presented by Judy Greene. Membership for FY 2016 was Single 33, Family 22; with a head count total of 77 individual members. For 2017, there are only individual memberships. To date there have been 55 renewals and contact is being made with those who have not yet paid their dues. A few members have communicated they do not plan to renew. A suggestion which received positive comments was to distribute dues statements for

payment at the annual meeting in October rather than the December holidays. A motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Brazil Outbound Exchange: Charles John, the Exchange Director for Brazil excursion, gave an updated report #8. He stated that one ambassador had dropped from the exchange but we had gotten two new ambassadors for the exchange which has a maximum of 16. Audley Travel has contracted for domestic Brazilian air travel and non-host accommodation, Delta has issue an International Group Contract for the international segment of the itinerary, and Selma Oliveira, our host ED, meets with the Sao Luis club on January 14th to begin the task of matching ambassadors with hosts. The planning activities are also included. (document included). Ray and Tim will coordinate with the bank with the payments for this exchange.

Inbound Global Exchange: ED Judy Greene, distributed the final copy of the brochure that will be coming out in FFI catalog around January 15th for Global Exchange Summer in the City of Arts and Innovation taking place in Winston-Salem, July 31-August 7,2017. Some of the things listed were the Program Highlights, Optional Activities, Estimated Exchange Costs and Know before you go. (brochure included). The final program details will not be finalized until June when theater schedules and other information are available. Because this is a global exchange without an incoming ED that Judy can communicate with, FFI will collect all the monies, keep what is due to them and send us the rest.

New Business:

- Prospective Inbound Moscow Exchange: Leroy reported that he has received a request from FFI to host an inbound exchange with ambassadors from Moscow in November, 2017. Leroy has indicated to FFI that we would like to participate. Martha will follow up and report at the next meeting.
- FFI News: Barbara received communication from FFI about World Friendship Day, celebrated on March 1st. They are asking clubs to plan events to honor Friendship Force's 40 th Anniversary year. The Quarterly Newsletter information is contained within. In future, international conferences will be held every other year.

Future Meetings: Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1st at MSUMC. Space has been reserved.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ophelia Jones, outgoing Secretary, and Charlotte Hamlin, incoming Secretary.

Approved by Board on Feb. 2, 2017