

“Experience different views. Discover common ground”

Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina

March 2, 2017

Present: Ray Kiszely, Martha Brown, Barbara North, Judy Greene, Charles John, Leroy Stokes, Criket Mendezoff, Zella Harris and Karla Shanahan (9)

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met for their scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 2, at 10:30 AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, NC. Barbara North, the Leadership Coordinator, opened the meeting with a welcome and an agenda was provided.

- The first business was to ask for a volunteer to take Minutes in the absence of Club Secretary Charlotte Hamlin. Ray Kiszely volunteered to take minutes and provide a written report.
- The second order of business was the new **Consent Agenda**. Charles John suggested a minor change to the Minutes from the February 2, 2017 Board Meeting. The change was noted and the Board then approved the Consent Agenda.
- **Old Business: Discussion** of club finances and Treasurer’s Report.

Ray Kiszely, Treasurer reported on a meeting with Anne Garvey, a Director of the Winston-Salem Foundation. He gave copies of the Foundation’s details and a copy of our club’s historical account information. Ray will attend a Foundation Webinar to learn more about the organization on March 10, 2017. Ray provided a brief status report on the club’s Wells Fargo business checking account.

Club finances are expected to be audited by club member Don Sylvester, Ray will arrange for a mutually convenient time to meet with Don to facilitate the auditing of our club financial records.

- **New Business**

Barbara brought up the April 20-22, 2017 SE Regional Conference in Huntsville, Alabama.

Barbara said she was not able to go to the Conference, and asked who among those present would be able to go to represent the club. No one present said they could attend. The registration fee is \$75, cost for hotel is about \$90 per night, Barbara said that the club was able to help a club representative with the expenses.

Barbara mentioned the Annual Grantee of Merit Award from Open World and cited the names of club members that have helped with Open World programs in the past.

Martha Brown discussed in great detail the current status of our Club's Exchanges/Journeys. Martha provided a four page report with specific details about 2017 Club Journeys, several of the items required Board approval. They are October 21-25, 2017 Rumsfeld Foundation/Open World delegation, with approval of Charlotte Hamlin as Journey Coordinator. A possible Northeast Ohio Domestic Journey in September, 2017, with Ralph Cauthen as Journey Coordinator and Karla Shanahan as an Assistance Journey Coordinator. A Moscow FF Club Inbound Journey, November 20 to 27, 2017 with Crista Douthit as Journey Coordinator. An outbound domestic Journey to Mid-Williamette Valley, Oregon for first week of June 2018 with Leroy Stokes as the Journey coordinator.

The board approved all the Journeys and the Journey Coordinators nominated.

There are two 2018 Journeys that have been assigned to our club.

August 2018 Outbound Hsinchu, Taiwan. No discussion and no JC at present.

October 2018 Inbound from Bundaberg, Australia. Brief discussion, Judy Greene said she would be willing to help with this Journey.

A brief discussion about 2018 or 2019 Arts Based inbound Journey, no decision was made.

- **Communications Coordinator** Zella Harris spoke about club communications.
- **Event Coordinator** Criket Mendezoff said that we have a total of 15 club members and guests planning to attend the Sunday, March 5, 2017 performance of "Having our Say" at Triad Stage HanesBrand Theater in W-S. Judy Greene has arranged for a dinner reservation at Hutch and Harris Pub following the performance.
- **Barbara North** reminded all in attendance that our new organization tagline is *Experience Different Views. Discover Common Ground.* We will also have some new terminology; for example we will use the term Journey instead of Exchange.
- **The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Kiszely, Treasurer, acting as club secretary.

March 6, 2017