

## **“Experience different views. Discover common ground.”**

### Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina

June 1, 2017

**Present:** Barbara North, Ray Kiszely, Crista Douthit, Judy Greene, Marylin John, Charles John, Martha Brown, Charlotte Hamlin, Leroy Stokes (9)

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met for the scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, June 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, NC. Leadership Coordinator Barbara North opened the meeting with a welcome. An agenda was provided.

- **Consent Agenda Items:**
  - **Minutes of the May 11th meeting and Reports on Inbound Global Arts and Outbound Brazil** Journeys had been sent to Board members prior to the meeting. Ray Kiszely distributed the Treasurer’s Report as of May 30<sup>th</sup>. The checking account had an ending balance of \$20,653.00. Ray reviewed the new Report Format he has developed which creates separate listing of income and expenses for current Journeys. He thanked Martha Brown for her guidance in creating this new format to be more helpful for Journey Coordinators. **The Minutes for May 11 and Treasurer’s report for May 30<sup>th</sup> were approved.**
- **Old Business**
  - **Inbound Global Exchange Update (July 31-Aug. 7):** Coordinator Judy Greene reported that changes are being made in home host assignments and additional volunteers are urgently needed. She is also seeking food volunteers. Adjustments are being made in expenses due to higher than several anticipated event costs.
  - **Outbound Brazil Exchange (June 10-25):** Coordinator Charles John reported that the project is “Ready to Go!” He and Ray will meet to review Journey cash flows prior to Ray’s assumption as treasurer on 2/1/17 in order to verify the reported net cash balance. Martha Brown will serve as alternate Coordinator if needed.
  - **Northeast Ohio Domestic Outbound (Aug. 22-29).** Coordinator Ralph Cauthen was not able to be present, so Martha reported that planning is going well, with 10 Ambassadors signed up to date. Karla Shanahan is unable to serve as co-coordinator for this trip.
  - **Moscow Inbound (Nov. 20-27):** Crista Douthit, Journey Coordinator, reported that the planning committee met recently to consider activities for the Inbound group which are impacted by the Thanksgiving week schedule. She is in touch with the FFI contact and the Russian Ambassador Coordinator. The Inbound Ambassadors will come to the Triad first, then to Atlanta.
  - **2018 Outbound assignment Hsinchu, Taiwan (August, 2018).** Martha reported that a poll of member interest in the Taiwan trip showed fewer than 20 people with moderate interest (“maybe”). There was interest in trip extensions in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. A Coordinator has not yet been identified.

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- **2018 Inbound from Bundaberg, Australia:** No report.
- **Summer Social Event:** Barbara reported that scheduling problems led to cancellation of the proposed Picnic on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **New Business**
  - **Annual Club Expenses/Income:** Barbara expressed concern about the ongoing pattern of withdrawals from the Winston Salem Foundation account to augment Exchange budgets and the potential long term negative effect on club resources. The group discussed the need for Inbounds to be more self-supporting by Ambassadors rather than the club covering extra expenses, such as food. Ray agreed to develop a budget template to clarify likely club expenses after FFI allocation and initially projected expenses for Ambassadors. Further discussion focused on the desirability of holding fundraising events to support the club, such as a 50-50 share cash raffle at the Annual Meeting.
  - **Website/Go Daddy upgrade:** Crista Douthit reported she has been reviewing the effectiveness of the club website and sees the need for an upgrade to a new version of GoDaddy as some links are not working. She has talked with several IT representatives at GoDaddy and received conflicting reports about the cost of the upgrade to version 7 and how it would address the linkage problems. She will contact a Sales representative for a firm price to report at the next Board meeting.
  - **Membership Communications by Paper Mail:** Marilyn John raised the issue of mailing print materials to the few members who do not access the internet to get posted club information:. She asked what should be sent and who should do the copying/ mailing, Membership or Communications? Barbara agreed to ask Zella to contact members who do not use the internet to assess their interest in receiving various print club materials. This discussion touched on **Legacy Membership** which was deferred to the July meeting .
  - **Webinar:** Barbara and Crista reported that they had taken part in the Journey Webinar from FFI and found it very useful.
  - **Annual Meeting Date:** After consideration of various October dates for the Annual Meeting, it was agreed that Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, United Nations Day, would be ideal. Barbara will check with the church regarding space availability.
  - **Future Meetings** - Barbara reminded the Board that the usual schedule has been altered. ***The July meeting will be July 13 and the August meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.***
  - **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.