

FFCNC Board Meeting

Minutes of Meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2017

Main Street United Methodist Church, Kernersville, NC; 10:30 a.m.; Room 107

Present: Barbara North, Crista Douthit, Charlotte Hamlin, Martha Brown, Marylin John, Charles John, Karla Shanahan.

Barbara called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

1) Consent Agenda Items:

- a) Minutes of October 12, 2017 – Lucy Kaplan
- b) Minutes of Annual Meeting – October 24, 2017 – Charlotte Hamlin
- c) Treasurer's Report – Ray Kiszely

As there were no questions about the reports, a motion to approve each report was passed.

2) Membership Report – Marylin

Marylin gave an update on the applications and dues that she has received since the notices went out. So far 16 people have replied. She is updating the membership list and contact information and will send another dues/membership reminder next month. She recommended new initiatives to better publicize FFCNC locally to increase membership. Discussion ensued on ideas, including becoming a day sponsor on WFDD radio. Charlotte agreed to contact a friend who is on the Board there to see if discounts are available for multiple days. Barbara will contact Lucy with the suggestion of exploring a listing through Meetup.com. It was suggested that Ray contact local Shepherd's Center about offering FF speakers for their educational programs for seniors.

Looking ahead to a club holiday social, it was agreed that January would be a good time, and Karla volunteered to coordinate the event. Charles offered to assist and work with Lucy on promotion.

3) Journey Reports

- i) **Moscow Inbound Journey Update** - Crista reviewed the problems with visa applications which led to the decision to defer the Moscow Inbound Exchange, hopefully in 2018 if visa can be obtained. Crista is willing to continue as Inbound Coordinator, in hopes the eager members of the Moscow will be able to get visas and find mutually agreeable dates.
- ii) **Bundaberg, Australia Journey Update** – Martha confirmed that this Journey will take place Oct. 9-16, 2018 and that Jim and Barbara North have volunteered to be Coordinators.
- iii) **Oklahoma City Inbound or Outbound Journeys in '18 or '19**. Martha reported that dates are being discussed with the Oklahoma City club Journeys also, and that Judy Greene has agreed to be the Host Coordinator, if needed.
- iv) **Mid-Willamette Valley OR Outbound Journey** in June, 2018. Leroy is in contact with their club representatives and awaiting final determination of dates. The Rose Parade on June 9th will be included.

4) Journey Coordinator Guidelines – Martha distributed an updated draft of proposed Journey Coordinator Policies related to two outstanding items from the previous meeting:

- a) Proration of the Earned Ambassador Coordinator Seat:** After a lengthy discussion, the following policy statement was approved for **item ii: "FFCNC policy provides for the**

Coordinator to be compensated 100% for his/her travel expenses regardless of the number of ambassadors travelling on the journey. Unneeded language on this policy from the earlier document would be removed.

b) Complimentary travel company benefits: After discussion, **Item j** under Expenses was approved as follows: ***“If a travel company offers a complimentary seat/ticket for an item related to the extended travel, FFCNC policy provides that this benefit may be accepted fully by the Ambassador Coordinator as an addition reward for efforts planning and leading the extended travel.”*** It was agreed that unneeded language on this policy from the earlier document would be removed.

Having resolving these two issues, the overall Policies document was approved with Martha authorized to make small changes and formatting based on this discussion.

- 5) **Southeast Regional Conference** - Barbara reported that this would take place Nov. 7-9, 2018 in Charleston, SC, noting that FFCNC has in the past paid expenses for two Board members to attend.
- 6) **Next Meeting:** After discussion, it was agreed to cancel the December 7th meeting of the current Board as there is no new business. Barbara will contact newly elected Leadership Council members about setting up a meeting after Dec. 12 to establish roles and responsibilities for 2018.
- 7) Barbara thanked members for their service and adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Charlotte Hamlin, November 16, 2017