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Friendship Force of Central North Carolina
Minutes of Board Meeting, February 13, 2019

Main Street United Methodist Church, Kernersville, NC

Members Present: Don Sylvester, Ray Kiszely, Mary Davis, Patti Gilmour, Charles John (Journey Coordinator for Brazil Incoming Journey, Woody Clinard (Member-at-Large)

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of January 16, 2019 were approved by Charles John and seconded by Ray Kiszely

Ray Kiszely presented the Treasurer's Report. There was some discussion about whether some funds now in the club's bank checking account should be moved back to the Winston Salem Foundation account. No conclusion was reached. The Treasurer's report was approved after a motion by Mary Davis and a seconding by Don Sylvester.

Discussion of dates for Board meetings for 2019:

A request by Karla to change the meeting dates from Wednesday afternoon to Thursday morning was discussed and accepted. The meetings will now be held on the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (March-November 2019).

It was agreed that we would try to hold these meetings at the Piedmont Triad Regional Council in Kernersville if meeting rooms would be available there on most of the scheduled meeting dates (with the UMC as an alternative back-up location). After the meeting ended, Ray confirmed that a room is available at PTRC for the March and April meetings. Ray will follow up with PTRC about the availability for May through November.

The set Board meeting dates are now as follows:

Thursday, March 14 - 10:00 - 12:00 at PTRC

Thursday, April 11 - 10:00 - 12:00 at PTRC

Thursday, May 9 - 10:00 - 12:00 Location TBA

Thursday, June 13- 10:00 - 12:00 Location TBA

Thursday, July 11- 10:00 to 12:00 Location TBA
Thursday, August 8 - 10:00 - 12:00 Location TBA
Thursday, September 12 - 10:00 - 12:00 Location TBA
Thursday, October 10 - 10:00 - 12:00 Location TBA
Thursday, November 14 - 10:00 - 12:00 Location TBA
December - to be set by the new 2020 Board

Fall Annual Meeting:

Don suggested that the Annual Meeting be held in early October because many of the membership may be on the outbound trip to Vietnam from late October to mid-November.

A tentative date of Saturday, October 12 (probably from noon to about 2:30pm) was chosen. The business meeting would follow lunch. More discussion and planning will be required, including the establishment of a planning committee and the selection of a venue.

Don also reminded Council members who will be unable to attend a Board meeting to send, if appropriate, an update on their area of responsibility to the other Board members before that Board meeting.

Social Program Update:

Karla had distributed an email with her suggestions for future social events. There was some discussion about these events, including whether any of these future events should be promoted or advertised to the public. It was agreed to discuss this further in a future Board meeting.

Journeys Update

-Outgoing Journey to Vietnam - Ray Kiszely

Ray is not able to continue as the coordinator for this trip and reported that he is contacting members (interested in going on the trip) about becoming the new Journey Coordinator.

-Incoming Journey from Brazil - Charles John (Journey Coordinator)

Charles reported that at this time 15 ambassadors (14 from Brazil and 1 from the Willamette, Oregon club) will be coming on this journey. He is contacting our membership that went on the journey to Brazil in 2017 about volunteering to host the incoming guests. On March 1st he plans to open hosting up to the entire membership.

Charles gave a brief overview of his current agenda plans for the incoming journey (these plans will be distributed soon to club members).

He wants to reach out to the membership to invite them to become involved in helping with the many tasks and perhaps joining his subcommittee.

-Domestic Journeys

Don reported that Ralph Cauthen had received a contact request from the Oklahoma City club that is planning to come here in 2020. Barbara or Patti (coordinators for incoming journeys) will respond to Oklahoma City.

Don reminded the Board about the interest expressed in the Board last year about possibly having a domestic outbound in 2019. He will try to contact FF International to find out what role they may play in matching clubs for domestic journeys and for some information on the process of arranging such journeys.

Membership Update

Mary gave a report about the orientation meeting organized by Marilyn and held at Val and Leroy Stokes' house in January. She indicated that there may be another orientation meeting (perhaps in June) for new members who had not yet attended an orientation.

Other

Ralph and Jane have volunteered to go to the FF World Conference in Colorado in July. The Board agreed to contribute \$400 towards their conference expenses.

Ralph will be asked to present a written report to the Board.

Meeting Adjourned:

Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.