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FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA
Minutes of Board Meeting, April 11, 2019

Piedmont Triad Regional Council, Kernersville, NC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Sylvester, Barbara North, Mary Davis, Ray Kiszely, Patti Gilmour, Karla Shanahan, Charles John (Journey Coordinator for Brazil Incoming Journey), Woody Clinard (Member-at-Large)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes of March 14, 2019 were approved by Barbara North and seconded by Mary Davis.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by Patti Gilmour and seconded by Karla Shanahan.

JOURNEYS UPDATES:

2019

- Domestic Outbound Don Sylvester
Don reported that at this time there isn't a domestic outbound journey planned. He reported that he had followed up with the Baton Rouge club but that the club had already accepted another club. He has also followed up with FFI about some other possibilities but they have not yet been able to find a club that has an opening.

At Don's request, Martha Brown and Judy Greene have e-mailed some of their contacts but as yet we have not received a positive response. Woody said that the northern Illinois club might be possible and he will contact them.

The Board recommended that we leave this for now and wait for responses. If a club becomes available then we will have to assess the interest level in the proposed location and timing and whether we can find a member willing to be the journey coordinator.

- Inbound International Journey from Brazil Charles John
Charles presented his budget for the incoming journey for the Board's approval. After some questions were addressed, the Board

unanimously approved the budget.

The Board agreed that meals for the hosts (night and day) and guests, should be paid for by the club. Entry fees and tours are not.

The Board recommended that a gift should be given to each of the interpreters who are doing the work pro bono. Barbara North will do the introductions at the Welcome event, as Don will be out of town.

2020

- Outbound International Journey to Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada
Don has received an invitation and contact information about the Lethbridge club for a journey in July, 2020.

The Board discussed the need for a journey coordinator for the journey in order for the trip to be possible. Don will speak to Ralph Cauthen about being the journey coordinator because he had indicated interest in going on a journey to western Canada; Judy Green was mentioned as a second possibility.

Barbara will advertise the journey and the need for a journey coordinator in the next newsletter, if the position is still unfilled.

- Inbound International Journey, 2020
As yet, FFI has not assigned an inbound international journey to our club.
- Domestic Inbound Journey from Oklahoma City, 2020
Barbara reported that the next step is to propose to Oklahoma City the dates that are possible for our club. The Board suggested the second half of April, May, the first half of June, September, or October.

PLANNING FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR Don Sylvester

- Council Members for 2020
Three Council members have agreed to remain on the Council in 2020 (Mary Davis - Membership, Karla Shanahan - Social, and Ray Kiszely, Treasurer).

Three of the current Council members, Barbara - Communications; Don - Leadership Coordinator; and Patti - Secretary will be leaving the Council. In addition, a Journeys Coordinator position has to

be filled.

The Council agreed that it is essential that the Board start planning now to find members to fill these positions on the Council. Don recommended that a nominating committee be formed consisting of three FF members. Several names were put forward as the first members to contact; Patti will contact them.

Woody recommended adding two or three at-large members to the Council. The Council agreed that this could be a way of introducing members to the Council and the work done by the Council/Board members and that the experience might encourage them to eventually join the Board. It was agreed that Mary Davis will start by inviting some newer members to attend an upcoming Board meeting.

- Annual Meeting

The Board agreed to keep the current schedule for the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 12. It will be held in the afternoon. A venue will be needed and finding one will be the task of Karla, Social Coordinator. Detailed planning should begin in August, with input from the Board. Mary suggested a possible speaker (a Mark Twain imitator).

- Board Meeting Location

The Board will continue to meet at the Piedmont Triad Regional Council. Ray has reserved the room for May and June and will make the arrangements for future meeting dates. Meetings can only be booked two months at a time. Once a July room is booked, we will need to cancel the one remaining reservation (for July) at the UMC.

SOCIAL PROGRAM UPDATE:

Karla Shanahan

- Karla reported that the recent LEO at Korner's Folly, followed by lunch, was very successful with 30 people attending. Some guests attended and 3 have joined the club.
- Karla reported that she is working on a LEO to be held on June 29. Charles will do a presentation on the May Journey from Brazil. Karla will make an initial reservation at a local Kernersville restaurant. If a deposit is necessary, she will contact Ray.

- Karla reported that she is organizing another LEO to be held at the House of Plants in Winston-Salem in August. No date has been set at this time.
- Mary Davis recommended having a LEO at Scuppernong Books in Greensboro. She will pass on this information to Karla.

MEMBERSHIP

- Mary reported that she is working on another orientation for new members (and others who might be interested in joining). It will be held at the Kiszely's home in June.
- Mary has sent pictures, that she took of guests at the recent LEO, to those guests. The Board felt that this was a good gesture and suggested that she send emails about recent new members to all members of the club.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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