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

Piedmont Triad Regional Council, Kernersville, NC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Sylvester, Barbara North, Ray Kiszely, Patti Gilmour, Woody Clinard (Member-at-Large), Judy Greene (Journey Coordinator for Domestic Outbound), Brenda Humphrey and Bob Stern (Member Observers)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes of June 13, 2019 were approved by Ray Kiszely and seconded by Barbara North.

Treasurer's Report was approved by Barbara North and seconded by Don Sylvester. In a brief discussion of Charles John's previous report of Brazil's incoming journey's deficit, it was decided to wait until Charles is present at a future Board meeting before we discuss it or his two related recommendations.

JOURNEYS' UPDATES:

2019

- Domestic Outbound - Greater Lansing, Michigan (8/6-11/19)
Judy Greene, the Journey Coordinator for this trip attended the meeting and reported that 8 ambassadors will travel to Greater Lansing. Three of the ambassadors are new members to our club and one ambassador from Florida will join the group.
- The Northern Colorado FF club contacted Judy Greene about coming to our club in either September or October, 2019. Barbara has tried to reach their journey coordinator but she has not been able to reach him.

After some discussion, the Council agreed to host the club in October, if this works for the Colorado club. There was discussion about whether the visit would best be in the first half of October

(perhaps including the date of our annual meeting -tentatively scheduled for October 12) or in the second half of October. We will next get input from the Colorado club as to their timing preference. It was agreed that the club could accept 12-15 ambassadors.

Don asked the Council for suggestions for an inbound journey coordinator from our club. Judy Greene offered to mentor someone, if needed. Brenda Humphrey (who was attending the meeting as a member observer) volunteered to be the journey coordinator with Judy as her mentor. (Thank you, Brenda and Judy).

Don also recommended that someone begin to call the membership about hosting. Barbara and Judy will first try to get agreement from the Colorado club about dates and numbers and will then call to find hosts. Woody has also volunteered to help call the membership to engage hosts.

Ralph Cauthen will be attending the international conference in Colorado and Northern Colorado's journey coordinator will be attending also. Don will update Ralph on our Board decision and Ralph will plan to talk to the Colorado coordinator about the journey while they are at the conference.

2020

- International Inbound

Sydney, Australia (May 2020)

Ray has had considerable contact with the Sydney club and he reported that the ambassadors will come to FFCNC May 6-12/13, 2020. The Sydney club will then go to the Washington, DC club from May 13/14 until May 20. FFI has been notified.

A journey coordinator will be required from our club. Ray will contact our ambassadors that went to Australia to see if one of them would volunteer to be the journey coordinator.

- International Outbound

Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada (7/2020)

Ralph Cauthen is the journey coordinator for this journey and

Don reported that Ralph has been in contact with their journey coordinator.

- Domestic Inbound

- a) Oklahoma City (Sept. or Oct., 2020)

- Barbara North reported that she has not received any response yet from the Oklahoma club. She will send another email to Liz at the Oklahoma club.

- b) Last year the Detroit club asked about coming to FFCNC but we have had no further enquiries. Barbara said she would check with the Detroit club.

- Domestic Outbound

- Judy Greene reported that the Northern Colorado club would like our club to visit them in the spring or summer of 2020. The Board suggested that, because the club will be very busy next year with domestic and international journeys, we may have to postpone that journey until 2021.

- FFI Matching Input Forms

- Don reported receiving a FFI Journey Matching form regarding 2021 inbound journeys. It must be returned to FFI by August 15. The Council decided that the club could host two inbound groups (one domestic and one international) with up to 15 ambassadors in each.

A second form regarding 2021 Domestic and International Outbound journeys must be returned to FFI by November 1. It is customary for the Board to send out a survey to the membership asking for input regarding international locations to visit.

Don noted that he will contact Martha Brown (last year's Journeys Chairperson) to get copies of her 2020 Incoming and Outgoing input forms, to be used as a reference for the 2021 forms.

- **PLANNING FOR SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR**

- Nominating Committee for 2020 Council members

Don asked Woody Clinard (one of the three members of the Nominating Committee) to report. He reported that the committee has found three members willing to serve (in addition to the three current Council members who will continue next year). The three new names are: Anne Barefield, Charles John and himself. He is recommending that the committee find three more to serve, which would allow for 9 members on the Council instead of the current number of 6.

He is also recommending that in the future the members serve on rotating 3 year terms to avoid situations where a majority of experienced Council members leave the Council at the same time. Initially, three of the nine members would serve for 1 year, three for 2 years, and three for 3 years. Thereafter, at the end of each Council member's term, their replacement would serve for 3 years, so that eventually everyone would be on 3 year terms, with three members rotating out each year. After discussion, the Council unanimously agreed to this change.

In the May Council meeting the members agreed to continuing with the Council system vs. the Board system but this will have to be ratified by the membership at the October Annual Meeting. In addition, the proposed changes to the structure of the Council will also have to be voted on. This will then require amendments to the By-Laws.

Don suggested that a "Resource Group", consisting of some of the past Council/Board members who could be available to mentor or advise future Councils/ Boards, could be established.

- Annual Meeting (Saturday, October 12)

Don suggested that plans for the Annual Meeting in October should begin soon. Barbara volunteered to be the organizer for the meeting. Don reported that he had asked Karla and Mary to be on the committee and both have agreed. Judy and Woody

volunteered to also be on the committee.

It was agreed to have the Annual Meeting in the afternoon to make traveling to the meeting easier for the membership. The current tentative date is Saturday October 12 but the committee may change this schedule.

A venue will have to be found and it was agreed that it would be a covered dish event. Mary Davis has suggested inviting a local Mark Twain imitator to perform, to make the meeting more interesting.

The committee will follow-up on this suggestion.

- **SOCIAL PROGRAM UPDATE**

- Karla could not attend this meeting but sent an email to Don (which he circulated to all Board members) with information concerning the upcoming social events.
- Karla has organized an event for August 17 at the House of Plants in Winston-Salem. Barbara will send out an invitation to the membership,
- The next social event thereafter will be the Annual Meeting in October.

- **OTHER MATTERS**

Ray confirmed future meeting reservations at PTRC for August 8 and September 12. He will later also reserve for October and November.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Ray moved to adjourn the meeting, Don seconded it.
Meeting adjourned.

