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Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North /Carolina

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Present: Ray Kiszely, Leroy Stokes, Ralph Cauthen, Marvin Scherl, Hal Guess, Barbara North, Ophelia Jones, Tim Prout, Martha Brown, and Laura Lennon (10)

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met for their scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 26 at 10:30 AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, NC. This meeting was originally scheduled for July 10, 2014, Barbara asked for us to change it to an earlier date so that she could be present since they would be on vocation in early July. Barbara North, the President, opened the meeting with a welcome and an agenda was provided.

The minutes of the last board meeting on May 1, 2014 were approved with corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: the treasurer’s reports were distributed to the board through email. Tim presented a summary of account transactions from 5/01/14 through 5/31/14 of income, expenses, and transfers as well as a fund summary of the Winston-Salem foundation of FFCNC. As of May 31, 2014, there is a checking account balance of \$2,147.56, a saving account balance of \$0.00 dollars. The Winston-Salem Foundation Market Value Investment account as of 6/25/14 was \$20,784.27. The Yearly summary from January 1 to May 31, with an income of \$5296.34, expenses of \$4658.14, leaving a balance of \$640.20.

The treasurer also submitted for the board the proposed FFCNC budget categories for the board’s scrutiny that included expenditures and income. After some discussion, the *Reimbursement Form* will have a friendlier process.

The Greensboro Urban Ministry has received the check of \$100.00 for our memorial gift to Bill Doran.

Membership Report-In the absence of Judy and Marta, Barbara gave the membership report of no new members to have joined FFCNC.

- **Update on 2014 Outgoing Exchange to Moldova-**In the absence of Barton Parks, the ED for the Moldovan excursion, Barbara gave the report. The second week exchange to Turkey is cancelled. A tour will be substituted for that 10-day stay after Moldova.
- **Update on 2015 Outgoing Exchange to Moscow-** Martha reported that the communication with the Moscow ED is ongoing. She is anticipating our departure on June 9 and arrival in Russia on June 10. The two ED’s are exploring various tours.

Old Business-

- The annual meeting will be held on Thursday Oct. 30. Karla has a friend named Tamara Michael who has traveled to Moldova and Kosovo, and has visited a great deal in that part of the country; she has also written a book titled "The Suitcase Wife." She is a suggested speaker for this meeting. Martha can do a presentation also for our June 2015 out-going excursion to Russia.
- Paul Meis will chair the Winston-Salem Foundation committee on how to handle these funds and develop policies for its use. Names were mentioned for possible selection for that committee who were long standing in the organization. They should contain members from the Greensboro and Winston-Salem membership rolls. Some members mentioned were Peter, the Andresens, Marvin, Buddy Leasure, Tim, and Hal Guess. (since the board meeting Donna Lambeth , Betty and Porter Thompson have agreed to participate).
- The Lake Norman Social at Marilyn's Baird's home was well attended and put together. Lundee Amos presented the entertainment for this occasion with a program of "Laughter and Your Health."
- Ray and Doris Kiszely have volunteered to become the ED's for the October 2015 Inbound Exchange from the UK.
- The ED for the Colorado domestic out-bound exchange in 2015 will be Laura Lennon. Suggested time for the exchange would be late May or June and no earlier is because of weather concerns. She will also investigate our visitation in the months of August or early September.
- The LCD Projector Proposal needs further investigation.
- The proposed changes to the By-laws were briefly discussed, the final changes will be presented for approval at the annual meeting in October. The discussions geared toward considering two-year terms for the elected board members. We also discussed the eliminating of the Vice-President responsibility as Membership Chair and having the Membership Chair be a board approved position. There would be no President-Elect and the Vice-President would assume the responsibilities of President after the two year term as VP. Also suggested was to change the wording in the Article 11 in the second paragraph from "pecuniary" to financial. Any other suggestions should be sent to the president to be relayed to Carol Andresen. The final changes will need to be reviewed and approved by the board at our meeting in

September and then voted on by the membership at our October annual meeting.

- Compensation for inbound ED will be discussed at the Sept. meeting. Marvin will make the report.

Other points discussed not on the agenda were as follows:

The website will provide an *agreement form* for the speaker system.

The charter renewal has been taken care of.

The Moldova grant of \$500. from the Legacy Fund will be presented to the Moldova Club by Barton Parks. Currency arrangements for the exchange will be made before departure.

New Business-

- The change to the September meeting date will be Thursday, September 25 at the regular time of 10:30.
- The nominating committee of at least three members will select a slate of officers to be presented at the annual meeting in October. The secretary stated that she would serve two more years.
- Please complete the FFI survey and send information back.
- New 2015 dues for club and affiliation will be discussed at next meeting. FFI club affiliation dues will increase in January 2015.

Communications/Newsletter- Martha made a report, which stated that the Newsletter would be sent out by the weekend. Features will include the Norman Lake Social and upcoming exchanges.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at MSUMC at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ophelia Jones, Secretary