

FFCNC Meeting Minutes, August 12 2022

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Subject: Friendship force, central North Carolina board meeting 8/8/22

President Ray Kiszley opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. All board members attended and Sandra Gramley who is co-cordinator with Judy Greene on the outward journey to Lethbridge, Canada.

After his warm welcome Ray invited any personal comments from attendees.

Motions were made to approve the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report. Both were approved without dissent.

Membership chair, Mary, advised that after counting the resumption of membership of Marilyn and David Glick, our census is 54 paid memberships and 8 legacy members who, although not paying members, do receive the club's notifications because of their past member contributions. It was mentioned that it was anticipated that Deborah Strube who introduced our presentation at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship would soon submit an application. Followup by Mary, Ray, and Woody was probable.

Ray expanded upon the UU presentation, using the excellent Powerpoint developed by Eleanor Stoller. The program was allowed one hour and fifteen minutes, the longest given in our recent history.. Don Woodward assisted and we thought it went quite well.

Journeys coordinator Charles reported that the two 2023 outbound journeys were engaged but without defined dates. These are Lethbridge, Canada- #23147 and Katmandu, Nepal- #23121. The latter is in need of a coordinator for the proposed journey for 3/15/23.

Ralph Cauthen suggested we begin to think about board nominees for 2023. Ray responded by asking who would want to retire from the current board and found that Charles and Laura would not be available next year. Woody and Mary are not definitive, the former having issues with broadband connection and wanting any new potential board members to have an opportunity but wanting to participate nonetheless in the meetings; perhaps as a member-at-large. Woody also thought we would do well to have the board lead the candidate search.

Lucy, chair of the activities committee with Jane Cauthen reminded us that the club ice cream soiree is 8/29/22 at the Norths' in Oak Ridge within their beautiful home. Lucy said that 20 were presently signed to attend.

Ralph again reviewed the State Department's programs of ALEX, with 7 female and 4 male students coming from Moldova 11/12/22 to 11/20/22, focusing upon community involvement and volunteerism. The Open World (now under a new title) program (Oct 14-22) with about 6 persons coming from Ukraine, Don Woodward having accepted the program planner for this event, looking into the medical and disaster programs. Ralph mentioned that the committee is meeting 8/17.

In remarks Jane extolled the highly positive nature of the club and especially the board. Martha is soliciting hosting for the incoming visitors.

The September meeting will convene the second Monday in September.

The meeting was adjourned about 11:32 a.m.

With apologies, Woody, Secy.