

3/14/2023 FFCNC meeting via zoom

Present: Ralph, Jane, Lucy, Woody, Ray, Roger, Sandra, Marta

Absent: Judy, Don, Eleanor

At 1:36 Ray opened meeting and Lucy moved to approve the minutes; all concurred.

Eleanor, membership chair, could not attend so Ray read from her written report (at end of these minutes). The next new member orientation is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th at 1pm at the Kiszelys.

Don, communications chair was also absent. His email report: Communications are In Progress. I will synch with Membership. Email list works, and have updated the master Spreadsheet XLE information on members. I am organizing all so that everything can be ported into the future.

Everyone, please send me information that you want included in the April Newsletter. Pictures are always welcome. I would like to have new submissions pre-edited if possible to a Word etc. format page so the pictures are sized not too large and text is condensed.

Lucy, social committee chair, gave her report. Plans for Saturday's St Patrick's Day potluck are going well; there will be live music. Jane reported that 38 people have signed up. There has been no response for the Reynolda Garden event; Lucy will publicize it at the potluck. Bill Gramley is willing to give a class in pastels. Lucy is looking into a tour of IFB Solutions (formerly industries of the blind).

Martha, coordinator of the Nepal outgoing journey, reported to Roger that there are 13 travelers going to Nepal. Marta has made a spreadsheet handling expenditures. Ray will talk to Danny about registering on the FFI site.

The Open World program is scheduled for May of 2023 with delegates from Kyrgyzstan. The subject is "rule of law." There will be 5 delegates (4 judges and 1 prosecutor), a facilitator and an interpreter. Day and overnight hosts and hosts

for small group dinners will be needed. Ralph and Ray are working on the OW program. There will be events in Winston Salem and Greensboro. Wake Forest, a Forsyth County judge, Goldie Wells (district 2), Yvonne Johnson, Therese Vincent, chief judge of Guilford County, are on board to help.

New Mexico inbound journey is scheduled for June 13-June 20, with Roger coordinating. Roger reports that he is in good communication with NM and with the Charlotte coordinator who NM is visiting prior to coming to Greensboro. So far 8 people have committed to the trip. The New Mexico club has posted the journey with FFI so that number may increase. The team that is working with Roger consists of Ralph Cauthen, Tim Prout, Marta, Barbara North, Mary Davis.

The Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada journey is scheduled August 20-26. Some ambassadors are taking a tour of the Canadian Rockies the week prior to the journey that is scheduled for August 13-20. Most are arriving a day before their portion of the trip/journey begins and taking an overnight in Calgary prior to flying home on the 27th. The Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada trip will most likely take place August 12-29. Judy Greene and Sandra Gramley are coordinators of this trip. Kelly Debbin, our flight coordinator, is in touch with all ambassadors as flights are scheduled.

Judy sent in a report about Ukraine: Our first shipment of medical supplies reached Poland a few days ago. Waiting to hear when they have it in hand.

Second shipment is "in line" at the port in Savannah.

New Business:

There are inaccuracies with Wells Fargo and the FFCNC checkbook that was found during the transition of officers. The monthly bank statement had been accepted instead of balancing the check book monthly. We stopped having our normal yearly audit during covid because of the lack of activity. We will go back to yearly audits. Ray will ask Don Sylvester to do the next audit. [since our meeting, Ray emailed to let us know that the error has been found.]

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 4th from 11-12:30.

Membership Report: March 2023 Board Meeting

Mary Davis and I met several times to transfer materials and train me in Membership Coordinator responsibilities.

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2023 Membership Roster

Regular Members (dues paid)	52 members
Legacy Members	8 members
Total Membership	60 members

Emails were sent to members who had not paid dues as of March 1. Four members have not yet responded (Crista Douthit, Barbara Guess, Hal Guess, and Cheryl Katz).

Upcoming New Member Orientation

An orientation for new members is scheduled for Saturday April XX at 1 p.m. at the Kiszely's home in Browns Summit. In addition to the regular agenda, we are adding a website orientation.

Encouraging FFI Website Registration

38 members are registered on the FFI Website (on our membership roster). We'll be encouraging new members to register at the website orientation. In the next few months, I'll be following up with other members who are not yet registered.