

2/14/2023 FFCNC meeting via zoom

Present: Lucy, Marta, Judy, Donald, Roger, Sandra, Ray, Mary

Absent: Woody, Eleanor

After some computer glitches, Ray started the meeting by asking for a report on the upcoming Canada trip.

- There are 15 ambassadors going to Lethbridge and everything is on schedule for that journey.
- The bus trip before the Lethbridge home-stay needs a minimum of 10 people to get a discount price. There are not enough people from our club to meet that minimum so Judy sent an email asking for interested family or friends to sign up. The last day to get the discounted price is 2/16.

No one was present to specifically discuss the Nepal trip, but Ray did announce that we have a new/returning member, Tomoko Thornburg who has rejoined our club and will go on that journey.

The Inbound journey from New Mexico is June 13-20th. The expected number of ambassadors is 12-13; they will visit Charlotte first and a meeting place will be decided on between our two cities for Greensboro hosts to pick up their guests. Roger has formed a team consisting of Ralph Cauthen, Barbara North, Marta Rhodes, Tim Prout and Mary Davis to help with this in-bound journey. Ralph Cauthen is recruiting hosts (he will recruit hosts for Open World at the same time). Elaine Brune and Marta Rhodes have offered to host. There was some discussion about making sure new members had a chance to host and/or participate in the visit. Barbara North had expressed concern earlier that the Open World program might be too close to the New Mexico in-bound journey. Since there are only 6 people in the OW program and we have new members, Ray thinks the club can handle both visits.

Open World is from May 12-May 20th and the delegates are coming from The Republic of Kyrgyz. The subject is the rule of law. Ray has talked to Wake Forest Law School who has agreed to help. Lucy knows someone who is versed in mediation and Don knows someone who negotiates in cyber law. They and

everyone else that has suggestions for Ray should get in touch with him. Ray plans to get specific jobs of the visitors so we can tailor the program to their interest.

Lucy and her social committee are busy making plans for activities; they are concerned with finding a venue between Winston Salem and Greensboro. The board said they thought it would be okay to alternate activities between the two cities. Julie O'Neal has offered her church as a venue. Several people suggested places to try in Kernersville. If you have a possibility, please email Lucy the venue along with the address and contact information and her team will follow up. There will be a class at Reynolda Gardens in April, date to be announced.

Our next meeting will be zoomed on March 14th at **1:30pm**