

## 6/9/2023 FFCNC meeting via zoom

Present: Lucy, Ralph, Jane, Marta, Roger, Sandra, Ray, Don, Woody, Eleanor, Mary

At 12:34 Ray opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Mary reported that corrections received via email for the May minutes have been corrected. May minutes were approved.

The membership report is below. Ray praised all involved for having more members now than before covid. Using Eleanor's PowerPoint, there have been 3 presentations to other groups which have resulted in new members.

Don, communications, says that with the many emails he and everyone gets daily it is easy for things to get lost. He suggests that items may need to be sent to him twice and announcements like LEOs may need to be sent twice, especially when requesting RSVPs.

The treasurer report is attached. Marta, Martha Brown, and Ray will be getting together to finalize Nepal funds and refunds. Spreadsheets need to be reconciled. Ray plans to introduce Marta to the Winston Salem Foundation. They will ask about a monthly update that may be included in the treasurer report. There is a small monthly payment of our IONAS software but neither Laura nor Marta can access it. (Susan Teague got this for us to replace "go daddy.")

Lucy reported that plans for LEOs during the week that New Mexico ambassadors are here are going fine. She does need more volunteers for the social committee. Ray suggested a LEO after each outbound journey to share experiences and pictures with club members. Lucy will work on that for the Nepal journey.

### Old Business

The Nepal journey report, written by participants, have previously been sent to members. Ray praised the report and said that it showed what Friendship Force is all about.

The report about our week with visitors from Kyrgyzstan has been sent to Open World.

Roger reported that the five ambassadors from New Mexico are in Charlotte now and will be handed off to FFCNC hosts at the Childress Winery on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Roger reviewed the week's schedule, home hosts, and small group dinner hosts. We are grateful for the North's helping host for a few days and for Woody serving as a back-up host. Roger suggested that both in and out bound journeys always have a 3-person committee, with a new person learning the responsibilities of a journey coordinator. Ray suggested a management meeting for people to learn the job. There is a book from FFI, available on-line, that goes over the duties which could supplement in-person training.

Sandra reports that she and Judy will be finalizing payments and travel insurance tomorrow for the Lethbridge out-bound journey.

### New Business

The City of Brasilia is interested in visiting Greensboro in October or November. They have 15 people that are interested (some may go to Vancouver depending on how many we can host). Roger will tell FFI that we are interested (copy to Ray) and he will find out how many couples are in the group so we will know how many home hosts are needed. A suggestion was made to have ambassadors spend ½ the visit in Winston Salem, visiting WS venues and ½ the visit in Greensboro, visiting Gate City venues. This would mean less driving back and forth and would give more people a chance to host for a shorter length of time. Roger will look for a journey coordinator for this in-bound journey. Roger also said that he has not gotten much response from the survey asking where we want to travel in 2024. He will bring it up at the welcome potluck.

The International Civil Rights Museum has been very helpful to us with ambassadors. They have asked if FFCNC wants to be a financial sponsor for their upcoming gala. For \$1500 we can be a "Walk of Courage" sponsor. Among other things, we will have a reserved table for 10 seats. The board agrees to support this cause. People that want a seat at the table can reimburse the club with any amount they choose and send a check to Marta Rhodes made out to FFCNC with a subject line of Civil Rights Museum gala. There are 10 on the board that want to participate. Ray will get clarity about the gala and report back to the board.

Lucy brought up a concern of lack of clarity of job responsibilities and procedures. She suggests that we have job descriptions which can help new people taking

over a position feel more confident and not have to start every project from scratch. Marta also said it would be helpful at the start of a project to know everyone who should be included in emails concerning the project. Ray will put this on the agenda for the next meeting. (since the meeting Ralph Cauthen has noted that our Club's current bylaws have details on all board positions described.)

**Woody was awarded “Childrens’ Champion” by Family Services. We are all so proud of Woody and we are glad we know him!**

Next meeting is Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 via zoom

FFCNC MEMBERSHIP REPORT: June, 2023

Regular Members (dues paid)	73 members
Legacy Members	5 members (1 legacy member deceased since last report)
Total Membership	78 members

NOTE: Marta pointed out a discrepancy in last months’ report. It was an error that I had carried forward. It has now been corrected.

Presentations about FFCNC:

Newcomers and Neighbors of Winston-Salem presentation on April 15. (Ray and Eleanor)  
About 30 people attended. Two new members: Ty Fox and Kathleen McGinley

Sertoma of Winston-Salem in April. (Ray)

What Now. Greensboro on May 24. (Ray and Eleanor)  
About 40 people attended. New Member: Carolyn Dilda

Follow-up on New/Prospective Member Orientation at Kiszley’s in April.  
An additional new member: Debra Neisler

New Member Profiles. I contacted everyone who joined in 2022 and 2023 who had not been profiled in a previous newsletter. For new members who completed the full form, I drafted a paragraph from the information they provided. All members received an attachment with samples of the most recently published profiles. Only four people (two couples) have responded.

Membership Lists. Don and I think we have settled on a strategy for keeping our membership/distribution lists synced. So far, so good!

## MAY 2023 TREASURE REPORT

### Account Balance Information

Wells Fargo ending balance on 5/31 = \$17,508.41

The checkbook ending balance on 5/31 = \$17,212.56.

The total of three outstanding checks + the inherited debit of \$113.73 = \$295.85

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### Treasure Activity

- Deposits from FFCNC members for Lethbridge Journey
- Deposits for 2023 new memberships
- Monthly recurrent payment to Ionos
- Payments and reimbursements for Open World Kyrgyzstan Journey Expenses

Presented to the board by Marta Rhodes, FFCNC Treasurer on June 9, 2023