

7/11/23 FFCNC meeting via zoom

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

Absent: Sandra, Judy

Confirmed Civil Rights Gala Attendance:

Ray and Doris, Julie Townsend and Woody, Ralph and Jane, Sandra, and Mary

Poplins are donating their seats. Marta will talk to Sandra about taking one of the seats. Woody will talk to Collin about taking one.

Minutes of June meeting were approved.

Eleanor reported that we have 74 regular members and 5 legacy members. This is an increase of one member since the last report—Tom O'Dell.

Eleanor sends a welcome email and information about joining FFI to all new members.

Ray asked Eleanor to follow up with FFI about modifications needed on the "myfriendshipforce.org" site.

Don has been out of town since the last newsletter but, he will be getting another one out soon. It will include summaries of recent activities and description of What's App and it's uses.

Ray would like to have a workshop on ways to communicate (example: zoom and what's app).

Don has been reimbursed from FFI for OW expenses

The Treasurer report is below. Marta is thankful for her visit to the Winston Salem Foundation. She can close the books on the OW program.

Roger moved to adjust the checking account discrepancy balance of \$113.73 instead of carrying it forward month after month. Lucy seconded and it was approved.

Lucy has not found anyone to do a travelogue-type LEO for Nepal. She will start looking at other activities in September.

Roger reported that the New Mexico in-bound journey was successful. Their leader felt that everyone had a good time. Roger said he learned that being coordinator was a lot of hard work, the need to be surrounded by experienced people, and he will now be better able to recruit the next leader.

There will be no in-bound journey from Brazil.

Roger brought up some things to think about and be discussed at a later meeting. A spirited discussion ensued. Here are some of the points tabled for discussion:

- Need to keep cost down in order to “sell” trip?
- Not sure if it is practical to charge domestic group amount?
- Price should be paid by in-coming visitors?
- Perhaps in future, increase our dues to give to host coordinator to cover additional costs?
- Need task force to investigate having a budget for social committee and inbound journey LEOs? **
- Provide budget for utensils, decorations, etc for in-coming journey events?
- Need communication before an event occurs so we will know how things will be paid for?
- If club members are encouraged to attend events, who should pay?

**Lucy corrected my minutes by saying that Ray forcefully said there was no need for a task force since the Social Committee costs should be included in the in-bound budget. Anything else would need permission from the board.

*** from the scribe (Mary), I only tried to record the basic questions since the initial comment was this should be discussed at a later meeting.

July 22nd will be a meeting at Judy's about the Lethbridge out-bound journey

There will be no FFCNC board meeting in August.

Next board meeting is Tuesday, September 12th at 11am via zoom

Good bye and thanks to Ralph who attended board meetings while he assisted with the New Mexico and ALEX programs.

FFCNC BOARD MEETING JULY 11, 2023

JUNE 2023 TREASURE REPORT

June 30 Account Balance Information

Wells Fargo ending balance = \$9,944.47

The checkbook ending balance = \$8,838.90

The total of six outstanding checks + the inherited debit of \$113.73 = \$1,105.57

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Treasure Activity

- Deposits for 2023 new memberships were received from Eleanor.
- Monthly recurrent payment to Ionos was charged.
- Open World Kyrgyzstan reimbursement to Ray Kiszely was received. Waiting for reimbursement to Don Woodward to close the treasury books for this Journey.
- Reimbursements from the contingency fund of Nepal/India Journey and for other expenses were processed and delivered per Martha Brown's request.
- Forms and receipts for New Mexico Journey expenses were received from Lucy Kaplan,

Ralph Cauthen, Barbara North and Lea Williams. Checks were written and delivered.

Roger form and receipts for reimbursement will be received and processed in July.

- Thanks to Lucy for collecting the checks from the 21 members attending the New

Mexico farewell dinner.

- Last payments from FFCNC members for Lethbridge Journey were received.

- Payment to FFI for Lethbridge Journey was made on 6/20/23.

- Debit card payment of \$1,696.64 for Shuttle Calgary-Lethbridge-Calgary was made to

Viator thru our Travel Agent Kelly Dibben on 6/22/23. Wells Fargo charged the established fee of 3%. The same day the transaction was cancelled (for more information read the paragraphs below.) We are expecting the refund soon.

- Debit card deposit payment of \$1,000.07 for Shuttle Calgary-Lethbridge-Calgary was

made to AM PM LIMO thru our Travel Agent Kelly Dibben on 6/23/23. Wells Fargo charged the established fee of 3%. The second payment will be due August 19.

Lethbridge Shuttle payment update from Kelly Dibben 6/22/2023

“Ok ladies – let me give you an update.

I book and confirmed the shuttle through a third-party company that works with travel agents for bookings.

However, the actual shuttle company has decided to end its’ relationship with this third-party company so it

cancelled our initial reservation. You should be seeing a refund to the Friendship Force card for that initial booking.

I have now confirmed the shuttle through the shuttle company directly (rather than thru the third-party travel

agency company). They required a 50% deposit for the shuttle, which I should receive an invoice for shortly. I will

confirm the final payment and make that final payment sooner rather than later just so it is all done.”

Presented at the board meeting by Marta Rhodes, FFCNC Treasurer on July 11, 2023