

## 9/12/23 FFCNC meeting via zoom

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

Absent: Sandra, Judy

July minutes were approved. Mary will send Don a blurb for the newsletter telling members how they can access minutes from our website.

Membership: Eleanor reports that there are no new members, but that FFI informed her about a Burlington woman who is interested in our club. Eleanor will invite her to our next gathering. Eleanor has made sure our international website information is updated. And she will send Don information about a workshop to explain the importance of joining FFI for the newsletter. A reminder that dues will be required by the end of the year will be in the next newsletter and again after Thanksgiving. The board decided we would charge \$35 this year to reflect the increase from FFI; the portion that goes to FFCNC has not changed.

Roger will send a sympathy card to Tom O'Dell whose sister died. (Tom is one of our recent members from Now What Widow/widower club.)

Treasurer (report is below): Marta has paid all bills for our Canadian trip, thus far. We may get an additional bill due to a shuttle charge for an extra long stop. Kelly, our travel advisor, is working on it. Ray explained adjustments that have been done that were necessary because of failure to record items and not balancing our check book. Going forward, this will be done monthly. July adjustments were \$2000. airfare payment for Nepal journey and \$1600. hotel payment for Alex-Moldova visit. Marta suggests that airfares be paid by individuals directly to the airline or to a travel agent in the future and to save receipts. Ray will contact a member about our yearly audit.

## JULY 2023 TREASURE REPORT

July 31 Account Balance Information

Wells Fargo ending balance and ledger balance = \$10,127.38

Payments for approximately \$3,200 for Lethbridge Journey to be paid in August 2023

*August 2 Winston Salem Foundation Balance = \$15,406.23*

*Report submitted by Marta C Rhodes*

### AUGUST 2023 TREASURE REPORT

August 31 Account Balance Information

Wells Fargo ending balance and ledger balance = \$6,836.81

Only recurrent Ionos monthly withdraw for \$5.70 is expected in September.

September 10 Winston Salem Foundation Balance = \$15,674.33

*Report submitted by Marta C Rhodes*

Roger reported that our inbound New Mexico trip was a success. He wants to especially thank Ralph and Jane Cauthen, Tim Prout, Marta Rhodes, Barbara North, Laura Graham, Tomiko Thornburg, and Mary Davis. And Ray thanked Roger for his hard work on this in-coming journey.

Judy's preliminary report on the Canadian trip is below.

Preliminary report for Journey to Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, August 20-26, 2023.

We had a full journey with 15 ambassadors. The welcome dinner was at the home of Frank and Lorna Spanbauer, the original host club coordinators from 2020.

Dinner included photos with an active-duty member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The farewell included Sandra Gramley presenting our club gift of \$150 to FFI Legacy Fund in honor of our host club and an original poem/limerick about our week, written by Bill Gramley.

In addition to another delicious meal, we were also entertained by an amazing, and funny performance by Pickles the Clown, aka Lundee Amos and a sing-along with both clubs.

We had a great time in Lethbridge, experienced unique sites that exist nowhere else in the world, learned new things, all within the context of amazing hospitality.

We will complete the final report after the budget is settled with Kelly and the shuttle company.

*Submitted by Judy Greene*

*9/11/2023*

There will be a more complete report from the team of Charles, Roger, and Barbara later.

Don is working on a report for the newsletter of all the activities we have had since Covid.

Outbound journeys: 1. Cincinnati, OH, May 2022 2. Nepal, March/April 2023 and 3. Canada/Rockies August 2023

Inbound: 1. Northern Colorado April 2022 and 2. New Mexico 2023

COIL/Open Word programs: 1. Ukraine October 2022, 2. Moldova November 2023, and 3. Kyrgyzstan May 2023

Roger's report giving details about the post-covid journeys as well as a possible 2024 out-bound to Israel and possible COIL programs is at the end of the minutes. Roger will continue to contact Israel's FF president for details. Ray thinks our club is strong enough to handle 2 outbound international journeys a year.

Ray polled the board to see who would be willing to stay on the leadership council. Everyone is willing to continue with Woody and Mary saying they would give up their spots for others that may be interested.

A discussion about whether we should continue voting for leadership council or return to the more "normal" way of voting on people for specific jobs for the board was tabled until the next meeting. Ray will ask Barbara to present pros/cons at our next meeting. Woody will ask friends from other boards for their opinion.

[also tabled from our July meeting was how to handle organization/budget of LEOs]

Woody will ask Barbara Guess to see if she can reserve a space for a fall LEO.

Our next meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30 via zoom

Term	Days	Grade	Topic
August 2023	15	OB	Sandra Gramley, Judy Greene
Oct 2022	5+1	IB	Don Woodward, Ray Kiszely Theme: Emergency Medicine
Nov 2022	7+1	IB	Ralph Cauthen, ALEX HS Study Visit American Leadership Experience
May 2023	5+1	IB	Ray Kiszely, Theme: The Rule of Law & the US Judicial System

Nov 2024

Winter 2024, Fall 2024

may be possible in 2024. Input appreciated.

