11/7/23 FFCNC meeting via zoom

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

Minutes were approved. (They had been corrected previously via emails to explain that Don wants to continue as communications chair for another year since the first year was a learning curve.)

There was no membership report since Eleanor is in Australia.

Communications: Don will send out an announcement for the annual meeting which will be Sunday December 3rd from 2-5. Ray will ask Barbara North to coordinate light refreshments and set-up. Reminder: we need to supply ice. Roger sent Don a list of participants of past journeys so that Don can continue his work on archives. Ray asked Don to forward the email to our club members about on-line workshops that are coming up in the next two weeks.

The Treasurer report is at the end of the minutes and was approved. Payment to the bus driver in Lethbridge has been resolved. Reimbursement to journey coordinators is still outstanding. Marta suggested that we have something in writing about who submits a claim and how to divide the reimbursement when there are co-coordinators for a journey. This needs to be done before a journey and the treasurer needs to be advised.

Journey Coordinator Report: It is doubtful that we will do an outbound journey to Israel. We have extended an invitation for the Israel club to visit us but have not received a response. It is too late to get any other recommendations from FFI. (India might be an outbound possibility but there may not be enough interest since some of our members went to India in 2023.) Roger will ask FFI about possible domestic outbound journeys. Roger thanked Marta for her list of possible themes for inbound journeys to Central NC. Some themes mentioned are basketball, arts, quilting. Ralph and Ray will be working with the Coil 2024 Moldova trip to North Carolina. The theme will the "the rule of law."

Looking ahead to 2025:

We need to submit a form to FFI concerning inbound visits by December 8. The board members decided we would consider 2 inbound visits; we can usually host 12 people and we do not want to host in December. Outbound journey opportunities will be sent to us in January 2024

Ray explained the reason we are required to have an audit. Roger offered to do the audit. Marta and Roger will get together in December to start the process

We are still hoping Sandra will agree to be the social chair.

Discussion about asking for donations to Ukraine at our annual meeting was discussed; we decided there are too many worthy organizations for FFCNC to choose one for our club to promote.

FFCNC next meeting is our annual meeting which will be Sunday December 3rd from 2-5 at the Kernersville Community House.

FFCNC BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2023 OCTOBER 2023 TREASURE REPORT October 31 Account Balance Information Wells Fargo ending balance and ledger balance = \$6,626.21 Recurrent Ionos monthly charge for \$5.70, expenses for upcoming FFCNC annual meeting and reimbursement of expenses to Lethbridge Journey Coordinators are expected in November. October 31 Winston Salem Foundation Balance = \$15,272.32

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