

1/16/2024 FFCNC board meeting at Winston Salem Foundation Offices

Present: Ray, Roger, Marta, Woody, Sandra, Don

Absent: Eleanor, Julie

Guests: Ralph, Nan, Don's son

After enjoying salads from Mozelle's Restaurant and Sandra's lemon bars, Ray welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Ray shared updates on 2 members. Linda Kimrey is recovering from hip surgery and pneumonia at home. Leroy Stokes is now a legacy member and Val will remain a paying member. *There was discussion on how we can create community by sharing the highs and lows and milestones of our members. Ray will talk to Eleanor about this idea.* In the meantime, let Ray know if you have any ideas on how to make this happen. (membership report at end of the minutes)

Treasurer report is at the end of this report. Marta appreciates Ray's help in making her feel comfortable in the treasurer job. 2024 dues have been paid to FFI. Thanks to Roger for doing the 2023 audit; Roger appreciates how well organized the information was. Marta suggests that the annual meeting be in November (or earlier) instead of December when there tends to be scheduling conflicts. *The subject of when dues are to be processed for the following year or when they are recorded for the previous year was tabled. (ie: if dues are paid in July or January, which year are they recorded for?)*

Ray reviewed list of people who have not paid their 2024 dues. If anyone knows them, please call, and see if they are interested in continuing with FFCNC.

Journey report: Roger gave out (and has previously been emailed) the list of possible journeys for 2025. He explained that FFI needs our preferences by February 16th so he would like all members' preferences by February 10th. **The board will have a short zoom meeting on 2/14 at 11am to look at results of the survey and to decide what to tell FFI.**

2024 journeys:

Knoxville inbound

April 4, 5, 6

Dallas outbound
(Club)

April 14-21 (joining Calgary)

Greater Harrisburg, PA outbound

September

Open World (COIL), Moldova inbound
Program will be the rule of law

October

Communications: Don has been working with membership to streamline and focus the mailing list. The recent email was a successful test!

Don would like to archive inbound and outbound journeys with a list of who did what jobs at events. He would also like a notebook available to members with our history.

Social: Sandra discussed ideas for LEOs (let's entertain ourselves) for the year.

- Friendship Day on March 1st was suggested by Marta as a good time to plan something
- Bel Canto concert (\$25.) on May 4 or May 6 at Wellspring. The Peiffers may be able to arrange a room to have a meal before the concert.
- Ice cream social in July
- Possible IFB Solutions (formerly Industries for the Blind) tour in September. (Seven of us took this tour after the meeting and were very favorably impressed.)
- Annual meeting/social in November
- Holiday party in December
- Welcome and farewell events for our incoming guests.

Please send other ideas to Sandra and offer to help!

Ray announced that he would like to start grooming a new president later this year for 2025.

FFCNC MEMBERSHIP REPORT (as of January 12, 2024)

Members who have paid dues (includes members joining after 6/1/2023) 55

Members paying dues in this current membership drive: 49.

Members joining after 6/1/2023 whose dues we had not yet sent to FFI: 6.

Legacy Members 10

Total Membership Count for FFCNC (not FFI) 65

Members who mailed their checks received an electronic receipt via email.

Members who have not responded to dues request or whose check has not yet been received (N=8)

NOTE: All people received an initial membership request plus a follow-up email. In addition, each person was contacted personally by Ray, Eleanor or another board member.

Ann Barefield (Waiting for response to my emails; If she doesn't respond, I recommend we move her to Legacy rather than drop her, but I would prefer to follow her expressed preference.

Crista Douthit. No response yet.

Don Ethington (Pat Morgan). No response yet.

Martha Foley. No response yet.

Cheryl Katz. No response yet.

Linda Kimrey. (broken hip; hospitalized for pneumonia)

Pat Morgan. (Don Ethington). No response yet.

Val Stokes. (Husband moved to Legacy; Ray said we should be receiving a check from her)

DECEMBER 2023 TREASURE REPORT

December 31, 2023 Account Balance Information

Wells Fargo ending balance and ledger balance = \$6,403.56

Expected expenses for January are recurrent Ionos monthly charge, membership payment to

FFI and payment to Susan Tague for her 2023 work.

E Gray Smith III and LEIGH T Smith sent a donation of \$100 in honor of Ray Kiszley (Speaker).

December 31 Winston Salem Foundation Balance = \$15,538.74

Report submitted by Marta C Rhodes