

Minutes of Board Meeting
Tuesday June 4, 2024
Via Zoom at 4:00 p.m.

Members attending:

Rev. Julie O'Neal, Sandra Gramley, Tom Mascenik, Eleanor Stoller, Marta Rhodes, Don Woodward, Ralph Cauthen, Roger Poplin, Ray Kiszely

These are brief meeting notes recorded by Ray, since Mary Davis our Scribe and Secretary was unavailable to attend as she is visiting with her new twin grandchildren.

After the warmup and greetings and chit-chat, we started the meeting with reference to the May Board Meeting minutes. Roger mentioned that he provided Mary with one correction. The May minutes mentioned an incorrect month for the proposed 2025 Outbound Journey, the correct month is August 2025. The Board approved the minutes as amended.

Ray mentioned that we need to have Journey Coordinators designated for the future Journeys, Roger said he would be working on getting Coordinators for these Journeys. Roger said that Judy Greene has agreed to help with the September 2024 Journey to Harrisburg and in part to help train a new member to learn how to be a Journey Coordinator.

Roger said that the following members expressed interest in going to Harrisburg for the Journey in September. Judy Greene, Danny Crump, Lundee Amos, Charles and Marilyn John, Karla Shanahan and Ray and Doris Kiszely. The dates of the Journey are September 22 to 28.

Roger asked Rev. Julie O'Neal if she was interested in joining the Club members on the Harrisburg Journey, she said she would like to, but he has a prior commitment to Cat Sit at a person's home during that period. Julie is retiring from Her Pastoral position later this month and that she plans to travel and do house and pet sitting.

Ray mentioned that the October Open World delegation on the Rule of Law is still scheduled for October 12th to 19th, 2024. Last week Ray had a meeting with Chief Judge Teresa Vincent of Guilford County. Her department is looking forward to helping with the program, however in the early part of the week she is busy with an

annual Judges Conference and would like to have her department focus on Mid to late part of the week for the program. She is also researching information for us for the Federal Court system in the Greensboro area as well.

Ray is continuing to reach out to other North Carolina state and federal agencies for assistance with the program. Several of our Club members have already volunteered to help with the program and/or host delegates during the program.

Regarding the Picnic scheduled for this coming Saturday, June 8th Ray asked Don Woodward if he would please send out another announcement to remind the members about the event and provide time and location information.

Sandra joined the call a little late, she explained that she had a doctor's appointment and was being treated for a terrible cold. She reported that about 15 people have responded and that she and Bill would be bringing the necessary items for the Salad and Dessert Picnic along with beverages. The Picnic will be at Harmon Park in Kernersville, NC.

(Since this meeting minutes was prepared on June 10, I can report that we had a wonderful turnout for the Picnic on Saturday with 27 members in attendance and one guest and her name is Luz, she gave a fine self-introduction and enjoyed the outing with her new friends.)

Sandra also reminded us that we already have plans for an Ice Cream social that will be on Saturday, July 13th at the home of Ralph and Jane Cauthen in Greensboro.

Eleanor Stoller gave her Membership report while she and Mike were driving back home from New York State. Mentioned that Mallory, a friend of Derek Brown, was going on the Eastern European Journey and has become a new member. Cathy and Dan McLaughlin have expressed interest in joining but have not yet sent in their application form and that Eleanor will follow up with them.

Don Woodward, Communications Chair said he had the updated mailing list and will use it with mailing information to members. Don has been in contact with the Dallas Coordinator about getting a report on the Dallas Journey, especially about memorable moments of the prior Journey.

Marta Rhodes had submitted her written report for the Club. As of May 31, 2024, the Wells Fargo Checking account has a balance of \$4,576, and the W-S Foundation account has a balance of \$16,517. All outstanding invoices and bills have been paid.

Tom Mascenik mentioned that he and Mary have a lot of travel scheduled for the coming period and will not be able to join us for the picnic.

As a last-minute note Roger Poplin mentions that there are several Town Meetings On the Friendship Force website that is open to all members and suggested that we should consider attending to learn more about the current practices of FFI. One meeting is June 10th and another is June 13th

Ralph Cauthen spoke about the Town meetings and said that the opportunity to ask questions about FFI operations and suggested that the Board should consider participating in some of the ongoing meetings in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at about 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Ray Kiszely June 10, 2024

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MAY 2024 TREASURE REPORT

May 31 2024 Account Balance Information

Wells Fargo ending balance and ledger balance = \$4,576.04

Expected expenses in June are recurrent Ionos monthly charge, name tags of new members, upcoming June 8 LEO expenses.

Winston Salem Foundation Balance from 4/30/24 = \$16,517.69

Report submitted by Marta C Rhode