

August 23, 2025

FFCNC Zoom meeting at 11:00 am opened up with Donald Woodward, our President, greeting all after a month off.

Members present were Donald Woodward, Nancy Edens, Ray Kiszely, Roger Poplin, Julie O'Neal, Sandra Gramley, Eleanor Stoller, and Ken Ostberg.

Roger reported on a successful Denver Outbound. There were many day-to-day activities. One idea they had was that all Ambassadors participated in the same activities in the mornings, but in the afternoons, they gave other opportunities to pick from. Many other things they did were well mentioned, too. They gave envelopes to everyone with their lunch cash; and they only do 5 days for a Domestic Inbound. Another great idea was that all Hosts were taken out on the same night. Many went together to the same restaurant.

One issue with the upcoming Costa Rica trip is that no Host speaks any English. Roger has brought up the idea of an Interpreter travelling with us. Further discussion is needed.

In 2026 there are 3 trips in-planning stages yet.

An Outbound (OB) is tentatively scheduled for FL Suncoast for February, with 12-15 Ambassadors allowed.

A Japan OB is tentatively scheduled for mid-April, with only 10 Ambassadors allowed. An Inbound (IB) trip is tentatively scheduled for October with Pike's Peak. The IB group said they would prefer 6-7 days, so it was suggested that they try to get another FF Host city to go to also. Logistics could then be worked out.

Members who go on journeys are to remember to take group pictures to be submitted to Martha for the newsletter and possibly be posted on our new website for a richer audience.

It was reported that we have 58 paid members and 12 Legacy members.

Susan Tague, Eleanor, and Donald have been working on getting our website up to date. It was suggested that a template be sent to the Board members to fill out personal information along with a biological paragraph so people can connect. Then it would be sent to all of the members and assistance would be given if it was needed.

This information would be protected with only members having access.

They are looking at pictures being added, and past trip information mentioned.

It is in the learning stages now, but more to come at a later time.

Don now has the password and is talking to other members and groups on how to revamp our current FF website. The costs were discussed and are now being billed monthly. GoDaddy (\$7) and IONOS (\$6) are being billed monthly. Much discussion is needed to see what content is wanted.

Don has created a document with all of the information to access the website so new members taking over don't have to start from scratch as the website goes forward.

Our FaceBook account also needs some cleaning up, too. The password is needed for access. Julie O'Neal has volunteered to possibly assist

July 30, 2025, Winston Salem Foundation balance was: \$18,671.60.

Wells Fargo July 30, 2025 balance was: \$11,874.29.

Some August expenditures will be IONOS, GoDaddy, and some postal service bills.

Donald and Roger would like a bi-annual review of expenses by category for a Board review with an annual audit performed at year end.

Donald asked what it cost for an activity or LEO. This information could be used to help to control costs down the road.

A Social report was given that over 30 people attended Lucy Kaplan's home to eat up the leftover BBQ from an IB.

Sandra wants to schedule a LEO where Ray and Doris can present their information from their African cruise.

A LEO may be scheduled to go to a large animal conservatory in Burlington, suggested by Donald.

Also, the annual meeting will be held in December.

Ray has stated that no information has been scheduled for next year with Open World presently.

Some members are still looking into designing pins to give to our visitors; and bags and shirts with our logo on it are still being considered.

Our next meeting is at 10:00 am on September 16, 2025, via Zoom.

Nancy Edens, Secretary