

“The mission of Friendship Force is to promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people”

Minutes of Friendship Force of Central NC

www.ffcnc.org

March 7, 2013

Present: Donna Lambeth, Marvin Scherl, Valerie Stokes, Martha Brown, Ralph Cauthen, Peter Peiffer, Barbara North, Judy Greene and Ophelia Jones.

The Board of Directors of the FFCNC met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 11:45 a.m. at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville. The minutes of the last board meeting of January 10, 2013 was approved. A meeting agenda was distributed to follow as needed.

Treasure's Report: The treasure's report was sent to the Board by email. Judy had extra to view for the meeting. As of March 5, there is a checking account balance of \$952.64 (**\$852.64 with \$100.holding for the AU Bundaberg/Sunshine Coast Exchange**): a saving account of \$3501.62, cash on hand 3/5/13 is \$4,454.26 (**- \$100 for AU outbound**); the Winston Salem foundation investment account of 1/31/13 of \$17,755.39, total club assets of \$22,209.65 (**-\$100 AU outbound exchange**) A FY 2012 summary of FFCNC from 1/112 to 12/31/12 was added that contained credits/deposits since the last report of \$292.50 and included, debits/expenses and donation to Main St. UMC of \$200. The treasure's report is approved as distributed.

Barbara acknowledged a letter sent to FFCNC from the FFI President/CEO, Mr. George T. Brown, Jr. for our donation to the Legacy fund of \$100.00.

Membership: Marvin reported that there were 25) paid (single) and 28 paid (family) memberships. There are 53 paid memberships and 1 complimentary member. A membership rooster was distributed by email and snail mail.

Activities Committee: Congratulations were given to the Stokes household for the excellent preparations of our January Holiday LEO, which was held at her residence. Valerie stated that the World Friendship Day would be held on April 6 at 12 noon at the Chef Dion Restaurant in Lexington. Evelyn and Barton Parks will speak about their six-week experience in China. Some discussion followed as to the type of service that will be delivered, and Valerie will renegotiate with the coordinator so that our food choices will be pleasing to all our members. Marilyn Baird has consented to a LEO at her Lake home, June 8 or 29th were discussed.

The Annual Membership meeting will be held on Thursday October 17 has been set.

Newsletter: Martha talked about the March newsletter with information concerning our third Open World delegation coming April 26- May 6, information on the outbound exchange to Australia from July 10 to July 26, World Friendship Day information, announcement for President George Brown to retire, Donna Lambeth appointment to the FFI Advisory Council, as well as other important dates, information and reminders. The March Newsletter to follow after the 10th.

Bylaws Amendments-Carol Andresen has agreed to work on our bylaws in May.

2013 Exchange

- **Outbound to Australia (July-26th)**

ED's Judy and Ray are working diligently on the logistics of this exchange. Some of our members have inquired and (10) members at least is need for the exchange to occur. Some inquires from a New Zealand Club for a possible stay over. Judy and Ray are asking our members from local organizations for speaking engagements to their membership to share information and learn more about the Australian exchange and FFCNC.

- **Incoming- Haliburton Highlands, Canada (Nov)** - Group decided to go to Charlotte.
- **Incoming-**The Quebec Club did not materialize for November.

New Business

2013 Open World delegation from The Republic of Georgia (April 26-May 4) the planning committee met and established some details more to be finalized. Those members include Peter Peiffer, Barbara North, Hal Guess, Ralph Cauthen, Donna Lambeth, Doris Kiszely, Nancy Russell, Barton Parks, and Tim Prout. The Open World delegation will be hosted in Winston-Salem for four nights and Greensboro for four nights. Peter distributed for viewing some Open World Leadership Center information. This material contained "Open World Fast Facts" for presenters, media and for host families, Open World Fact Sheet information to FFCNC concerning the other Russian groups and our group the Republic of Georgia naming their Target Group. Doris Kiszely and Nancy Russell will especially promote exchange, more information concerning activities to follow in the April Newsletter.

2014 Exchanges

- Barbara gave an analysis of the 2013 exchange requests (more requests to come to this country do not meet the supply of hosting (FFI). She is working with contacts from other exchanges. FFI has proposed that we might want to inbound with special focus groups and host global exchanges. The FFI New Club Development Steps and FFI Global Expansion Plan: New Club Mentoring was also distributed for viewing.
- Members have agreed to host a Moldavian exchange. An inquiry will be made for an outbound to Moldova.
- Inbound from Las Vegas- information has been requested, we have suggested spring or fall and we need to check back with the Colorado club.

The May 2nd Board meeting will be rescheduled to May 9, because of the departure of the Open World delegations from The Republic of Georgia.

It was approved that the Board purchase the new name badge for all members and the expense be covered by organization. Judy Greene will take requests for appearance and type of garment attachment for the badge.

The use of social media has been request from Martha and Nancy for any referral information. There was a request that we have a booth at fairs and festivals.

Unfinished Business

- The Membership poll form that we use for recruitment will be critiqued by Donna for any changes that need to be add or deleted.
- “What do we do better?” discussion is tabled until the next meeting.
- No reponse at this time for a Publicity Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at MSUMC at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ophelia Jones, Secretary