

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

Minutes of Friendship Force of Central North Carolina

January 8, 2015

Present: Ray Kiszely, Russ Nussbaum, Dian Nussbaum, Martha Brown, Hal Guess, Barbara North, Ophelia Jones, Tim Prout, Leroy Stokes, Judy Greene (10)

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met for their scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 8 at 10:30 AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, NC. Leroy Stokes, the President, opened the meeting with a welcome and an agenda was provided.

The **Minutes** of the last board meeting were approved with some date changes of our board meetings for 2015. Changes to the 2015 board meeting calendar was discussed and the new dates are as follows: Thursday meetings will continue, on March 5, April 23, July 9, September 3, and November 5th, 2015

Treasurer’s Report: Tim Prout, the treasurer provided a 7 paged email report of the financial status of the club. The current balance of the W/S Foundation account is \$15,378.58. The current balance of the checking account is \$21,220.33, our yearly FFCNC summary is \$19,772.97. Tim provided a projected report for the upcoming year including the Open World excursions and financial reports on the 2014 exchanges. The report was approved.

Membership Report: Judy Greene, the chairman gave a report on the year end 2014. The 2015 total dues paid to date: 22 Family, 27 single memberships: List count =49 memberships/ 71 individuals. Judy also listed 6 new members and 14 pending with final renewal notice on January 5, 2015. It was also reported that another new member orientation will be rescheduled after January 31, 2015 and that there were no members who responded to our request for new member mentors. The question of the complimentary membership was discussed and after some discussion the board decided to honor a half year membership that year and require a new full membership the following year. They would not be receiving a name tag, but would receive a newsletter to the end of the year.

- **Board Membership** – The President, Leroy Stokes wanted to get an understanding of the coordination of these members as outlined on the Agenda, they were as follows: the Vice-President, Communications/Newsletter, Webmaster, Publicity Chair, At-Large members. This matter was tabled upon further investigation. The communications chair was definitely a Board member.

Old Business:

- **Compensation for inbound:** ED’s currently receive no compensation for inbound exchanges, outbound ED’s do receive compensation. Discussions were tabled upon further investigation.

- **Clarification on outgoing ED compensation:** Some clarification of the compensation based on the numbers of ambassadors, more or less than 20. Barbara will work on the wording for this document.
- **Consent Agenda:** After some discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve a consent agenda.
- **Colorado Domestic outbound in 2015:** No information was given for this exchange. Judy Greene has received no correspondence.
- **UK inbound exchange in the fall of 2015:** Ray Kiszely reported on the Cleveland County, UK exchange. Ray stated that 10 to 12 ambassadors are expected and communications indicated the October 1st are their dates for North Carolina and then one week in Florence, South Carolina. Ray is proposing a half way excursion to SC for the turnover of ambassadors to the Florence, South Carolina ED's. There is no need for mention in the FFCNC Newsletter yet.
- **Russian outbound exchange in summer of 2015-**Martha Brown gave a highlighted report from her emailed update to the board on the exchange to Russia. There will be 12 members from the FFCNC membership and 2 new FFCNC members from the Triad. There were 10 FF members from various clubs in Michigan, Florida, Indiana, Ontario and Brazil. One member from Texas will join FFCNC. The final group will be 25 ambassadors. Martha stated that the ambassadors will be aware of the fall of the ruble.

New Business:

- **Donation to MSUMC for 2014:** A donation of \$200.00 will be made for our use of the facility in 2014.
- **Open World inbound from Kosovo:** Ray Kiszely stated that the dates for the visit will be May 1st thru May 9th, the date was extended by one day. Ralph Cauthen, Russ Nussbaum and Ray Kiszely are the ED's for this project are working on the program. Ray will be meeting in Raleigh, soon to working out some plans for the program. There will be 5 delegates and 1 facilitator to be sent from Kosovo.
- **Audit of Treasurer's book:** The audit of the treasurer's books are due the first quarter of 2015. Some discussion followed as to whom might do this task. The board decided to ask a member who is an accountant to do a simple audit or ask the auditor from last year.
- **Charter Renewal:** Tim Prout stated he has paid the fee and sent the required documents to FFI.

- **ED compensation for travel insurance:** Discussion tabled until next meeting:
- **LEO for the first quarter:** Dian talked about an LEO for February 22nd. Some discussion followed as to the direction of the activities committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned around 12 noon, the next meeting will be at the MSUMC, Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Ophelia Jones, Secretary