

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

Separate people”

FFCNC Minutes for

November 12, 2015

Present: Hal Guess, Barbara North, Martha Brown, Judy Greene, Ray Kiszely, Marvin Scherl, Leroy Stokes, Tim Prout, and Ophelia Jones.(9)

The Board of Directors of FFCNC met on Thursday, November 12, 2015. The meeting was held at 10:30 AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville, NC. Leroy Stokes, the president, opened the meeting with a welcome, a consent agenda was provided by email.

The minutes were approved, the membership report was approved as no new members since the last meeting. The treasures report was open for discussion, Tim Prout, the treasurer explained the summary report from quick books. The Board voted to approve the September 3 treasurer’s report. After some discussion the Board approved the treasurer’s report for the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

- To rent or not to rent the new projector? - Barbara will check with Peter to compare notes on our rental agreement concerning our sound system. A proposed contract for rental or not to be discussed at our next board meeting.
- Colorado domestic outbound July 13-20, 2016 update- This report was given by Judy Greene. A flier was sent out to the membership for an LEO to be held on Saturday November 21, 11 AM at J. Pepper’s Southern Grille in Kernersville. This will be an information session for our Colorado exchange to the Pike’s Peak Area FF group.
- Liuzhou, China outbound #12682 in September 2016- Leroy brought this to the attention of the membership at our annual meeting on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, a show of hands at that time were 6 to 8 people. The dates have not been set and an ED has not been chosen. On July 9, 2015, Leroy received an email from Michelle Yu in Liuzhou and she said she was looking forward to hearing from us. Leroy distributed a flier indicating *Special Considerations for Exchanges Visiting Liuzhou, China*.
- Sharing ED role information with potential ED candidate’s update- Ray has no new information to give the board at this time. Leroy referred to an informational packet that was from Tom Laggy, this informational packet contained some information on ED training that could be of use to Martha and Ray.

- Vice-President Vacancy, and discussion of alternative club structure- Barbara gave a report from Susan and Steve Tindell from the Pikes Peak Regional Council. They sent Barbara some information concerning the operation of their club and offered maybe a better way to handle club responsibilities, also sent some applicable portions of their bylaws. We are to read over this correspondence and bring our thoughts to the next board meeting in Jan.
- 2017 Domestic Exchange invitation to FFNEO (Northeast Ohio) update- Leroy confirmed that Jim Helm is still interested in hosting us in 2017. Leroy agreed to wait until international exchanges are assigned before setting our dates.
- These are the countries that were selected from our club in 2017: *Costa Rica, Brazil, Japan and Turkey.*
- The Oregon domestic outbound for 2018 offered- Leroy indicated to this Portland, Oregon club that we are still interested especially around May for the Rose Festival. They indicated that the Rose Festival was late May or early June and they will hold a spot on their calendar for us. This outbound was suggested to be placed on our website as a tentative outbound as well as the Northeast Ohio club in 2017

#### **New Business:**

- Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon club – This club would like to travel to NC on a domestic exchange in 2016. Leroy stated that FFI contacted us to determine if we are available to host these ambassadors.
- Robin Kilpatrick of the Huntsville club contacted us to see if we were interested in a multi-club exchange from Berlin to replace the cancelled exchange from Australia, 2016. Judy suggested that early April was a good time for this exchange to take advantage of the college circuit activities. Leroy will nail down which club in Berlin is requesting an exchange, how many are coming and dates of visitation.
- The 2016 dues- A discussion followed, the dues will remain the same for the 2016 year. A projected budget will be used in the future to defray any expected costs such as (FFI dues, and name pins). The Board has approved the removal from the Winston-Salem Foundation our investment income or interest income, for the clubs use. Tim was asked by the Board to investigate by the next meeting , how much money can the club receive for our projected budget

- Ray has made a request that for our next agenda meeting. He has requested that expenses of the members to come to the excursion dinners be paid by the membership. This concept will be fully discussed at our next meeting.
- Proposed Revised Membership Application- Judy Greene has sent by email some questions to consider on our membership application for our board meeting. Tim and Judy have come up with a new way to submit the application. All checks will be submitted to Tim Prout (treasurer) and applications will be sent to Judy Greene (Membership chairman). Judy would like to add some membership expectations, acknowledgments and undertaking. All of the application will be contained on one piece of paper.
- 9/24/15 FFI communique “Two Challenges for Friendship Force”. Goal 1 is to raise money for retooling FFI website and the back-end data management system. Goal 2 was to raise \$40,000 before the end of 2015. After some discussion a motion was made and seconded and by a vote of 6 aye and 3 nay votes to approved \$1000.00 for this effort to retooling of website and add to the money being raised.
- The FFCNC Board has asked the treasurer to take \$3000.00 from our Winston-Salem Foundation account to pay for some operational expenses of our organization.
- Dian Nussbaum and Judy Greene will sponsor a LEO on Saturday, November 21 at 11AM at J. Pepper’s Southern Grille, in Kernersville. Judy will present our excursion to Colorado during our brunch session.
- Leroy brought our attention to these future dates of our board meetings for 2016. January 7, March 3, May 5 and July 7<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday January 7 at 10:30AM at the Main Street United Methodist Church in Kernersville.

Respectively Submitted,  
Ophelia Jones, Secretary