

NFLL Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 14, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Attendees:

President	Cindy Schrantz*	Membership	Mary Boehlen*
Vice President	Jacki McDugle*	Social	(chair needed)*
Secretary	Pat King*		Joanne Handlong
Treasurer	*		Monica Karels
Members-at-Large	Carolyn Follett*	Communications	(chair needed)*
	Janice Overdorff*	Technology	*
	Lois Schaffer*	Volunteer	*
Past President	Roland Tanner*	MCC Liaison:	Debby Smith
Curriculum	Suzanne Brown*		

**Designates voting member per Operating Procedures for NFLL (1-9-2023)*

Call to Order. President Cindy called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. with a quorum of voting members present.

Minutes of Last Meeting. The August 20, 2024, special meeting minutes and the regular September monthly meeting minutes were approved as printed. (Suzanne Brown, Lois Schaffer).

Mission Minute. Cindy reported that Jane Gaffney donated some fine Great Courses DVDs.

After sending the October *New Frontiers News*, Cindy received two emails from members saying they really like receiving the newsletter monthly. Positive feedback on a broken link being fixed and an idea for content were also appreciated.

New member Pamela Normandin joined the Social Committee at the New Member Coffee.

A guest at Brian Dille's presentation has now joined NFLL after positive interaction with Debby Smith.

President's Message. Barbara Thelander will be honored at MCC's Hall of Fame on October 24. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Cindy emailed Kathleen Perales about positive experiences with staff at Red Mountain during the two weeks between Neva's departure and Debby's assuming Neva's position. The two weeks' time included registration for fall semester so the positive interactions were especially welcome. Kathleen forwarded the email to Red Mountain administrators, and two VP's responded. Cindy said this reinforces that they understand and value New Frontiers.

Treasurer's Report. In Fred's absence, Cindy reported a total of 184 NFLL members as of today.

- Expenditures for the current year total \$407.30. Due to a donation of \$52.21, NFLL net expenditures total \$355.09.
- 117 members were added in September providing an income of \$5,265.
- At the end of September, membership was at 179 (compared to 200 in 2023)
- Estimated membership for September 30 was 206, for a shortfall of 27 members (\$1,215 in income).

There has been concern expressed by some members about NFLL's surplus reserve fund of \$29,000+. Cindy will write an email to all members to explain that we do not have access to these funds to use in the current fiscal year.

MCC Liaison. Cindy introduced Debby Smith as NFLL's liaison, filling the vacancy caused by Neva's resignation. Debby is a previous MCC employee; that experience helped her to jump in with both feet. Her hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Committee Reports.

- Curriculum.** See included report. Additional class facilitators are needed; training will be provided.
- Membership.** See included report. The suggestion was made to "assign" a current member as a buddy to each new member attending Open House to make new members feel welcome, answer questions, etc.
- Social.** See included report. The Holiday Party will be held on December 5. Cost will be \$27 for members and \$32 for guests. EVIT will charge \$100 at the door for anyone not preregistered.
- Communications.** No report.
- Volunteer.** A report gleaned from the Google form on the NFLL website showing volunteer hours was included. Members may add volunteer hours either after each activity or as monthly totals. Mary Adamick serves as co-committee chair with Dan Taylor.
- Technology.** See included report. The discussion of membership fees was tabled to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- NFLL flyers/print materials.
Lois Schaffer and Debby Smith will review NFLL flyers and brochures currently in use to verify that information is correct and current. For example, Microsoft Office 365 continues to be a NFLL benefit but is now cloud-based rather than downloaded to members' computers.
- Important Dates updated.
New calendar provided. Featured changes include:
 - Correct date of December 5, 2024, shown for Holiday Party.
 - Spring 2025 New Member Coffee will be before classes start.
 - Human Library event will be April 26, 2025.
 - General Meeting date changed to May 2, 2025.
- Change in Registration Date
Suzanne moved to open class registration once the Curriculum Committee posts the online

schedule of classes. This change will allow members to register on or before Open House. Jacki McDugle seconded the motion; motion carried.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. The next NFLL Council meeting is set for Monday, November 11, at 9:30 a.m. by Zoom (campus is closed for Veterans Day).

Respectfully submitted,

Pat King, Secretary