

NFLL Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 11, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
By Zoom Only

Attendees:

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

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

Call to Order. Cindy Schrantz called the meeting to order via Zoom at 9:33 a.m. with a quorum of voting members present.

Minutes of Last Meeting. The October monthly meeting minutes were approved with a wording modification in the Treasurer’s report that 117 individuals joined in September rather than identifying that number as “new members.” (Roland Tanner, Mary Boehlen).

Mission Minute. Cindy shared that Kyle Messner, president of NAIL (New Adventures in Learning through Chandler Gilbert Community College), said she has been really pleased with how our connection with them continues to grow.

President’s Message. After reconsideration, Cindy informed the Council that she decided against sending an email to all members explaining NFLL’s \$29K in reserve funds to avoid possible confusion for the entire membership since only a few members raised the question.

In the recent November election, Arizona voters approved the proposition that allows Mesa Community College to spend appropriated funds. Future additional reductions in expenditures are needed.

Treasurer’s Report. Treasurer Fred Searing explained NFLL’s current financial status through October. Membership totals 187, a shortfall of 19 members (representing \$855) needed to achieve NFLL’s 2024-25 budget. Our membership goal for this fiscal year was set at 240 members. To meet this goal and balance our budget, 53 new members are needed.

Comparisons with last year:

- When compared to Last Year at end of October, we are at 94% (187 CY / 200 LY).
- When compared to Current Year Budget at end of October, we are at 91% (187 CY / 206 CYB).
- When compared to Fall Semester Budget, we are at 89% (187 CY / 210 FSB).

Conclusions:

- Based on the above, Fred estimates our annual membership to range from 214 (240 x 89%), 218 (240 x 91%) to 224 (240 x 94%). This equates to lost revenue of \$1,170 (26 x \$45), \$990 (22 x \$45) to \$720 (16 x \$45), respectively. The numbers 26, 22, and 16 represent the respective difference from our budgeted membership of 240 members.
- We need to review unspent budget monies now to ensure meeting MCC's stated goal of a balanced budget.
- We are currently under budget for the Fall Open House and New Member Coffee by \$602 (\$175 + \$550 - \$123).
- Current shortfall ranges from \$568 (\$1,170 - \$602) to \$118 (\$720 - \$602), depending on where our actual annual membership winds up.
- Another option is to increase the costs for attending either the Holiday Party or Spring Picnic to make up this shortfall.

MCC Liaison. Suzanne stated that our new liaison Debby Smith was doing a very good job answering questions before needing to reach out for assistance. Fred said he found it very easy to get the monthly financial information from Debby. Mary indicated Debby has shopped at SAM's with us for event supplies since purchasing from Costco is no longer available. There was no report from Debby due to today's campus closure in observance of Veterans Day.

Committee Reports.

- a. **Curriculum.** Suzanne said if council members heard class attendees saying something like "I think we should have more classes like this" to let Curriculum know.
- b. **Membership.** In addition to the report Mary provided, Fred said he has been taking information about NFLL to acquaintances; Jacki suggested doing the same for groups such as Optimists, Rotary, etc. and suggested Membership Committee do the follow up.
- c. **Social.** See included report. The flyer announcing the December 5 Holiday Party is being emailed today. Reservations with meal choice and payment are due by November 20.
- d. **Communications.** The October issue of *Las Sendas Up Close* included mention of NFLL membership and activities.
- e. **Volunteer.** A report gleaned from the Google form on the NFLL website showing volunteer hours was included. The data shown was submitted by members and shows time spent volunteering for NFLL and MCC activities (although not necessarily for the current month).
- f. **Technology.** See included report. The discussion of membership fees was tabled to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business

- a. The Volunteer Luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 26, at EVIT. Attendees will have the choice of meat or vegetarian entrée. Between 40 and 45 attended in 2024; this year's budget is based on 35 members attending.

- b. The Human Library Project will be held on Saturday, April 26, at the MCC Red Mountain campus library. MCC library staff will be available for support and probably 10-12 NFLL volunteers will be needed.
- c. An update for the class reminder emails sent by our gatekeepers was discussed to help members find the reminders more easily Shortening the subject line from *New Frontiers class reminder for "The Role of Music in Our Families" class* to something like *NFLL Class "Role of Music..."*, for example, was suggested. Other ideas included recommending that members set up a separate email folder for these emails and/or referring to the NFLL Calendar on our NFLL website. It was further suggested to include these tips in a future issue of *NFLL News*.
- d. More printed copies of the spring class schedule will be available at this year's Open House. Also, there will be articles in the December and January issues of *NFLL News* letting members know how to request that a printed copy be mailed to their homes if desired. Members will also be encouraged to check the online schedule or the NFLL Calendar on our website since schedule changes will be reflected there.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. The next NFLL Council meeting is set for Monday, December 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat King, Secretary