

Minutes of the February 8, 2016 NFLL Council Meeting

Attendees:

President: Marlin Fried

Vice President: Richard Riley

Secretary: Sharen Kellogg

Treasurer: Fred Searing

Past President: Pat DeBlake

Members at Large:

Helen Jones

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Committee Chairs:

Membership: Mary Adamick, Mary Lindberg

Curriculum: Margo Heaps

Communication: Peggy Randolph

Social: Lois Schaffer, Peggy Schulz

Volunteer: Bruce Reid

Guests:

Allan Zisner

Kim Gillespie

Meeting was called to order at 9:37AM by the president. Minutes from the January meeting were approved as written. The meeting was held in the Boardroom of the downtown Mesa Public Library.

Treasurer's Report:

The NFLL's expenditures through January 31 was \$13,067, and YTD income was \$22,590. The current balance of \$8,153, added to our beginning Fund Balance of \$26,331 gives a projected Fund Balance as of January, \$34,484. With the planned expenditures for the remainder of the at \$18,817, we have a projected Fund Balance of \$17,377.

MCC Liaison Report:

There was no report as there was no MCC Liaison present.

Members at Large reports:

Helen Jones reported that while most comments regarding Open House and Registration were satisfactory, there were some complaints which were primarily due to the members misinterpreting or not reading the provided directions for registering.

Communications Committee:

A written report included information regarding pictures from Open House and anticipation of a decision about the location of storage and meeting rooms after spring break. Membership on SIS is up to 82 Spring members as of February 6. Caroline Cline continues to be a valuable outreach member.

Volunteer Committee:

The committee is in the midst of volunteering in support of the Community and Civil Engagement Department (CCE). A three-day EXPO will have various Mesa companies demonstrate their service learning opportunities.

Of interest to the committee is information to be offered to volunteers showing what would be expected of them; also the possibility of training a lead volunteer to handle questions as they arise.

Social Committee:

The most recent Out to Lunch location was attended by 35 people, with a similar number signed for the upcoming lunch at Four Peaks Brewery.

The tour of Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport was full and had a waiting list. There is a possibility there will be a tour next fall. A Heard Museum tour is scheduled for February, and a tour of Amazon.com in March is full with a waiting list.

The committee's table, with a display and a power point presentation at Open House resulted in a number of people signing up for events.

Curriculum Committee:

At Open House a number of facilitators attended Open House. Some stations had no facilitator, but printed information was available. The committee will ask facilitators to have dates and other information available at their stations. Sharon Greer will be stepping down as co-chair in August. It is hoped that a replacement will be found for her to train before that time.

As Margo and Sharon will not be available, they suggested suspending having summer classes. Margo suggested that the Council vote on this issue. After discussion by the council, Margo Heaps moved that *we will hold summer classes if we can find a summer class coordinator*. The motion was seconded, and approved by Council.

Membership Committee:

Eighty-three guests signed in at Open House. ProClass listed 63 new members, and 19 former members. NFLL now has 461 members.

Kim Gillespie and Dora Reyes will be the new Co-Chairs. Changes which the pre-enrollment team will incorporate were suggested for the next Open House.

Council members are urged to attend the New Members Coffee.

Old Business:

The concerns about distribution of the NFLL Directory, and information about new members were discussed at length. It was decided that an addendum containing information about new members would be printed. Mary Adamick made a motion *to give new members the fall*

directory at the New Members' Coffee and the addendum will be offered to the membership at the All Members' Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by Council. Those who did not pick up the directory and/or the addendum at the meeting could pick it up at the office.

Marlin Fried brought up difficulties in Registration. He had received some information from members who had some problems registering. The Council discussed classes that have a limit on number of students, and appropriate classroom size for scheduled classes. Marlin suggested a "standby" system in addition to the waiting list for classes. He also suggested we make the instructions for registration more easily understood. Some members of Council felt the instructions are clear as they are. Mary Adamick suggested that those who have difficulties be advised to go to the advertised location for help.

New Business:

The All Members' Meeting will be March 4, 2016, at the Red Mountain campus.

Marlin asked for suggestions for entertainment at the meeting. He has requested a room in the Mesquite building.

Concerns about locations for committee meetings were brought up, as concerns for NFLL storage. These have not been decided yet.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05AM. The next meeting will be March 14,2016.

Submitted by Sharen Kellogg
February 27, 2016