

Minutes of the August 9, 2016, NFLL Council Meeting, Amended

Attendees:

President: Marlin Fried

Vice President: Richard Riley

Secretary: Sharen Kellogg

Treasurer: Fred Searing

Past President: Pat De Blake

Acting Member at Large: Steve Johnson

Committee Chairs:

Membership: Kim Gillespie

Communications: Peggy Randolph

Volunteer: Gwyndolynn Gentry

Social: Peggy Schulz

Curriculum: Margo Heaps, Sharon Greer

MCC Liaison: Neva Hansen

Guests:

Sam Wong

Jennifer Wong

Kathy Kimball

Randy Maughan

Allan Zisner

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 by the president with a quorum present. Minutes of the June meeting were approved. The guests were introduced by Marlin.

Treasurer's Report:

The only expenditure in June was the annual postage charge and was well below what had been estimated last month.

The total expenditures for the year has been \$22,611, and revenue for the year was \$22,074, showing an Over Spending of \$573 for the Fiscal Year ending June 30.

But we did an exceptional job of controlling our expenses when compared to our planned Over Spending of \$6,738.

It is expected that our Fund Balance at the beginning of the past fiscal year of \$26,331 will be reduced to \$25,758 as we go into the 2017 fiscal year. When a final accounting is received from the District Financials, this will be adjusted as necessary; but significant changes from the present report are not expected.

MCC Liaison Report:

Neva reported little activity, but all is going well. So far the membership for this next year is 260.

Membership Committee:

Kim reported that the committee's main concern is the change in enrollment for each member. Many of the Open House documents will need to be changed to reflect the new requirement to present photo IDs. A sign at the Greeter's table will inform potential new members of the need for a photo ID. The Committee has worked out various details to accomplish this.

The committee recommends that three tables be set up in the lobby at Open House: a Social Committee activity sign-up, a desk for Special Interest Groups, a table for MCC scholarship information.

More volunteers will be needed, and Kim will send an all members email requesting them.

Communication Committee:

Peggy reminded members that August 15 is the deadline for articles/pictures for the Newsletter. This newsletter will be mailed August 31 to all members who were active this past spring plus new members who have joined this summer.

There is a concern about provisions not being made for non-computer users at Open House, since the computer lab is no longer. Neva will look into reserving a room for this.

Gary Kleeman sent a message to members regarding 50% reduction for seniors for credit classes. Fred Searing clarified how this would work.

Volunteer Committee:

Gwyndolynn has been in contact with the Expo at MCC and also for the Empty Bowls. More members are needed for the Volunteer committee.

Social Committee:

The Out to Lunch at Islamorada Fish Company was well attended. August lunch will be at LaStalla Cucina Rustica. Because Open House will be held on September 9, the Out to Lunch will be at 5:00 pm at Red Mountain Café.

Planned events for the fall include tours of the Commemorative Air Force Museum, the Chandler Railroad Museum (with catered lunch), the United Food Bank, and the December Holiday Party. The committee is still looking for affordable entertainment for the Holiday Party.

Curriculum Committee:

Sharon Greer will no longer be a co-chair after Open House. Jennifer Wong will be taking her place. Sam and Jennifer Wong helped with fall classes, editing and other things.

Charlie Barry will also be stepping down. Anne Bloxam will be in charge of statistic collections. There were 17 summer classes most well received.

Roland Tanner did well getting classes arranged and putting information on the website.

This fall there will be 79 classes: 43 at MCC, 18 at RMCC, 7 at MAAC, and 11 at other venues. This seems to reflect where members prefer to hold classes.

There will be 49 facilitators, which shows that some members are facilitating more than one class.

The artwork and layout of the Fall 2016 Schedule of Classes was completed by Dovie Bryant, and both have been submitted to the membership for review and corrections, if any.

Completion is expected to be mid-August, and arrangements will be made for printing and delivery to MCC for mailing.

An orientation is scheduled for Facilitators to prepare first time facilitators of their duties and responsibilities.

Members at Large:

Con Downey has stepped down from this office. Fred Searing made a motion *to accept Steve Johnson as Member at Large*. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business:

Richard Riley reported on the search for new officers for the coming year. Needed are a Vice President, Secretary, and two Members at Large. Dan Taylor has agreed to be a candidate for Vice President, Kathy Kimball for Secretary, Steve Johnson for Member at Large, Anne Stehr for Member at Large. Nominations can be taken from the floor at the All Members Meeting, also. Along with Richard on the nominating committee were Sissy Riley, Pat De Blake, and Helen Jones.

New Officers will take office at the All Members Meeting.

There seems to be a concern that we are losing members because those members cannot afford the membership fee of \$80.00 per person. Richard made a motion *to form an ad hoc committee to investigate the possibility of issuing scholarships for members in need*. The motion was seconded and passed.

Richard will be a member of the committee, along with Fred Searing and Con Downey. Fred Searing assured the Council that funds are available.

Old Business:

Regarding a committee for recruitment to serve on committees, Kim suggested a survey be used to find out if members will be willing. She and Neva will check into what is available.

Interest Groups could be a way to address subjects that are short term, or that have missed the deadline to be on the Class Schedule. Margo sent the information for one subject to Rolland Tanner so far. Rolland will be the person who will take care of sending information out about subjects of interest.

Richard met with BethAnn of MCC regarding the area of NFLL members having some interaction with MCC students. After discussing some areas of interest, they agreed to meet in September to discuss this further.

Regarding scholarships for MCC students, thirteen members donated last year to this cause. A table will be at Open House to present information about this. Peggy Randolph suggested the Annual Meeting might be a better place to have this information. Marlin made a motion *to offer a volunteer opportunity for NFLL members to contribute to MCC scholarships*. The motion was seconded and passed.

MCC has mentioned that they need volunteers to read applications for scholarships. The Volunteer committee will check into that.

Marlin, Sharen, and Skip Carney met with Jeff Reed about NFLL working with TJ Travel Experiences.

The MCC Risk Management group let us know that everything we do with travel has to be treated externally. We cannot mention anything in print that NFLL is working with TJ Travels. So any information about travel would have to be done verbally.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28AM. Next meeting will be September 12, 2016.

Submitted by Sharen Kellogg, August 19, 2016.