

Minutes of the October 10, 2016 NFLL Council Meeting

Attendees:

President: Marlin Fried

Vice President: Richard Riley

Secretary: Sharen Kellogg

Treasurer: Fred Searing

Past President: Pat De Blake

Member at Large: Steve Johnson

Committee Chairs:

Membership: Kim Gillespie

Curriculum: Margo Heaps, Jennifer Wong

Communication: Barbara Thelander, Peggy Randolph

Volunteer: Gwyndolyn Gentry

Social: Peggy Schulz

MCC Liaison: Pat Esparza

Guests:

Sam Wong

Dan Taylor

Dan Scarpone

Gretchen Hirni

Allen Zisner

Marie Ganansia

Gary Kleeman

The meeting was called to order by the president with a quorum present. Minutes of the September meeting were approved. The president introduced the guests.

MCC Liaison:

Pat Esparza said there are now 405 NFLL members. She said she had just finished the process of getting a venue for the Holiday Party, and Windermere offered the lowest bid.

Neva Hansen is doing a great job in the office, especially while Pat is working on United Way.

Treasurer's Report:

NFLL's total revenue to date was \$17,910. As of the end of September, the Fund Balance was \$38,950. Our planned expenditures for the year is \$28,150, of which we have incurred \$4,735. The Fund Balance is anticipated to be \$21,000 by the end of our fiscal year. A detailed Financial Report was available for Council members.

Curriculum Committee:

There were 4 guest presenters and 35 of 49 facilitators at Open House. Class information from the schedule was provided, which proved to be helpful. There were some on-line registration problems regarding Pro-Class timing out too soon and with notification of cancelled classes. Help was provided at Open House for members who are not computer users.

Class proposals for Spring must be in by November 1. Dates for semester events are needed before a schedule can be finalized.

Communications Committee:

The November/December Newsletter will be mailed on November 8 or 9, and the January/February Newsletter & Class Schedule mailing will be Monday January 9. New Frontiers had a table at a performance of Salt River Brass. NFLL members received a discount on tickets. NFLL brochures and business cards were printed with the new mailing address. The web design is still under consideration, but details are not available at this time. Gary Kleeman has volunteered to work on it.

Volunteer Committee:

Gwyndolyn reported that after adjusting the schedule, she has Empty Bowls covered. She had more names than she needed, and will keep those volunteers in mind for future events.

Social Committee:

Peggy reported that the Out to Lunch at Red Mountain Café and the tour of the Commemorative Airbase Arizona were well attended and enjoyed by all. In November the Lunch will be at Kabuki restaurant at Tempe Marketplace. A tour of the Chandler Railroad Museum is set for October 27. The Holiday Party in December is being finalized. Lois Schaffer plans to submit her resignation as Committee Chair as of the end of December.

Membership Committee:

The New Members coffee was attended by 28 new members. Approximately 60 new members did not attend. Money was saved by making changes in new member supplies and in choice of refreshments. Name tags were given to those who attended, and for those who did not attend, they will be available at the Annual Meeting on November 4. If the new member information and name tags are not picked up at the Annual Meeting, they will be available for pick up at the Red Mountain office. The committee is eagerly awaiting confirmed dates for the next Open House and Coffee.

Member at Large:

There was no report this month.

Old Business:

Regarding scholarships, \$3000 has been released by MCC for three students. The Office of Development is mailing an informational letter to all members asking for voluntary contributions. The Office would further like to have a meeting regarding estate planning.

Richard Riley reported the list of nominations for NFLL offices is being finalized. A letter will go out to members by October 21.

Richard also made a motion to amend the by-laws Article 4, Section 3, which reads that we should have two Members at Large on council. He proposed that we increase the number from two to three. After discussion by the council, he changed that to increase to up to four. The amendment will now read to change the number to up to four members at large. The council voted to change it. This will go to the Annual Meeting. (For this year we will be nominating and accepting three members at large.)

Richard proposed that NFLL offer scholarships to members, based on information from applicants. There will be 20 scholarships per year, of which the applicant possibly would pay a portion. There was a discussion about the amount of each scholarship which the applicant would pay, if any at all. After much discussion, the council voted to have three members be on the committee that would decide who earned the scholarships. They voted that the charge per applicant would be \$35, and NFLL would be responsible for \$45. The council will revisit this at the December meeting.

New Business:

Marlin advised the council members, when inviting volunteers for specific jobs, to be clear about what would be expected of the volunteer.

He mentioned to committee chairs that each member of a committee is responsible for certain jobs, and that should be noted in writing.

Peggy Randolph suggested that, rather than each committee submit minutes of committee meeting to the website, that those be given to the Secretary who would incorporate them into the Council minutes. Gary Kleeman suggested that this change might be addressed in the Procedures Manual. Barbara moved we table the suggestion until the Procedures can be checked.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am. Next meeting is November 14, 2016.

Addendum:

A post-council meeting was held to determine event dates for the Spring calendar.

Thanks to members: Kim Gillespie, Barbara Thelander, Peggy Randolph, Margo Heaps, Marlin Fried.

Dates for 2017:

Open House Friday, January 27 (if DTC available),
alternatively, Friday, January 20.

Registration begins Tuesday, January 31

Spring Classes begin Friday, February 3

New Member Coffee Wednesday, February 15,
alternatively, Friday, February 17

Class Schedule to be completed in December, printed January 3 or 4, per Margo
Newsletters will be ready by January 4, mass mailing January 9, per Barbara

Submitted by Sharen Kellogg, October 15, 2016

