

**NFLL Council Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2017, 9:30am
Mesa Public Library**

Action Item: Vote to hire an AmeriCorp person failed.

Attendees:

President: Marlin Fried

Vice President: Dan Taylor

Past President: Pat De Burke

Secretary: Gretchen Hirni

Members at Large: Steve Johnson, Anne Stehr, Sandy Whitley

Committee Chairs:

Curriculum Co-Chairwoman: Margo Heaps

Communication Co-Chairwomen: Peggy Randolph, Barbara Thelander

Social Co-chairwoman: Peggy Schulz

MCC Liaisons:

Pat Esparza

Guests:

Judith Slentz (Replaces Margo Heaps, Curriculum Co-chair, when term expires)

The February Meeting was called to order by the president, Marlin Fried, with a quorum present. Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report available today however, Fred Searing will email it to council members later this week.

MCC Liaison Report:

Pat Esparza had nothing new for this month to report. "Everything is normal".

Old Business

All Member Meeting: Attendance was around 102; better than in the past. Received responses from 12 new volunteers who have already been contacted. MCC approved Papa John's Pizza expense for \$310.00 (Three hundred ten dollars) and the pizza lunch.

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch: Most volunteers have received an invitation by email. Sally Downey, Superintendent of EVIT, will give greetings at the beginning of the luncheon. 11:30 - registration; 12:00 - program; 12:30 - lunch. Two to four people are needed to check in invitees. We should have the count of guests by April 19. A small give-away token from MCC will be placed near each plate. B. Thelander will need names of volunteers who respond; Mary Kay will take pictures. ProClass will be used from registering and A-frame signs will direct volunteers to Volunteer Luncheon at EVIT. It's

close to the main entrance and culinary school;. Marlin thanked everyone for all their hard work in putting this together.

Nominating Committee: Sharon Kellogg willing to serve on this committee. Other good candidates are welcome. We need Vice President and treasurer at this time.

Scholarships: (NFLL Scholarships) Numerous important concerns, such as other expenses, were discussed and suggestions offered. Finally, Marlin suggested at this time, we should table the issue. No NFLL scholarships have actually been offered. It was referred back to committee members - Fred, Con Downey and Richard Riley were the ones who proposed this initially.

Barbara Thelander reported attending the MCC Scholarship Recognition Luncheon. Everyone from NFLL who donated to the MCC Scholarship Fund was invited. Our recipient, Ariel, spoke at the luncheon and she was a great representative of the high quality of scholarship recipients.

AmeriCorps Liaisons: Dan Taylor presented an applicant's updated job description template, describing the possible position with NFLL. Applicant's duties and purpose would be to support the council. The council offered many comments and suggestions. Applicant could assist the president and committees. Discussion included several well-considered concerns such as the time, duties and costs of hiring a person. Steve Johnson noted that we don't know how much money we actually have in our MCC budget. Pat Esparza will relay this concern to our MCC leadership who will respond with an email. Other ways to take care of our volunteer needs were offered.

Dan Taylor made the motion to approve the position, with adjustments to general duties was seconded. Further discussion ensued. It was noted that Marlin, as president, spends lots of time and effort every week. A "call for the question" was requested and Marlin asked for motion to approve AmeriCorp. Motion failed. Marlin thanked everyone.

"Cloud" data storage: Steve Johnson described "Cloud" issues such as storage, access, retrieval. He also stated that it was up to the council to decide but we use computers for everything we do. He recommended finding a "Digital Director" to be responsible for all things computer driven and we need someone with technical expertise and funding. We may need to spend money to hire a "Digital Director". Supervision would be important. Barbara Thelander suggested using "Service Learning" and she will explore it.

Steve also stipulated "consistency over time" was important. Marlin asked for a solution. Steve will continue working on this issue. Steve, Peggy Randolph and Barbara Thelander will discuss this issue over lunch with Gary Kleeman. Marlin asked them to return with a proposal. The council will continue to explore "Cloud" issue, as well.

New Business:

Council meeting format: Dan Taylor suggested all committee reports to be sent in on Wednesday, one week prior to meeting. The council will then receive all reports attached to the President's emailed agenda. The purpose is to streamline the council meetings. Reports can be approved in one block during the Council meetings; eliminating need for individual reports at the meeting. "Bullet" points are OK, unless there are Action Items which require discussion during the council meetings. Marlin asked for any further discussion. It was suggested we try this for May. Important for committees to meet by second Monday of the month and turned in by Wednesdays before the council meetings.

Coffee With: Pat Esparza described and explained her new idea for a "Coffee With. . .". This will consist of a series of 10 monthly meetings with various community leaders to familiarize them with NFII. Various suggestions for invitees, audience size and venues were offered by the council members. Marlin suggested using ProClass to facilitate sign up. Marlin suggested putting all social activities on ProClass, as well. Motion to proceed was seconded; motion passed. Pat will put together a proposal and budget to bring back to the council.

Strategic Planning: Dan Taylor sPut on next month's agenda due to length of current meeting.

Committee Reports:

Communication: Barbara Thelander reported lots of good news: someone volunteered to take the history and to go through the box in the closet downtown. Pat Esparza will facilitate. Alpha Graphics can make a spread sheet with addresses to make it easier to address and send the News Letter for an additional \$30 (thirty dollars).

Volunteer: Will need to discuss how to deal with Volunteer Committee.

Social Committee: Date change. Peggy Schultz reported the Annual Picnic was wonderful, followed-up with the caterer, and donations. Dolly Steamboat event had many sign-ups and other events were also mentioned.

Membership Committee: Barbara Dixon reported NFLL has 17 new members. Membership Committee will not meet in April through July. The committee needs a recording secretary. September 15, the date for Open House from 1:00 to 3:00. New Member Coffee date proposed for Oct. 6. Can be approved now or next time. Approval for beginning and ending classes for Fall also needed.

But, Marlin stated this isn't on the agenda today. Fall classes also begin in September. Printing of agenda needs to be done sometime after Sept. 1st. Approval for dates needed. Barbara suggested the committee chairs should meet to get this together. Pat Esparza will put the dates on the calendar to reserve the spaces. Dec. 14, is the Holiday Party. April 12, 2018 is the Picnic.

Discussed other issues related to NFLL members using student ID to get discounts.

Curriculum Committee: Margo Heaps reported 14 (fourteen) new classes for the summer, 15 (fifteen) classes for the Fall and 2 (two) proposals for next Spring. Barbara Thelander noted 4 (four) faculty members volunteered to lead various activities and walks at Red Mountain, thanks to a request from Dr. Reyes.

Other: Concerns about duplicates and length of emails were discussed. Gary Kleeman may be able to help with these issues. "Mail Chimp" (free program) could be used for attachments. Chairs will meet and come up with dates for proposed calendar for the next meeting.

Members at Large: Anne Stehr noted microphones were needed at the All Member Meeting and a menu choice of cold pizza was mentioned as problematical.

Next Council meeting: May 8, 2017; Saguaro Room, Downtown Mesa Library. Marlin thanked everyone and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gretchen Hirni, Secretary