

NFLL Council Meeting MINUTES - Monday, March 12, 2018 9:30 am

Mesa Public Library, 64 E. First St. - Saguaro Room

Attendees:

Past President: Marlin Fried

Vice President: Roland Tanner

Secretary: Diane Grogan

Treasurer: Gregory Master

Members-at-Large: Anne Stehr

Daniel Scarpone

Mary Boehlen

Sandra Whitley

Curriculum: Jennifer Wong

Membership: Barbara Thelander, Barbara Dixon

Social: Peggy Schulz

Communications: Arlys Medicott

MCC Liaison: Pat Esparza

1. Welcome and Introductions: The March 2018 meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by R. Tanner with a quorum present.

2. Approval of February 12, 2018 Minutes: A motion to approve Minutes from the February 2018 meeting was proposed by M. Boehlen and seconded by M. Fried.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Following the review/approval of the Consent Agenda, it will be added to the minutes. A motion to approve Consent Agenda was proposed by D. Grogan and seconded by S. Whitley.

3. Treasurer's Report: G. Master presented the new format for the Treasurer's Report. The new financial report is driven by purchase orders, and forecasts what we will spend using a year to year comparison. The report is color-coded and easy to read. Totals on the report in green are forecast amounts based on last year's expenses. G. Master added a few corrections (\$2904.00 for Cracker's P.O. and \$395.00 in the total column, Po change to P.O.) to the report. Overall positive comments and responses to the new format!

4. MCC Liaison Report: P. Esparza stated that everything is ready for the All-Member Meeting on March 23. Preparations for the Recognition luncheon – P. Esparza sent program to D. Taylor for review. P. Esparza will put in program notes. Both N. Hansen and P. Esparza have been trained in using the P Card. P. Esparza will train us on the procedure. The process will probably be through an email requesting an item, and N. Hansen will shop with us. Some requests may be done over the phone. P. Schulz asked if the program was in effect now; she needs money for the picnic. Some housekeeping regarding the Storage Room at Dobson- Rosa Pardo is the only one at the desk in the President's Office, so please have patience and/or call ahead when you need to access the storage room. The number is 480-461-7841. B. Thelander suggested calling Security for access. B. Dixon suggested checking the calendar so that meetings/classes held near the storage room are not disrupted.

5. Old Business

- Volunteer Names: M. Fried has 97 names so far for the Volunteer appreciation lunch. He hasn't heard from two of the committees.
- Planning Session and Future Steps: R. Tanner will present the findings in April from the Committee Chair and Co-Chair meeting.

6. New Business

- Human Library Project: At the Dobson campus April 10. So far 23 people have signed up as human "books." Eight NFLL members have volunteered. Tomorrow (March 13) is the cut-off date to turn in applications. D. Grogan asked about the procedure for applying. M. Fried sent an email with a link to the application. Red Mountain campus will wait until fall for its Human Library Project.
- Spring Membership meeting March 23 at Red Mountain campus.

7. Discussion Items:

- Dates and locations for Fall Open House & New Member Coffee - Open House at Dobson – still working on dates and location. B. Thelander suggested meeting with P. Esparza to walk the rooms. D. Scarpone is concerned about registration and transportation. Are carts available? MCC Security is very good about offering rides. J. Wong asked about the date and location. Prefers the place over by the library. P. Esparza prefers the Navajo Room with mobile registration. B. Dixon asked about dates - specifically September 14. P. Esparza mentioned September 7, 14, and 21. B. Thelander mentioned that early in September is better; closer to October cuts down on the number of classes we can offer. R. Tanner mentioned that we will get what is available. B. Thelander suggested checking the MCC calendar under "All Events."
- Members-at -Large Report: S. Whitley spoke for the group – nothing to report.

8. Committee Action Items

- Social Comm. Report: P. Schulz reported that 22 people attended the last "Out to Lunch" which is down from past events. P. Schulz will miss the All Member Meeting; Sissy Riley will stand in. J. Wong reported that Ruth Brooks sent an email regarding the NFLL trip to the State Capital.
- Curriculum Comm. Report: J. Wong reported nothing new to add. B. Thelander stated she is sorry that J. Wong is stepping down as Curriculum Chair. B. Thelander also voiced a concern about safety. In regard to the Buckhorn Baths class (one of our biggest programs!), there was a waiting list, but too many people showed up. Most of the time there are empty seats in classes. Some people who had pre-registered had to sit on the floor. Suggestion – schedule a larger room. One man (not an NFLL member) called B. Thelander asking if he could attend the class. B. Thelander was concerned that the man was able to get her personal phone number and call her. The man proceeded to show up at the class with a copy of the NFLL schedule. M. Fried stated that people can see names of facilitators and phone numbers and email addresses on our website, even if they are not members. Suggestion – leave personal phone numbers out of the registration catalog. B. Thelander also raised a concern about not

having enough gifts for the guest presenters. P. Esparza suggested calling Patty O'Brien and asking for more gifts. She can always supply them, and maybe even deliver them.

- Communication Comm. Report: P. Randolph is out of town. A. Medicott reported that she will be sending lists to the chairs. Let Mary Kay Owen know about upcoming events; she will be putting dates on the calendar. You can email information to her. M. Fried can also put dates on the calendar.

- Volunteer Comm. Report: S. Carney is out of town.

- Membership Comm. Report: B. Dixon reported that new member badges were mailed out on February 27, the week after the New Member Coffee. She would prefer the time between the two events be shortened. **Recommended date** for the Open House is Friday, September 14, and the New Member Coffee is Friday, September 28. The Membership Committee meets again in August. In response to a question about new membership - 60 new members of which 52 were "brand new" and 8 were renewals.

9. Other:

- B. Thelander stated that we could be doing all kinds of things with MCC. Community colleges don't receive State support. We need to be more visible on campus, and volunteer on campus.

- Money donations to general fund. A discussion about presenter Dr. Johnston in a class facilitated by Gary Epps. J. Wong received the check. D. Taylor is handling the situation.

- Selling books/items. P. Esparza was able to order books to supplement the Buckhorn Baths class. Books are for sale in MCC Bookstore.

- Email from woman complaining about lack of meal choices for "Out to Lunch" and picnic. Wanted to attend picnic free of charge because she couldn't eat anything on the menu.

- in response to the Planning Session and Future Steps comment about lack of NFLL computer classes, D. Grogan suggested Mesa Public Library computer classes for adults. She will contact Mesa Public Library to request a link to the information. B. Thelander suggested adding the library to affiliates on our website.

Next Council meeting: Monday, April 9 at 9:30 in the Saguaro Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 by R. Tanner. *Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Grogan.*