

## NFLL Council Meeting MINUTES - Monday, September 10, 2018 9:30 am

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

Attendees:

President: Daniel Taylor

Past President: Marlin Fried

Secretary: Diane Grogan

Treasurer: Gregory Master

Members-at-Large: Mary Boehlen

Anne Stehr

Sandra Whitley

Daniel Scarpone

Communications: Peggy Randolph, Arlys Medicott

Social:

Curriculum: Ruth Brooks, Nancy Olson

Membership: Barbara Thelander

MCC Liaison: Pat Esparza

Guests: Allan Zisner

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** The September 2018 meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by D. Taylor with a quorum present.

2. **Approval of May 2018 Minutes:** Corrections to August minutes: change the word “tutor” to “mentor” under Section 5. Change “Social Committee to Membership Committee” under Section 5. A motion to approve Minutes from the May 2018 meeting was proposed by B. Thelander and seconded by S. Whitley.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda:** A motion to approve Consent Agenda was proposed by D. Grogan and seconded by M. Boehlen.

3. **President’s Report:** Four Council members will meet with the new MCC President, Dr. Richard Haney, on Wednesday, September 12. D. Taylor will invite Dr. Haney to speak at the annual meeting in November, and also share copies of the Historical Overview and the strategic plan draft. B. Thelander suggested adding the year and date to the bottom of the Historical Overview. One of the Mesa School Board candidates contacted D. Taylor about meeting with our membership. D. Taylor spoke to N. Olson and R. Brooks. The plan is to invite the candidates to “Coffee and Conversation.” D. Taylor will contact facilitators to o.k. the plan.

4. **Treasurer’s Report:** G. Master explained how the report works. Four charges (2 AlphaGraphics, 1 Great Courses, 1 newsletter design) were added in August. The totals change from green to black on the report. We are better than the forecast by \$299.00. A motion to approve Treasurer’s Report was proposed by B. Thelander and seconded by M. Fried. There are currently 176 paid NF members. P. Randolph spoke about a difficulty in registering for NF classes because our registration is based on a full year, not semester.

5. **MCC Liaison Report:** P. Esparza (via D. Taylor) reported on room logistics for Open House on September 21. B. Thelander reported that she met Eric Sanchez at MCC who offered to print sandwich boards, and added Laura as a contact to move materials from the storage room to the Navajo Room. P. Esparza has the carts set up. M. Fried cautioned that LB145 is in use on Friday, so we will not be able to access the storage room. The room will be available Thursday from 8:00 to 12:00 (contact Tanya). B. Thelander will let committee chairs know. At Open House, need to cut down the number of tables in the pre-registration area from 6 to 3. P. Esparza has five people to assist new members with registration. Discussion of password problems with registration. D. Scarpone asked if Reader Board will have Open House information on it. Yes! A. Zisner asked about golf carts to transport members from the east parking lot to the Navajo Room. Greeters and canned food drop off will be outside the door. Confirmation of New Member Coffee on October 5 in LB145.

6. **Old Business: Fees for classes:** D. Taylor began the discussion about NF members paying a fee for “hands-on” classes. As long as we are up front about the fee, we should be o.k. M. Fried referenced the piano classes with a fee. G. Master asked about the fee process – members go out and buy materials, or pay instructor directly. R.

Brooks added that with the Wreath making class, the facilitator and N. Hansen use the "P" card to purchase materials. Then members write a check to MCC. B. Thelander asked for a clear policy about fee-based classes. P. Esparza will speak to N. Hansen about the process before the next meeting. D. Taylor cautioned to keep the process simple. C4Success: M. Fried reported that four NF mentors at Dobson and seven NF mentors at Red Mountain received mentor training and handbooks. Julianne(?) is matching students with mentors. Scholarship/stipend: M. Fried provided a hand-out about the NF Scholarship application process. The current budget is \$225.00. The Annual scholarship is \$45.00 with NF member covering \$35.00. ; semi-annual scholarship is \$25.00. M. Fried suggested the scholarship be limited to five people. Discussion and questions. D. Scarpone asked how this will affect student scholarships. It will not. A motion to approve the scholarship for one year was proposed by M. Fried and seconded by M. Boehlen. A. Zisner asked how the scholarship would be publicized. D. Taylor clarified that it is a pilot program. N. Olson asked about informing the members. D. Taylor clarified to inform the committee chairs. R. Brooks asked how to get a copy of the scholarship. D. Taylor asked that a copy be set to all Council members. A vote was taken with one opposed and all others in agreement to approve the scholarship for one year.

**7. New Business:** Empty Bowls: the contact person is Koni Christopher. D. Taylor will send an email blast. Volunteer shifts at each campus will be two hours long with six people on each shift. Volunteers should respond to Koni Christopher. Dates: Thank you to R. Brooks and the Curriculum Committee for submitting calendar dates. The highlighted dates are tentative pending approval. Add highlight to January 25 Open House at Red Mountain.

**8. Discussion Items:** Planning Document: D. Taylor provided copies of the Strategic Plan draft. It is a "living" document. Suggestions – Under goal #1-3, increase membership by 10% each year. Under Goal #1-5, add log-in button so members can update account information. Under Goal #2-3b add "of each semester." Survey: D. Taylor distributed hard copies of the NF on-line survey. N. Hansen is working with the free Survey Monkey program. NF Council members took the survey. Positive comments about the length of the survey (less than 5 minutes) and ease in completing. Discussion followed. In response to the travel survey question, B. Thelander mentioned Road Scholar program. R. Brooks asked to change IT to "technology" for clarifications. Others suggested adding another comment line about potential general classes, not just technology class ideas. D. Taylor stayed the plan to post the survey in-line after October 1, and give members 2 weeks to respond. After one week send a reminder to NF members.

**10. Next Council Meeting** – Monday, October 8, 2018. **NOTE**: The November Council meeting will be moved to 11/05/18 as the library will be closed for Veterans' Day on November 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 by D. Taylor. *Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Grogan.*