

NFLL Council Meeting MINUTES - Monday, February 11, 2019 9:30 am
Mesa Public Library, 64 E. First St. – Saguaro Room

Attendees:

President: Daniel Taylor

Secretary: Diane Grogan

Members-at-Large: Sandra Whitley

Communications: Peggy Randolph

Social: Peggy Schulz, Arlys Medlicott

Guests: Allan Zisner , Nancy Spence

Vice President: Roland Tanner

Past President: Marlin Fried

Curriculum: Ruth Brooks

Membership: Barbara Dixon

MCC Liaison: Neva Hansen

1. Welcome and Introductions: The February 2019 meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by D. Taylor with a quorum present.

2. Approval of January 2019 Minutes: A motion to approve minutes was proposed by R. Brooks and seconded by B. Dixon.

- Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion to approve Consent Agenda was proposed by D. Grogan and seconded by S. Whitley.

3. President's Report: D. Taylor reported on the Spring General Membership meeting. MCC President, Dr. Haney, will speak. The meeting will be held at Red Mountain from 1 to 3 pm on March 22. D. Grogan asked about a "save the date" invitation to NF members. At the meeting, committee chairs are asked to give a brief report/spiel about their committees. Also, the new website (ta da!) will be unveiled. There will be a special meeting on Feb. 25 in M224 at Red Mountain to preview the video. D. Taylor has completed his "welcome" video.

4. Treasurer's Report: Council members looked over the Treasurer's report. The report was sent out prior to the meeting. A question about the Staples amount was raised. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was proposed by M. Fried and seconded by D. Grogan.

5. MCC Liaison Report: N. Hansen is willing to set up tours for seniors at the Red Mountain campus. S. Whitley stated that D. Scarpone has the contacts with area "over 55" communities. N. Hansen is waiting on confirmation of NF classrooms for the spring semester. **Important:** from now on - committee chairs must call or contact Neva to access storage room. The ideal time to meet Neva and access storage at the Dobson campus is between 3 and 4 pm. We have the names of the scholarship recipients, and they have been invited to the Spring General Membership meeting. D. Pearce and Carly have been in contact. N. Hansen is looking for an assistant and has someone in mind.

6. Old Business: B. Thelander's proposal regarding honorary membership has been put on hold. P. Schulz mentioned that the police department offers benefits to members after 25 years of volunteer work. D. Grogan suggested stickers on badges or different colors of badges to commemorate people. P. Randolph stated that according to ProClass, members need to enroll to take any classes, so NF would still need to pay.

Open House was a success. B. Dixon reported that clickers were used to count attendees, and 250 people came through the doors. 18 volunteers assisted new members for a total of 87 volunteer hours. 77 NF members paid at Open House; there were 50 new members resulting in 440 total memberships. Some of the tweaks – footprints and more guides. Some complaints- not enough cookies! The coffee was not hot, and there was no water available. N. Hansen did an outstanding job. D. Taylor agreed and added the room layout

was cleaner and more open. He chatted with a few new members who were surprised and impressed. P. Schulz mentioned flyers to hand out. R. Brooks thought having the DVDs at Open House was a good idea. B. Dixon received an email from a new member who asked for a refund because she didn't get the classes she wanted. B. Dixon suggested she get on the waiting list. D. Taylor followed up with a phone call, and reiterated B. Dixon's advice.

7. New Business: D. Taylor officially appointed M. Fried as the nominating committee chair. M. Fried accepted. R. Brooks suggested we mine the data from our survey to find individual interested in serving.

MOU for outside facilities- R. Brooks suggested add "media support as needed." B. Dixon added "when" to last line of agreement. R. Brooks asked who the point person should be for outside facilities. D. Grogan suggested the NF class facilitator fill that role.

Request for shade structure. B. Dixon moved to purchase an "EZ up" canopy for outside functions. R. Brooks seconded the motion. During discussion, S. Whitley stated the storage bag needs wheels. Most canopies need two people to raise them. We will vote on the purchase at the next meeting.

8. Discussion Items: Change in Election timeline – M. Fried suggested elections be moved to the Spring General Membership meeting. This would allow new officers to take office at the beginning of the fiscal year, and allow extra time for planning. However, this would extend terms for currently serving officers and members-at-large by six months. This proposal would require minor changes in the NF operating procedures. During discussion, most agreed the proposal makes sense and seems logical. D. Taylor will bring this up again in March for a vote. This will also need to be voted on at the Spring General Membership meeting. M. Fried will forward the changes in Operating Procedures to D. Grogan who will send it out to the Council with the March agenda and minutes. Council will vote at the March meeting, and if it passes, add the vote to the Spring General Membership meeting agenda.

Strategic Plan – D. Taylor will send out the Strategic Plan in landscape format to all Council members. We will formally discuss it on a semi-annual basis.

D. Taylor referred to R. Brooks' comment about using the data survey. She stated that we need technology component in the curriculum, and suggested J. Hirschl as point person. A. Zisner reported on the tech fair classes. Nine (9) people signed up for the first session, and 19 for the second. It is important to continue our relationship with MCC students. S. Whitley asked how we recruit people for curriculum technology committee. Should we send an email? D. Taylor would rather send a request with more items. D. Grogan added that a few NF members complained to her about the dearth of NF emails they received. We should look at the survey again, and maybe have something on the website. R. Tanner cautioned that the more time between survey participation and lack of response from the organization, the more likely the respondent will think the organization does not value the feedback. D. Taylor will bring up the request for technology (and other) volunteers at the Spring Membership meeting. R. Tanner sent out the survey responses, but did not sort them. He offered to sort them for committee chairs.

9. Upcoming Events: P. Randolph proposed a motion to spend \$350.00 for AlphaGraphics to print brochures since they have a promotion going on. N. Hansen suggested using the MCC Print Shop, and print through the MCC copy center. This would save money! P. Randolph asked about sending a digital copy of the membership directory to NF members. R. Tanner suggested taking the directory out of ProClass and put it into Google so that the

data is encrypted. Also, adding a disclaimer that the digital format is essentially the hard copy most members already have.

D. Taylor brought up participation in ASU Research hearing loss survey.

B. Dixon thanked R. Brooks, P. Schulz, and N. Spence for a successful Open House, and added that 30 people have responded to the invitation to the Feb. 22 New Member Coffee. Greeters are set up, and D. Pearce is in charge.

A. Zisner will speak to R. Brooks about a list of class changes for website.

Next Council Meeting – Monday, March 11, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 by D. Taylor. *Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Grogan.*
