

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

Attendees:

President: Daniel Taylor	Vice President: Roland Tanner
Secretary: Diane Grogan	Treasurer: Greg Master
Members-at-Large: Mary Boehlen, Dan Scarpone, Anne Stehr	
Past President: Marlin Fried	Membership: Barbara Dixon
Communications: Peggy Randolph	Curriculum: Ruth Brooks
Social: Peggy Schulz, Arlys Medlicott	MCC Liaison: Neva Hansen
Guests: Allan Zisner	

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

**2. Approval of February 2019 Minutes:** A motion to approve minutes was proposed by D. Scarpone and seconded by M. Fried.

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

**3. President's Report:** D. Taylor announced that N. Hansen is the new Program Coordinator for New Frontiers (Community Partnerships). Congratulations! The quote from the MCC Print Shop for printing the MF brochure is \$40.00; 200 have been printed, and we would like 300 more for a total of 500 brochures.

The Spring General Membership meeting is at Red Mountain (room 200) from 1 to 3 pm on March 22. David Luna will give greetings. MCC President, Dr. Haney, will speak. Two of the student scholarship recipients will be there. We will have a business meeting to discuss the timeline, and vote on elected members' terms. Committee chairs will give a brief report, D. Taylor will discuss the strategic plan, and the City of Mesa Community Engagement representative will give a brief presentation. The new website will be unveiled. Crackers will cater the event. There will be fruit, cheese and cookies. P. Schulz mentioned that two people at Open House requested tea.

Friday, April 26 is volunteer recognition luncheon at EVIT. Dennis Kavanaugh will speak. Committee chairs need to work with M. Fried. Send him (in Excel) the names of anyone who has volunteered by the end of March, and he will get the invitations out. Greeters at the lunch will be the members at large. There will be three meals choices, and attendees will register through ProClass.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** G. Master changed up the Treasurer's report a bit. The format is generally the same, with like vendors in categories. For example, all food vendors are in the "refreshment" category. Also regarding AlphaGraphics and brochures – change the vendor to MCC print shop for lower cost. There will also be a lower cost for the newsletter since it will be digital, with only 100 printed for members who do not have access to on-line copy. P. Randolph raised a question about Dec. 2018 report and charge for address labels. There is also a one-time P.O. for newsletter design. Expenses are tracking pretty much as expected according to G. Master. The deficit is down – almost break even- and picking up new members helped. The second page of the report is looking ahead for 2019-20. R. Brooks had a question about postage. It is per year. Let G. Master know if you have questions. P. Schulz asked about adding to the cost estimate for the holiday party. G. Master

said yes, it is just an estimate. D. Taylor suggested chairs let G. Master know if they have questions. R. Brooks asked about the plan to increase membership as we are now at 450. N. Hansen reported on the increase in enrollment from 2018 (62) to 2019 (79) at Open House. More members equal more money. M. Fried suggested we spend money on advertising since we have a good cash balance. D. Taylor will bring it up at the next meeting; he has connections with neighborhood newspapers. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was proposed by D. Grogan and seconded by R. Brooks.

**5. MCC Liaison Report:** N. Hansen has a new adm. assistant named Nadia – she was at New Member Coffee. In preparation for September Open House, N. Hansen is looking into space at Dobson with break-out rooms. D. Taylor agreed we need break-out rooms, but would like to try and keep fall meetings at Dobson and spring meetings at Red Mountain. Discussion about dates for Open House. New Frontiers classes start September 30. P. Randolph agreed we should try to balance between Dobson and Red Mountain, but if our needs are not met at Dobson, we can't have an effective Open House. N. Hansen can be much more resourceful if meetings are held at Red Mountain. D. Taylor asked N. Hansen to investigate rooms at Dobson for Open House, and if we can't get what we need, vote at the next meeting about moving the location. P. Randolph asked us to consider the heat/weather in September and parking at Dobson. She also mentioned the lack of equipment (mouse) in the computer lab at Dobson. R. Brooks asked about using the MCC library meeting room. Alas, we are too noisy for the library. D. Taylor said other meetings are fine in the library room, but Open House and break-out rooms get too loud. The *tentative* date for Open House is September 20. N. Hansen asked for a Plan B. September 27 is too late, because that will move the start date of NF classes into October. N. Hansen will investigate, look at Thursday (12, 19) options, and report in April

**6. Old Business:** Change the elected member/officer timeline. D. Taylor suggested we vote today, and if it passes, approve at the Spring General Membership meeting. M. Boehlen asked about the change. D. Taylor explained that currently we elect in November, and the elected jump in without preparation time. D. Grogan added that terms from July 1 to June 30 would coincide with the fiscal year. G. Master shared that in his first term as treasurer, he was reporting on the previous Treasurer's projections because it was in the middle of the fiscal year. A. Stehr moved, with M. Boehlen seconding, that we change elections to spring, and change Section 7 in Operating Procedures. M. Fried asked if we should let members know. The change is in Operating Procedures, not to the By-Laws, so members at the Spring General Membership meeting will be aware. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. New Business:** Purchase of shade structure/canopy. D. Scarpone moved that we purchase an "EZ up" canopy and M Boehlen seconded. Discussion about price range. A. Stehr asked why we need a canopy. We need it for shelter at the upcoming Falcon Field event, and it can be used at other events (picnic). P. Schulz moved and D. Grogan seconded that we spend up to \$250.00 to purchase a canopy. N. Hansen stated there is room in the storage room for the canopy if we get rid of the wooden sticks from previous Open Houses. The motion passed unanimously.

Memo of Understanding (MOU). Curriculum Committee will pilot it in the fall of 2019. M. Boehlen moved and M. Fried seconded that we try out the MOU.

**8. Discussion Items:** Website: D. Taylor mentioned uploading videos. D. Grogan asked about the quote about friendship on the home page. D. Taylor, S. Whitley, and R. Tanner

met and looked at the website last month. D. Grogan mentioned the “Changes at a Glance’ Errata sheet suggested by A. Zisner as a way to increase communication.

Travel Group: discussion about past NF travel clubs/groups. Wagon Wheels, Hikers, SW Adventures. D. Grogan asked if the registration is through ProClass. M. Fried stated that in the past, members signed up, then decided as a group where to go. A. Stehr asked about signing up with another established travel group. M. Fried stated we could run into problems with MCC as far as vendors. D. Scarpone asked about international vs. local travel. P. Schulz suggested looking into Arizona travel groups. D. Taylor asked N. Hansen to do a research project looking into travel group/vendor for NF. P. Schulz asked about liability. R. Brooks asked about a committee to run the travel club. D. Taylor suggested we check with MCC first about the feasibility, then check our survey respondents who were interested in travel.

**9. Upcoming Events:** P. Schulz reported that only nine (9) people have signed up for the picnic at Desert Breeze Park on April 11 at 11:30. Last year, 70 people attended. D. Taylor will mention it at the Spring General Membership meeting. B. Dixon reported that 80 people attended the New Member Coffee; however, most were current members. 13 out of 30 rsvp new members showed up. Discussion about the torrential downpour as a factor. Membership Committee plans to revise Open House to make it more interactive. M. Boehlen will begin in July as new Membership Chair with M. McGonigle as co-chair. Congratulations! B. Dixon will work with the new chairs.

D. Grogan asked about Council meeting in June and July. D. Taylor will add to agenda for April.

Spring General Membership meeting is March 22!

**Next Council Meeting – Monday, April 8, 2019.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 by D. Taylor. *Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Grogan.*

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