

NFL Council Meeting MINUTES - Monday, October 14, 2019 9:30 am
Mesa Active Adult Center – Room 2

Attendees:

President: Dan Taylor	Vice President: Roland Tanner
Secretary: Diane Grogan	Treasurer: Greg Master
Members-at-Large: Mary Boehlen, Anne Stehr	Curriculum: Ruth Brooks
Membership: Mary Boehlen/M. McGonigle	Past President: Marlin Fried
Support Services: Peggy Randolph/S. Ward/A. Medlicott	
Volunteer: C. McGonigle/B. Thelander	Webmaster: Allan Zisner
MCC Liaison: Neva Hansen	

1. Welcome and Introductions: The October 2019 meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by D. Taylor with a quorum present. Meeting venue changed due to Mesa Public Library closure for staff development.

2. Approval of September 2019 Minutes: A motion to approve minutes was proposed by M. Fried and seconded by R. Brooks.

- Approval of Consent Agenda: A motion to approve Consent Agenda was proposed by R. Tanner and seconded by M. Boehlen.

3. President's Report: The Fall General Membership meeting will be held at the Dobson campus on November 1 in LB145. A City Council member will deliver the greetings. The guest speaker is Eldon Bordenave, Director of Aging and Resiliency, AT Still Health Science University.

New Frontiers was contacted through MCC about participating in the "Andy Biggs Expo" at Chandler CC. D. Taylor contacted D. Scarpone. As a group we decided to pass on this opportunity. B. Thelander suggested we draft some type of political statement for the future.

Red Mountain Advisory Committee meeting was a very positive meeting. It is a good group of people focused on the Red Mountain campus. Red Mountain is adding more health-related fields. MCC has put their own advisers in Mesa public schools to make that connection with high school students. The Advisory Committee meets four times a year. Nora Reyes was recognized for her contributions to Red Mountain.

Red Mtn. CC honors student final presentations included: Androids, I phones, cyber security. Nora Reyes was there. Honors students presented to a diverse group (including some NF members) rather than just classroom peers. P. Randolph was there and learned more about I phones. N. Hansen was one of the student presenters. D. Taylor was there and said the students were well prepared. R. Brooks mentioned A. Zisner's collaboration with MCC students for New Frontiers. B. Thelander mentioned that A. Zisner worked with M. Adamick to get information about "Empty Bowls" on the NF website. There has been a great NF volunteer response so far.

4. Treasurer's Report: G. Master attended the meeting after driving 1,000 + miles from Oklahoma, but will not attend the November meeting. G. Master reported that we currently have 378 members which is up from 2018 at this time. Expenditures are also up from 2018, mostly due to printing costs. D. Taylor mentioned that N. Hansen is checking into using the MCC Print Shop for some of our projects. B. Thelander said that MCC does not use AlphaGraphics. N. Hansen needs an actual product before she receives a quote for printing. R. Brooks will send the NF class schedule to N. Hansen to use as a sample to obtain a quote. P. Randolph asked when committee chairs need to get approval for expenditures. G. Master stated that if the amount is in the forecast, then committee chairs can access the money. Also, let G. Master know if/when he needs to adjust the forecast. When using the Pcard (purchase card), we must use approved vendors. *Ex.* Target is on the approved vendor list District-wide. New vendors need to go through an approval process which takes 3 to 6 months. P. Randolph also asked about adding \$200. to the budget forecast for the Marketing committee. P. Randolph made a motion to add a \$200. line item to the forecast. R.

Brooks seconded the motion. Discussion followed about the column on the spreadsheet. D. Taylor suggested adding the ad hoc Marketing committee line item under the Council column. P. Randolph asked to add the line item under the Communication/SS column. Clarification – add \$200. to the forecast under Communication/SS column to cover marketing expenses. Also, S. Ward will be taking over P. Randolph’s duties on the Communication/SS committee. Welcome Sandie, and thank you, Peggy, for your service!

6. Discussion Items: Discussion about purchasing a tablecloth with the New Frontiers logo for \$200.00. S. Ward needs to see samples and choose colors. S. Ward and N. Hansen will follow up and order the tablecloth.

Volunteer hours – volunteer hours should be reported in three (3) categories – NF, college, and community. A. Bloxam is ready to post those hours, as long as members remember to report correctly. If hours are not separated out, they will go into general NF hours. The current parameters are six (6) major volunteer events with three (3) outside events. D. Taylor will forward any requests for volunteers to the Volunteer committee chairs. R. Brooks will put the information on the website about reporting hours, and clarify what to report and why to report hours. Reporting our volunteer hours shows the value of New Frontiers to the community. The Marketing committee reported on an event at the Ross Farnsworth YMCA. They used the MCC tablecloth and New Frontiers banner to advertise at the event. They also distributed Open House posters and displayed a New Frontiers binder. S Ward is sending a zip drive to M.K. Owens. R. Brooks reminded us of the difficulty some hearing impaired members have in large room meetings. R. Brooks would like to use smaller venues which are more conducive to communication. B. Thelander suggested checking with MCC’s Disability Resources to see if smaller rooms are available for our meetings. We will not be able to use MAAC for meetings, as they will be remodeling classrooms December through May. D. Grogan will check on the MAAC classroom availability for our November meeting (**Nothing open**).

Communication by email – B. Thelander would like to see a consistent format for email communication. A majority of the group agreed. D. Grogan suggested sending less emails and using our website to communicate to members.

D. Grogan wanted to begin a discussion about Open House and its purpose. She observed over 80 New Frontiers volunteers giving hours (and hours) of their time to prepare for the event, but a low turnout of new members at the event. D. Grogan and M. Boehlen will continue the discussion.

6. New Business: Dates – Open House is tentatively planned for 01/24 and New Member Coffee will be 02/07. Both events are at Red Mountain. The first open Friday for the Spring General Membership meeting is March 27.

9. Upcoming Events: The upcoming Volunteer appreciation lunch will be around April 16 to 24. D. Taylor will check with EVIT and report back.

P. Randolph reminded us of the EXPO on November 13 from 8:00 to noon at the Mesa Convention Center. D. Scarpone can use some help.

B. Thelander is stepping down as newsletter editor. Marie France will take over the duties. Thank you for your service, Barbara!

Next Council meeting is **Monday, November 18 at the Mesa Public Library in the Saguaro Room**. The library will be closed for Veterans’ Day.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00. Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Grogan.
