

NFL Council Meeting MINUTES - Monday, February 10, 2020 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 Sandra Whitley Dan Scarpone Anne Stehr

Curriculum: Ann Bloxam *for Ruth Brooks*

Communications: Peggy Randolph, Arlys Medicott

Membership: Mary Boehlen

Social: Peggy Schulz

MCC Liaison: Neva Hansen

Past President: Marlin Fried

Webmaster: Allan Zisner

Guests: Marie France Ganansia, Richard & Sissy Riley

1. Welcome and Introductions: The February 2020 meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by D. Taylor with a quorum present.

2. Approval of January 13, 2020 Minutes: A motion to approve minutes was proposed by M. Boehlen and seconded by A. Bloxam.

- **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Change* to class proposals deadline date in Curriculum Committee council report. A motion to approve Consent Agenda was proposed by D. Grogan and seconded by P. Schulz.

3. President's Report: D. Taylor reported on the MCC President change. L. Berquam is already in office to replace Dr. Haney who was a champion for New Frontiers. L. Berquam sent an email to NF Council members; not everyone present at today's meeting received it. D. Taylor will resend.

Healthy Living Expo February 28 – D. Scarpone and Caroline have it covered.

Spring General Membership Meeting March 27 – D. Luna will give the welcome address. M. Hutchinson (newest MPS Board member) will speak on "Portrait of a Graduate."

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon Friday, April 17 – registration at 11:30; program at 12:00 at EVIT. Menu choice: beef short ribs or salmon filet served with hearts of romaine salad and dessert trio.

Hearing device testing – D. Taylor and M. Fried met NF member Wayne Hoist in "Matter of Balance" class at RM. Hoist would like to do beta testing of a hearing device at next Council meeting.

Thank you note- D. Taylor received a thank you note from NF member Gloria Bruce about her wonderful experience at NF Open House.

4. Treasurer's Report: G. Master presented the 2020 financial report. *Correction* to row 25 column C. We are halfway through the fiscal year, so we can start to scale back the forecast. Biggest benefit – MCC printed Spring 2020 class schedule for FREE. Refreshment costs are up a bit, Great Courses cost has been scaled back, and Staples reduced by \$500. For spring, 68 new members and 27 renewals (95) which is an increase from last year. S. Riley asked about funding for the Games class. G. Master stated it is included in misc. expenses, and is not really a budget forecast item, so spend as needed. A motion to approve Treasurer's Report was proposed by M. Boehlen and seconded by A. Bloxam.

5. MCC Liaison Report: N. Hansen confirmed that printing of the class schedule was free. M. Ganansia asked about using MCC Print Shop for newsletter. MCC Print Shop can print flyers, letters, class schedules, but cannot do a mail merge per P. Randolph. NF will still use AlphaGraphics for mail merge to send printed newsletters twice a year.

6. Discussion Items: Mesa Foundation involvement and investment – Currently when members make a charitable donation to MCC, it is not tax deductible. NF needs to become a part of the Foundation to receive tax

benefits. Council members met with Ernesto last week. Money we donate to the Foundation is considered a gift. For \$10,000 NF becomes a part of the Foundation, and can run scholarship donations through the Foundation. The Foundation has around \$40 mil. in it, and earns interest. With a donation, 10% interest is earned – 2% for management fees, 4% at our discretion. **Are these numbers correct?** S. Riley commented about options for tax deductible donations. D. Taylor referred to the \$35,000 in reserve account that is not earning interest. With the \$10,000 gift, donations go into the spendable side. M. Boehlen asked if the only reason for joining the Foundation was to receive tax benefits. G. Master stated that the Fund Balance is more than a cash amount; it is a paper balance. D. Taylor stated NF has not received a statement of balance from MCC. N. Hansen clarified that the bi-monthly accounting is the statement; however, there is not a line item for NF – it is combined with the Work Force account. M. Fried commented that we may get recognition from MCC for a donation. P. Schulz asked if we can pull out of the Foundation after 10 years if we have a disagreement. D. Taylor stated that main purpose of the Foundation is awarding scholarships. R. Tanner asked about the rate of return. D. Taylor will send him documentation, but it could be \$200 to \$500 a year in interest. Another option is to donate the \$10,000 in increments over 5 years with no interest earned. A. Bloxam asked if we gift \$10,000, how long it will take to make it up. Also, does the Foundation earn interest? Yes. R. Tanner added that it is not “my” money, but NF money. A. Zisner asked about Foundation. It has been in existence since the 1970’s, has a website we can check out, and has 5 staff members. R. Riley stated that he is not sold on the tax benefits, because few of us use a long form for taxes. He **is sold** on gifting. In turn, MCC benefits us with a gift for the future. N. Hansen added that it opens up option for outside public to donate to MCC scholarship fund. D. Grogan asked about RMD’s. M. Fried clarified that RMD can go into any non-profit. S. Riley added we will need to do a good PR campaign. Will members who donate get something back? D. Taylor stated that paperwork would come from the Foundation. D. Taylor added that we do **not** need to decide today, or at the Spring General Membership meeting; we may have a separate general meeting to discuss this. D. Scarpone thinks it should go through a membership vote. R. Tanner added we should send an informative letter to members. A. Bloxam agreed, and suggested a “pro” and “con” column. D. Grogan wants to put the Fund Balance to work for NF. D. Taylor tabled the discussion with the intent to solidify a plan in March.

Survey – R. Tanner will send out a second request for NF members to complete the on-line survey.

Travel – Travel Club is planning a guided tour in southern Arizona. M. Ganansia reported that the quote from Arrow Stage Lines for the Tubac tour is \$40. per person by bus. Travelers will need to bring park admission fee and sack lunch, or money for lunch. According to N. Hansen it takes a couple of weeks for travel paperwork. D. Taylor gave the “go ahead” for the proposed trip. P. Randolph asked if NF members can bring guests. M. Fried stated that the first \$40 received for this maiden voyage will reserve a spot.

7. Old Business: M. Boehlen reported that Spring Open House went well with only one glitch with a room time. 44 new members attended. There was enough food and coffee, but need an earlier start time - 9:30? Question from A. Bloxam about the number of people at Open House. A. Medicott asked where people go to get a name tag. S. Riley added that we need to tell members to pick up name tags. M. Boehlen stated that a letter goes out to new members with information. D. Grogan mentioned that the PowerPoint for NF Open House and Coffee needs to be updated. S. Riley said we need to thank MCC Student life for supplying popcorn at Open House.

8. New Business: Leadership and openings in committees. Need Gridmaster for Curriculum Committee filled.

9. Key Upcoming Events: Social – Picnic is scheduled for April 2. P. Schulz asked if attendees will need to fill out “new” risk forms. D. Taylor clarifies that as people renew memberships, they should fill out new risk forms. Curriculum – A. Bloxam reported for R. Brooks. For Spring 2020 classes, the committee is working on expanding class sizes and getting people off the wait lists. A. Stehr said she enrolled in a class, but was not on the list when she went to class. M. Fried added that he helped some people register, and may have made a mistake. S. Riley asked if members can see all their classes when they go to “my account.” A. Zisner said the gatekeeper sends out class lists too early. A. Bloxam clarified that the gatekeeper sends out an *initial* roster the week after on-line registration, then sends out the final list and sign-in sheet before the actual class date.

Next Council Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2019 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 by D. Taylor. *Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Grogan.*