

NFLL Council Meeting MINUTES - Monday, March 9, 2020 9:15 am
Mesa Public Library, 64 E. First St. – Board Room

Attendees:

President: Daniel Taylor	Secretary: Diane Grogan
Members-at-Large: Mary Boehlen	Sandra Whitley Anne Stehr
Curriculum: Ruth Brooks	Communications: Peggy Randolph, Arlys Medicott
Membership: Mary Boehlen	Social:
MCC Liaison: Neva Hansen	Past President: Marlin Fried
Webmaster: Allan Zisner	Guests: Marie France Ganansia, Bob Dukelow

1. Welcome and Introductions: The March 2020 meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. (after securing a meeting location in the Board Room) by D. Taylor with a quorum present.

2. Approval of February 10, 2020 Minutes: A motion to approve minutes was proposed by M. Boehlen and seconded by R. Brooks.

- Approval of Consent Agenda: *Change* to class proposal deadline dates in Curriculum Committee Council report. 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 A.T. Still “Matter of Balance” class attended by D. Taylor. A. Medicott and M. Fried. Great class!

Spring General Membership Meeting March 27 – Words from incoming MCC president. A. Forlys (MPS superintendent) will speak on “Portrait of a Graduate.” Reports from standing committees.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon Friday, April 17 – register through ProClass. Send names of volunteers to M. Fried in excel format, please. Luncheon registration at 11:30; program at 12:00 at EVIT.

4. Treasurer's Report: D. Taylor for G. Master reported on surplus of \$600. Printing costs have gone down – thanks to Neva and MCC Print Shop.

5. MCC Liaison Report: N. Hansen reported that MCC campus is on spring break. Kristina Bliss is the interim Associate Dean. N. Hansen is meeting with her today. D. Taylor urged her to mention NFLL and its role at MCC.

6. Discussion Items: Mesa Foundation involvement and investment in the future – D. Taylor referred to B. Thelander's email to Council. If we decide to participate, we will have a vote of membership, and maybe have Council vote first. M. Boehlen asked if members should be required to attend a meeting before voting. D. Grogan clarified the need for education so members are aware of the issues. M. Fried stated that Council can decide on its own without approval of membership, but last meeting we decided to get membership on board. S. Whitley mentioned the fact sheet with pro's and con's. D. Taylor will put out a fact sheet in April. Any questions may be directed to him. Let members know the plan at the Spring General Membership meeting in March. Council members in attendance at today's meeting took a straw poll and decided to move forward with the Mesa Foundation involvement and investment plan. D. Taylor explained the nature of the reserve fund again, and answered questions about investment. Two things to keep in mind: 1) strengthens NFLL place in MCC Organization, and 2) tax free donation is less of an issue with the current standard deduction, but *anyone* can donate through the Foundation which means potentially more scholarship dollars. R. Brooks asked about fees. D. Taylor clarified we can spend earnings over \$10,000. Donations go into the fund, and can be

treated as cash. If we choose to do nothing, the reserve fund just sits there. D. Taylor would like to use the money for something. Please email any questions to D. Taylor.

Survey – D. Taylor for R. Tanner. 142 members responded to survey. Again, people requested classes on computer usage, internet, and cell phones. Some people were interested in specific committees. D. Taylor will forward the names to committee chairs.

Travel – Travel Club is planning a guided tour in southern Arizona. M. Ganansia reported 31 people have signed up, and the bus is paid for. NF has plans to join up with the ASU Travel Club. M. Fried spoke to Brian Dille about trips for NF members similar to the MCC sponsored student trips. The travel club is exploring options. P. Randolph stated travel is a great benefit to NF members

7. Old Business: Leadership and openings in committees. Need co-Chair and Secretary for Membership Committee. Curriculum Committee 3 positions filled: R. Dilenno (chair), G. Beatty (Gridmaster) and Mary Ann Spishock (facilities coordinator). D. Taylor will introduce them at the General Membership meeting.

8. New Business: M. Boehlen suggested changing the venue for all upcoming NF Open Houses to Red Mountain campus, and holding all New Member Coffees at the Dobson campus. LB145 is perfect for the Coffee. General Membership meetings may still rotate between the two campuses. N. Hansen has better resources at the Red Mountain campus for Open House. A. Stehr commented that this was discussed at the Membership Committee meeting. R. Brooks stated that the Dobson campus is inconvenient for Open House, and we can't depend on an appropriate space. It is better for everyone if we use Red Mountain. The plan is to hold Open House at Red Mountain until things change. Discussion of upcoming fall dates: Friday events conflict with "out to lunch" and hiking groups. N. Hansen suggested Saturday as an option. R. Brooks asked about support on campus. N. Hansen has held several Saturday meetings at MCC. Discussion of holding Coffee two or three weeks after Open House. Last Coffee was best attended. Fall Coffee at Dobson is set for October 9. Membership will discuss options and decide. R. Brooks asked for committee chairs to set additional dates for calendar.

Spring General Membership meeting – the Nominating committee has been hard at work. New officers: Roland Tanner - president, and Bob Dukelow – vice president. Diane Grogan – secretary and Greg Master – treasurer will each serve a one-year term so that there is continuity. Members at large: Margo Heaps, Ron Schueman, Fred Searing and Allan Zisner.

Website – A. Zisner currently uses and pays \$20.00 a month for Dreamweaver software subscription through ASU. He would like to be reimbursed. M. Fried asked if MCC could purchase the subscription. N. Hansen will check on the availability. D. Taylor would rather write a check to the company than reimburse an individual. Topic is tabled until more information is learned.

9. Key Upcoming Events: Social – Picnic is scheduled for April 2. Curriculum – R. Brooks is writing up lists of procedures and wants them posted in a public place – maybe under Facilitator's Tools on website.

Next Council Meeting – Monday, April 13, 2019 at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 by D. Taylor. *Minutes respectfully submitted by Diane Grogan.*
