
NFL Council June 2020 Meeting minutes

Monday, June 8, 2020 - 9:30 am Social Distancing WebEx meeting organized by Roland Tanner.

Attendees:

President: Daniel Taylor (outgoing) Roland Tanner (new)

Vice President: Roland Tanner (outgoing) Bob Dukelow (new)

Secretary: Diane Grogan (continuing) Treasurer: Gregory Master (continuing)

Past President: Marlin Fried (outgoing) Members-at-Large: Anne Stehr, Sandra Whitley, Mary Boehlen, Dan Scarpone (outgoing) Margo Heaps, Ron Schueman, Fred Searing, Allan Zisner (new)

Curriculum: Ruth Brooks, Ann Bloxam Volunteer: Barbara Thelander, Cathy McGonigle

SS/Communications: Arlys Medicott Membership: Mary Boehlen

Social: Peggy Schulz

CC Liaison: Neva Hansen

Webmaster: Allen Zisner

1. The June 2020 meeting was called to order at 9:30 by D. Taylor with a quorum present.
2. D. Grogan asked for a correction to minutes from May 2020 to add member in attendance - Cathy McGonigle. A motion to approve minutes from the May 2020 meeting was proposed by A. Stehr and seconded by M. Fried. Approval of Consent Agenda- n/a as no committees met.
3. **President's Report** – D. Taylor reported on reduction in NF membership fees for 2020 - 21. D. Taylor wrote a proposal to reduce NF fees by \$20. (net \$60. full year \$40. 1/2 year) and sent it to MCC with Kris Bliss. MCC agreed to and approved the reduction of \$20. shared equally by NF and MCC . D. Taylor continued with status of NF members within MCC. Currently I.T. does not recognize NF members as students, so access to MCC WebEx is limited. Hopefully we can resolve this issue. R. Tanner added that using Cisco WebEx is free, but if WebEx ever decided to charge, NF hosts will need to be classified as students to use MCC WebEx. N. Hansen added that if NF students take for credit (pay for) classes, they have student status and free access to WebEx.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – G. Master updated the May 2020 report and forecast for 2020-21. There are three (3) open invoices – two for newsletter formatting, and one for MCC student scholarships. The forecast for next fiscal year, considering the reduction in fees and zeroing out AlphaGraphics for class schedule printing, shows a \$2,000. deficit. D. Grogan asked about mail merge label printing by AlphaGraphics for class schedule mailings, since MCC does not print NF labels. N. Hansen will check with P. Randolph. M. Ganansia wrote out labels for last newsletter mailing. G. Master will add that cost back in. F. Searing pointed out the deficit will increase by that amount.

5. MCC Liaison Report – N. Hansen still has not heard much about MCC fall classes. She visited the NF website and sent K. Bliss information about NF summer class schedule. If we do have face to face classes for fall with social distancing, venues like MCC Acacia Village would have a maximum of six (6) people per class. We need to be proactive and promote on-line classes for fall. R. Brooks questioned class size percentage decrease. N. Hansen speculated class sizes would decrease about 25% with 6 feet social distancing. D. Taylor added it is a good idea to look at face to face and on-line classes. NF classes do not start until September, so that gives us some time. N. Hansen added we will not be able to host NF Open House events. D. Taylor said NF needs to do what MCC dictates and follow suit. N. Hansen will pass on her MCC meeting notes to D. Taylor. N. Hansen will work 4/10's this summer with no Fridays.

6. Old Business – none

7. New Business – Election results. M. Fried reported on NF elections. 155 responses to on-line ballots were received, and the candidates all won by a landslide. Officers for next FY are: President – Roland Tanner, Vice President – Bob Dukelow, Secretary – Diane Grogan, and Treasurer – Greg Master. Members- at - Large are: Margo Heaps, Fred Searing, Ron Schueman, and Allan Zisner. Congratulations to all! R. Brooks added that there are also new committee chairs. A. Zisner asked that committee chairs send him that information so he can update the website. Direct Mail changes. D. Grogan represented P. Randolph regarding mailing newsletter to members. D. Grogan proposed that the newsletters, which are normally sent electronically to NF members, be printed and mailed ONLY to those NF members without access to computers. G. Master seconded the motion. Discussion followed. F. Searing asked about email and suggested that NF members access email using phones or the public library (currently closed). D. Grogan clarified that the motion concerned members without computer access. B. Thelander added that she likes to receive a hard copy of the newsletter for reading ease, but will support the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ad Hoc committee. S. Whitley reported on the Leadership/Volunteer Development committee. The committee came about in response to a lack of volunteers for NF committees and leadership positions. The committee wanted positive and tangible ways to grow our volunteer base. An example is the Volunteer questionnaire included in the new member welcome folder at Open House and Coffees. Both events emphasize one on one conversation, but the glitch occurred when table hosts did not communicate with committee chairs. Another tangible way to communicate is through the calendar. The monthly calendar, thanks to A. Zisner, is up and going. The committee suggests a calendar “button” on the NF homepage for easier access to the calendar. Another suggestion from the committee is a retreat for officers, or a presentation at the Volunteer Luncheon, to further develop the leadership team. Additionally, the committee recommends each Member -at - Large attend a NF committee meeting and let committee members know about leadership structure. Also, the NF manual needs to be updated, which is a huge undertaking, but can be a future goal. Lastly, it is recommended that the Leadership/Volunteer Development committee continue. D. Grogan thanked S. Whitley and the ad hoc committee for their work. D. Taylor added that the committee presented good information for the NF Strategic Plan. M. Fried reminded us that he and Mary Kay Owen update the NF calendar, so please send any changes to one of them.

8. Discussion Items – On-line classes. D. Taylor reported on ad hoc committee meeting. A. Bloxam and R. Dias were representatives from Curriculum Committee. R. Dias has been testing Zoom meetings, and A. Bloxam has been testing WebEx meetings for NF classes to work out the bugs. R. Tanner will help A. Bloxam with another WebEx session this week. D. Taylor supported the beta testing. R. Brooks asked A. Zisner about his on-line class experience. A. Zisner stated there is a learning curve with WebEx. R. Dias has written Zoom instructions and A. Bloxam has written WebEx instructions for NF instructors. D. Grogan participated in a NF Zoom meeting that was rescheduled due to host internet issues. D. Grogan added that she uses free Zoom for two non-NF book clubs, and has had successful meetings. R. Brooks cautioned against using free Zoom because of the time constraints, and getting kicked off. B. Dukelow uses Zoom for garden club and book club meetings. If he needs to go beyond the 40 minute segment, he simply adjourns the meeting, takes a short break, and starts a new meeting. F. Searing has attended Zoom meetings which are free with his school classes. N. Hansen cautioned that MCC does not support Zoom platform. D. Taylor concluded that we are moving forward in a positive way, and thanked the committee members who are working on on-line classes and issues.

9. President's Remarks – D. Taylor presided over his last Council meeting. He thanked R. Tanner for taking over as president. He thanked G. Master for simplifying the Treasurer's Report and D. Grogan for taking good minutes. He also thanked M. Fried for being his mentor and never saying "No" to any requests. He thanked the four members- at -large: M. Boehlen, D. Scarpone, A. Stehr and S. Whitley for their service, the outgoing committee chairs, and added that it is remarkable what we have accomplished since March 16. D. Taylor will continue on in a role as past president. R. Tanner commented that he was a little apprehensive about assuming the role of NF president after being a "boss" for so many years in the workplace, but noted the difference in working with volunteers. R. Tanner added that if MCC does not reopen, or only partially reopens, our NF members will need assistance in enrollment. All processes may be on-line, so members will not be able to walk in for registration and enrollment. He asked N. Hansen to help out. He looks forward to the challenges. A. Stehr stated that we will see a decline in membership. R. Tanner mentioned that according to the last survey, 30% of NF members are not interested in on-line classes. R. Brooks stated that we need replacements for Curriculum Committee Chair and Curriculum gridmaster. R. Brooks added that members will miss the social aspects of NF. P. Schulz stated that there will be no NF social functions, like the Christmas party, or tours for the remainder of the year as museums, etc. are closed to large groups. D. Taylor concluded that we just need to do the best we can.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35. Next Council meeting is Monday, July13, 2020. Minutes respectfully submitted by D. Grogan.
