
NFL Council October 2020 Meeting minutes

Monday, October 12, 2020 - 9:30 am Social Distancing WebEx meeting organized and chaired by Roland Tanner

Attendees:

President: Roland Tanner Vice President: Bob Dukelow

Secretary: Diane Grogan Treasurer: Gregory Master

Past Presidents: Marlin Fried, Daniel Taylor Curriculum: Ruth Brooks

Members-at-Large: Margo Heaps, Ron Schueman, Fred Searing, Allan Zisner

Volunteer: Cathy McGonigle, Barbara Thelander Social: Peggy Schulz

SS/Communications: Peggy Randolph, Arlys Medlicott Membership: Mary Boehlen

CC Liaison: Neva Hansen Guests: Marie France Ganansia

1. The October 2020 meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by R. Tanner with a quorum present.
2. A motion to approve minutes from the September 14, 2020 meeting was proposed by D. Taylor and seconded by P. Schulz. A motion to approve consent agenda was proposed by B. Thelander and seconded by G. Master.
3. **President's Report** – WebEx- R. Tanner reported on MCC WebEx update to version 40.10 which includes break out rooms. He will forward a 20 minute video to the Council. The upgrade is free, and should come out in the next month or so. This will put WebEx on the same level as Zoom. NF Annual Report – R. Tanner asked if we should send it to past and present NF members. R. Tanner will email to all. D. Taylor agreed that may encourage more people to enroll in NF. We currently have 180 members enrolled.
4. **Committee Reports** – R. Brooks reported on the crisis in the Curriculum Committee. Rea Dias and Ann Bloxam are both leaving the committee at the end of 2020 – R. Dias resigning as Gridmaster, and A. Bloxam moving to Prescott. R. Brooks will also be stepping down as Curriculum chair after spring semester. R. Brooks has tried sending emails soliciting new committee members, but it does not help. She is also concerned that the burden of finding replacements is on her. D. Grogan offered two suggestions. She suggested the new members-at-large try to recruit people for curriculum committee, and place an article in the upcoming NF newsletter. M. Heaps mentioned that members-at-large do not have access to names of new members, so would be unable to recruit. B. Thelander suggested we think bigger, and use MCC resources – specifically the Community Engagement Center to recruit students to help out, just as we did years ago to get help with the newsletter formatting. B. Dukelow met new NF members on the last hike, and may have a lead on interested people. R. Brooks will try to reach them. Curriculum Committee is working to get things ready for spring semester. The deadline for

class proposals is November 1. R. Tanner suggested that the email link to the online NF classes be sent out closer to the date of the class, so people don't lose the information. He added that members can use the MCC calendar function to keep a record of class dates and times.

5. Treasurer's Report – G. Master presented the financial report. With only 180 members, we have sufficiently decreased our revenue. The only account change is in scholarship fund as \$315. was added to the remaining amount in order to award another MCC student scholarship. There are changes to the forecast – reduced the amounts in Great Courses and Staples accounts. There is still some money in the Social Committee account. The deficit is the same; we are holding our own and treading water. R. Brooks asked if someone could still order Great Courses videos. The answer is “yes.” M. Heaps asked about the postage account. G. Master forecast the same as last year, which is based on what MCC bills NF for postage.

6. MCC Liaison Report – N. Hansen reported that MCC is currently planning 99% of spring semester classes online. She is not sure about events at the college. Regarding postage, N. Hansen asked P. Randolph how many envelopes were sent out to new members. P. Randolph will check with Suzanne Brown but she thinks Suzanne may have used her own postage. M. Boehlen asked about badges for new NF members; P. Randolph said A. Bloxam is in charge of that.

7. Old Business – a) ProClass License- R. Tanner reported that our ProClass license covers 0 to 1000 seats which is the minimum number we can procure. B. Thelander added history - before we took on ProClass, MCC used to register NF students. She asked about putting classes back in MCC's student info services. B. Thelander offered to speak to Duane Oakes about the possibility. R. Tanner stated that was a bit premature, and would require a lot of upfront work. He suggested we stay with ProClass for now, and see what happens when CoVid goes away and we can return to in person classes. B. Dukelow added that he has been a member for over ten years, and appreciates the iterations of software NF has gone through. He also suggested staying with ProClass, and not fix something that isn't broken. b) Software for NF website. We are not able to purchase the software through MCC; we will need to purchase it ourselves. R. Tanner recommended we purchase the software license for one year. B. Thelander offered to speak to Duane Oakes about the software purchase. Council will wait to hear from B. Thelander. c) Online games class – Some other organizations are doing this. R. Tanner and M. Fried will send out an email blast to gather interest in online game classes.

8. New Business – B. Thelander brought up the problem of hackers. She opened an email last week, supposedly from COX, and her account was hacked. Several NF members received emails from the hacker asking for help, and asking to purchase I-Tunes cards for B. Thelander. D. Grogan added that she had received an email from COX, but noticed a misspelling in the text, so she deleted the email. She also received the hacker email asking her to purchase I-Tunes for another NF member. D. Grogan let R. Tanner and A. Zisner know about the scheme. B. Thelander would like NF to offer a class to help seniors avoid getting scammed. F. Searing mentioned that AARP has a wealth of information on avoiding scams. R. Tanner will send the AARP info to NF members. D. Taylor offered to contact the Attorney General's office. M. Fried suggested an article in the newsletter. B. Thelander offered to compose a short article for the NF newsletter.

9. Discussion Items – G. Master reported on the two NF hiking groups which are in person classes. The in person classes were sanctioned by NF, but he would like to revisit the procedures. The hike leaders look at the CDC guidelines – wearing masks and staying 6 feet apart – which is not always possible outdoors. The main purpose is to make sure the hikers feel safe and secure.

Discussion about whether to hold a NF Council meeting in December. We will assess the need at the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30. The next NF Council meeting is Monday, November 9, 2020. Minutes respectfully submitted by D. Grogan.