
NFLC Council April 2021 Meeting minutes

Monday, April 12, 2021 - 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:

Past Presidents:

Curriculum: Suzanne Brown, Cindy Schrantz

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

Volunteer: Cathy McGonigle, Barbara Thelander Social: Peggy Schulz

SS/Communications: Membership: Mary Boehlen

CC Liaison: Neva Hansen, Michelle Chambers Guests: Marie France Ganansia

1. The April 2021 meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by R. Tanner with a quorum present.

2. A motion to approve minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting was proposed by M. Boehlen and seconded by C. McGonigle. No consent agenda items were submitted.

3. President's Report – a. how to donate to NFLC Scholarship fund - R. Tanner reported on how to donate to the NFLC Scholarship fund. Currently, NFLC scholarship donations are not tax deductible. In order to utilize the tax benefit, NFLC would need to give \$10,000 to the MCCCCD Endowment fund. N. Hansen directed those who wish to donate to the NFLC scholarship fund for MCC students to send a check directly to her. The check should be made out to MCC, and specify that the amount is for the NFLC scholarship fund. N. Hansen will deposit the check. B. Thelander asked about the advantage of donations going through the NFLC office. B. Thelander added that her yearly scholarship donations are tax deductible. D. Grogan added that members seeking a tax benefit may wish to use their required minimum distributions (RMD) and donate directly to MCC. Historically, NFLC members wanted to be able to select the qualified MCC students for the scholarship awards. S. Brown added that scholarship funds and endowments have a minimum amount requirement. Going through an endowment fund, donors lose identity and do not get to select recipients. The dilemma is that in the past NFLC members have wanted to select the student recipients vs. a general donation to those with the greatest need. R. Tanner suggested contacting S. Riley and the NFLC Scholarship Committee for further details. R. Tanner had questions about the scholarships, and will send N. Hansen a list of questions. B. Thelander suggested we table the discussion. All approved. **b.** MCC onsite classes –There will be some in-person MCC classes this fall per N. Hansen; instructors and students will need to follow CDC guidelines.

N. Hansen gave the example of 24 students allowed in classroom PV205. R. Tanner asked what percentage of classroom space is available. N Hansen said occupancy was cut by about a quarter.

c. Selection of members at large – R. Tanner reported that no member-at-large was elected at the General Membership meeting. M. Heaps pointed out that all current members-at-large are one year into their two year terms. D. Grogan added that one seat is empty since F. Searing will serve a two year term as Treasurer, and suggested we reduce the number of at-large members from four to three since our membership has declined. C. McGonigle made a motion to reduce the number of members-at-large from four to three for the current terms. D. Grogan seconded the motion. All approved.

4. Treasurer’s Report – G. Master submitted the financial report. There were no changes from last month’s report.

5. Committee Reports – **a.** Suzanne Brown reported for Curriculum Committee. S. Brown, C. Schrantz, and N. Spence attended a virtual open house with an on-line university in San Diego. They would like to adopt some of the ideas they heard about for NFLL summer term. Currently NFLL has 14 or 15 summer class proposals. One idea is to run summer classes Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Another suggestion is to standardize start times. For example – all morning classes start at 10:00, and all afternoon classes start at 1:30. In the past, NFLL summer students have contacted the facilitator to register. Another idea is to send out an email each Friday to NFLL members with the class schedule for the week along with the log-in information. D. Grogan liked the idea of standardizing times, and streamlining summer class registration. M. Heaps raised a concern about guest presenters who may not be available during the time frame. B. Thelander suggested that fall NFLL classes be first come, first served for in-person classes, and others could attend on-line. Another idea is to sponsor a few “meet up” classes such as the proposed beer tasting class (Cheers!). Another suggestion is to increase NFLL’s on-line presence by using a closed on-line group. C. Schrantz gave example of Illinois State University adult education, and asked how we can generate interest in NFLL. R. Tanner has already set up a NFLL Facebook page, and showed the example. We just need someone to administer it. General discussion about what is involved in administering the page. S. Brown asked if an MCC student could administer the page as part of work study program. D. Grogan suggested the Social Committee administer the page, and A. Zisner suggested the Communications Committee administer it. R. Tanner will set up a meeting of interested individuals. Discussion was tabled.

6. MCC Liaison Report – N. Hansen reported on in-person classes following CDC guidelines. M. Chambers is able to answer questions. Also, there is only one MCC risk form to be used for NFLL classes.

7. Old Business – **a)** Nominating Committee recommendations – resolved in President’s Report.

b) M. Ganansia reported that the Travel Club plans a trip to Cottonwood and kayaking on the Verde River in mid-May. N. Hansen instructed M. Ganansia to add a section, per MCC, to the risk form stating the inherent danger of kayaking. M. Ganansia asked if non NFLL members can go on the kayaking trip. G. Kleeman wants to open the trip to ASU retirees. N Hansen stated that NFLL/MCC is not liable for non-members on the trip. R. Tanner will contact G. Kleeman, and N Hansen will contact MCC Legal with questions. **c)** Picnic. M. Boehlen would like to see a picnic in November. P. Schulz explained that planning a picnic is time-consuming. She would rather resume the “out to lunch” activity since that

involves a smaller group of people – 15 vs. 60. General discussion ensued about herd immunity, vaccination required, and adults making own decisions. R. Tanner will arrange Social Committee WebEx meeting in September to discuss future plans.

8. New Business – NFLL needs a committee chair for the Membership Committee. M. Boehlen and M. McGonigle will train/assist the new chair.

9. Discussion – M. Ganansia asked about the inclusion of brand names of products in newsletter articles, and if that violated any rules about advertising.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:43. The next NF Council meeting is Monday, May 10, **2021**. Minutes respectfully submitted by D. Grogan.