

**New Frontiers Membership Committee Meeting
City of Mesa Downtown Library Board Room
64 East 1st Street**

**Minutes
February 2, 2018**

Attendees:

Bob Becker, Barbara Dixon, Marianne Haggerty, Phyllis Johnson, Cathy McGonigle, Mary McGonigle, Kathy Mitchell, Peggy Randolph, Dan Scarpone, Anne Stehr, Barbara Thelander, Cindy Walker, and Marcie Wooton.

Call To Order

Facilitator Barbara Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:30am. She introduced Barbara Thelander, new co-chair of the Membership Committee.

I. **Approval of Minutes**

Dan Scarpone made a motion to approve the minutes from January 5, 2018. Marcy Wooton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

II. **Open House Review and Comments**

Barbara Dixon opened a discussion on the pros and cons of the December Open House held at the MCC Red Mountain Campus, which was a late relocation from the planned DTC. Appreciation was expressed for all the volunteers' hard work.

- The orientation process needs to be updated. The directions for next steps will be bulleted to make it easier to follow.
- It was not clear where people needed to go.
- More experienced college staff are needed to help with registrations, which took too long and people lost interest.
- More help is needed from MCC. Consider training service learning students for assisting with registration and website. They could earn class credits for service.
- Meetings rooms need to be in a continuous row to facilitate the flow of the orientation and prevent participants from getting lost.

- Buy clickers for tracking number of participants, which would help in ordering food.
- Provide registration instructions earlier in the orientation to those interested in signing up, either written or by demonstration.

III. New Members Coffee Preparations - Friday, February 16, at 9:30am at the MCC Red Mountain Community Room, in the Mesquite Building Room M200. A suggestions was made to have current members (couples) serve as table hosts to personally welcome new members, answer questions and make for good conversation around the tables.

IV. Upcoming Council Planning Meeting – Monday, February 12, at 9:30am. A recommendation was made to create a 2 or 3 year calendar to allow scheduling rooms and planning events far in advance for the following years. Ask the council to consider having only one All Members Meeting for the year in March, to include the election of officers for the next year. That would be a big cost savings and give new officers the opportunity to organize during the spring and summer and be ready to begin the new school year. However, by-laws may need to be amended to reflect such a change.

V. Announcements

All Members Meeting – Friday, March 23, at 1:00pm, at MCC Red Mountain Community Room M200. Directories will be given out.

Annual Spring Picnic – Thursday, April 12, beginning at 11:30am, at the Desert Breeze Park. The cost for members is \$12.

NFLL Volunteer Recognition Lunch – Friday, April 20, at 11:30am, at the East Valley Institute of Technology, 1601 W. Main Street, Mesa.

Next Membership Committee Meeting

Friday, March 2, 2018, 9:30am, Downtown Mesa Library

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Walker