

NFLL Social Committee Meeting Minutes 6/02/2025

Attendees: Helen Dodds, Joanne Handlong (Chair), Arlys Medlicott, Roland Tanner, Diana Yarbrough

Absent: Monica Karels, Greg Master

This meeting was held at the Downtown Mesa Library boardroom, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes from the May 5, 2025 meeting were approved as written. (Motions: Roland and Helen)

Greg offered to join our summer meetings electronically if needed. We appreciate his offer and will keep it in mind.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review of May Social Committee Activities: Fifteen (15) attended the May brunch on May 8, at Crackers and Company, hosted by Monica. The guided tour of the ASU Art Museum Ceramics Research Center on May 21 was very interesting; 14 attended; two others canceled for varying reasons. Some walked to a nearby restaurant for lunch afterwards. Greg reported that 14 attended the Study Hall at Blue 32 on May 27.

Review of Plans for June, July and August activities:

June: Joanne will be hosting the mall walk and lunch at Arizona Mills on June 12. The flyer was emailed to the membership on May 28 and a reminder will go out on June 9. There are no RSVP's required; attendees can just show up for the walk and/or the lunch afterwards in the food court. The Committee will not host any outings in June since the Curriculum Committee has scheduled two outings; i.e., the Desert Botanical Garden on June 10 (free admission day) and the ASU Art Museum on June 26. Joanne will host a Study Hall at Boulders on Southern on June 24. The flyer was posted on the website on May 19 and will be emailed to the membership on June 9.

July: Out-to-lunch will be at Buca di Beppo on July 10. Helen will host and will make arrangements with the restaurant this week. Roland will do the flyer so that it can be posted on the website this week. Joanne will host an Outing to the Heard Museum on Saturday, July 19. The museum is free that day from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be a self-guided tour. There is on-site dining in the courtyard for those who want to have lunch or just take a break. We will offer carpooling from MCC Dobson. Light rail would be another option for attendees but on their own. There will not be a Study Hall in July.

August: Roland will host out-to-lunch on August 14 at The Green Olive, a new Mediterranean restaurant in Mesa. Roland is also looking into a bowling outing in August. This was done in the past and enjoyed by members. Arlys will host a Study Hall at The Perch in downtown Chandler on August 26. Deadline dates for flyers for these events were discussed.

Future tour/outing possibilities were discussed, including a Sky Harbor airport tour, a 3D printer demonstration at Red Mountain, and a tour of the Chandler Historical Museum.

Joanne reminded the committee of the deadlines for getting our activity flyers linked to the newsletter, posted on the website, and advertised to our members. She will continue to list these deadlines on the meeting agenda each month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Holiday Lunch: Roland has been researching possibilities for table centerpieces and shared several ideas. He has found that prices are higher this year. After considering the current MCC budget constraints and higher consumer prices, the committee decided to have a single centerpiece on each table. One person at the table would “win” the centerpiece. We will continue to have individual candy packets as favors. Roland emphasized that we need to submit purchase requests through MCC well in advance. He is concerned that prices will rise even further closer to the holidays.

Roland would like to investigate the possibility of getting better prices on table centerpieces from companies in return for acknowledging the companies in some way at the lunch. He will address this through council and Kathleen Perales, our liaison, to see whether this type of advertising would be allowable under New Frontiers and MCCD policies.

Setting up an mcc.edu email account – Council members will now have to set up an official signature block including their mcc.edu email account. Joanne has not yet done this but will follow up to do so. Committee members could also set up an mcc.edu email account through their membership in New Frontiers. This is not mandatory but suggested. Joanne will look into how to set up this account.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. (Motions: Helen and Aryls). The next meeting is planned for July 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Downtown Mesa Public Library Board Room.

Compiled from notes taken by:

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