

## **NFLL Social Committee Meeting Minutes 8/4/2025**

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

Absent: \* Greg Master, Arlys Medicott

\* Monica Karels will not be a member of the Social Committee for the Fall 2025 semester, per her email to Joanne.

This meeting was held at the Downtown Mesa Library boardroom, starting at 10:05 a.m.

The minutes from the July 7, 2025 meeting were approved as written. (Motions: Roland, Helen)

Holiday Luncheon Planning – Since our original idea of a Christmas Snow House for a table centerpiece was rejected by Kathleen Perales, new ideas were discussed. Joanne will cost out some of these ideas so that we can submit requests for purchase soon. We will also submit requests for purchase of candy. Roland will liaison with Bruce at EVIT regarding the luncheon arrangements.

Review of July Social Committee Activities – Seventeen (17) people attended Out-to-Lunch at Buca di Beppo on July 10, which was a very good turnout. Just three people attended the free Heard Museum outing on July 19<sup>th</sup> (Joanne, Helen, and Dolores Mindrup, a newer member). In addition to touring the museum, the group enjoyed lunch in the museum's Bistro Café. There was no Study Hall in July.

### Review of Plans for August and September activities and Beyond:

The committee agreed that we will standardize Study Hall days as the last Tuesday of the month, which is a change from the fourth Thursday of the month.

**August:** Out-to-lunch will be at The Green Olive restaurant in Mesa on August 14, hosted by Roland. To date he has eight RSVPs. Roland will also host an outing to the Chandler Museum on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The flyer will be sent out in the next few days. **\*\*Study Hall is scheduled for August 26 at The Perch Pub Brewery in downtown Chandler, hosted by Arlys.** The flyer for this event will go out around August 12. There are links to the Out-to-lunch and Study Hall flyers in the August newsletter.

**\*\*Following the meeting, Arlys advised that The Perch will not be available on August 26. The Study Hall location will be held at The Hub on Stapley in Mesa instead.**

**September:** Out-to-lunch will be at the Red Lobster on Alma School in west Mesa on September 11th, hosted by Joanne. This location is close to MCC Dobson which will make it convenient for attendees to get to Bob Dukelow's 1:30 PM class on his experiences as an Intelligence Agent. Joanne will also host Study Hall on September 30<sup>th</sup>, place TBD. At this time, we do not have plans for an outing in September due to a shortage of available committee members.

**October:** Helen volunteered to host out-to-lunch in October, place TBD. Joanne is looking into a tour for October.

We discussed the need for more committee members and ways to find them. We will have a presence at the Fall Open House on Friday, September 5--Roland, Joanne and Diana plan to attend. We will also have a presence at the new member coffee on September 19th. We will have an eye for recruiting new committee members at these events. Joanne will prepare a "help wanted" article for the September newsletter. A letter to the whole membership was also proposed.

The deadline for the September newsletter will be August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

NOTE: The date for the September meeting has yet to be determined since Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> is Labor Day and the library will probably be closed. Joanne will advise the committee of the date once she determines room availability.

Compiled from my notes:

**Joanne M. Handlong**  
Chair, Social Committee