



## **NFLL Social Committee Meeting Minutes 9.2.25**

Attendees: Joanne Handlong (Chair), Arlys Medlicott, Diana

Yarbrough; Mary Boehlen (Guest)

This is a draft pending approval by Social Committee at October meeting

Absent: \* Helen Dodds, Greg Master, Roland Tanner

\* 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 10:15 a.m.

The minutes from the August 4, 2025 meeting were approved with one correction. (Diana, Arlys)

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Roland and Joanne are now co-chairing the Social Committee. This news was positively received by committee members present.

<u>Holiday Luncheon Planning</u> – Joanne set up an example of a centerpiece idea for the Holiday Luncheon which incorporates materials from the 2024 luncheon and adds new elements. The total cost for this centerpiece is estimated to be \$156.43 plus tax. Attendees liked the idea. Purchase orders will be requested for the centerpiece items and the candy favors which Roland is working on. These will be submitted soon as there is a 60-day lead time to receive the items.

Review of August Social Committee Activities — Out-to-lunch at The Green Olive on 8/14 was well-attended (14 members) as was the Chandler Museum outing on 8/19 (8 members plus one guest). Roland hosted both of these events. The Study Hall at The Hub on 8/26 was not well attended. Arlys reported that 12 people RSVPd and only six of those showed up. The restaurant had set up for 15+ people. She suggested that an article on RSVP etiquette be published in the newsletter. Joanne will follow-up on this suggestion.

## **Activity Plans for September – December:**

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**September:** Out-to-lunch will be at the Red Lobster on Alma School in west Mesa on September 11th, hosted by Joanne. To date, four people have RSVPd. A reminder flyer will be sent out. Joanne will also host Study Hall at The Vig in Dana Park on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The flyer will be sent out next week. It is posted on the website and was included in the September newsletter. There is no outing scheduled for September.

**October:** Helen had volunteered to host out-to-lunch in October. Joanne will follow-up with her. In the meantime, we are looking into restaurant options for October. October outings were discussed. The committee is researching several options—an Arcosanti tour and a tour of Proof Bakery. We also need to identify a location and host for the October 28 Study Hall.

The deadline for the October newsletter is September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will try to finalize our October plans so that they can be listed in the newsletter with links to the flyers.

**November:** Diana volunteered to host out-to-lunch on November 13 and is looking into a restaurant location. There will not be Study Hall in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Outing plans are on hold until we find out if Greg and Marie-France plan a trip to The Corners in November.

Other outing/tour ideas were discussed and noted for the future. Most of them would need to be scheduled during the cooler months since they would be outdoors.

**Fall Open House, September 5, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** - The Open House will be held at MCC Red Mountain campus, in the Mesquite Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Community Room. Diana, Joanne and Roland plan to attend. The Social Committee has agreed to set up and monitor the refreshment table this year in addition to our own. Joanne will bring some props for the table; Roland will set up a monitor with photos from our events. Arlys will not be able to attend. Joanne will check with Helen.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025.

Compiled from my notes:

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