

## **Notes from the NFLL Social Committee Meeting on January 5, 2026**

**ATTENDEES:** Mary Boehlen, Helen Dodds, Joanne Handlong, Greg Master, Arlys Medlicott, Roland Tanner, Diana Yarborough. **ABSENT:** Wilma Clausing

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM, in the Boardroom of the Mesa Main Library.

The Agenda was amended to include “Open House - 1/16/26 and New Member Coffee - 1/30/26” under New Business.

The minutes of the November 3, 2025 meeting were approved as written. (Roland, Mary)

Joanne passed out copies of the flyer format with the new NFLL logo for information of committee. She announced that Monica Karels will not be rejoining the committee at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

November and December Social Committee activities were reviewed and attendance noted.

- November: 8 attended the Out to Dinner at Malee’s+The Art Walk on November 13, and 8 attended the Study Hall at Republica Empanada on November 26. The Clydesdale tour, scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>, was canceled due to weather and will be rescheduled.
- December: 72 attended the Holiday Lunch on December 4, which included 3 MCC staff and 5 band members. Three members paid but were unable to attend. 28 attended the Holiday Light Tour on December 6. 17 people came to The Vig for the December 30 Study Hall.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Social Committee activities for January through March were discussed:

- January – Out to lunch at Charleston’s, 1/8/26 (Roland); Mesa Arts Center Tour, 1/14/26 (Joanne); Study Hall at The Perch, 1/27/26 (TBC by Arlys).
- February – Out to lunch at The Hub/Sossaman, 2/12/26 (TBC by Mary); Clydesdale Horses (Diana – date to be determined); Study Hall on 2/24/26, place to be determined (Joanne)
- March activities are still being sourced and will be reported when finalized. There **will be** an Out to Lunch on March 12, in addition to the Spring Picnic on March 26.

Spring Picnic – Joanne and Roland will visit Joe’s BBQ in Gilbert to make arrangements for the Spring Picnic on March 26. The committee brainstormed ideas for the theme and IRISH was chosen. We will see about ordering some related prize items for the costume contest.

Spring Open House (Jan. 16) and New Member Coffee (Jan. 30) – The Social Committee will participate in these events. We will have a table with a picnic-type display, a power point running (Roland will create), and some flowers and candy. Joanne will email the committee with more details once received from council.

Budget Excess – NFLL has \$815.00 unencumbered from the 2025-26 budget. Committee chairs have been asked to make recommendations to Fred Searing (Treasurer) on how they might use some of this money. We discussed asking for \$150.00 to be used for yarn for handmade items for the 2026 Holiday Party. Joanne will discuss this with Wilma since she was not able to attend the meeting. We will also have to check with Debby Smith re whether this would be an allowable purchase.

Specialized Outings - We discussed hosting supplemental, specialized outings that might only appeal to a limited number of members. These could be in addition to our regular monthly outings. Mary is looking into a trip to Tucson for the Book Fair in March, perhaps in coordination with Book Club members, and Greg also has some ideas that he will investigate.

Joanne is keeping a list of outings suggested during the meetings for future reference.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 PM. The next meeting will be on February 2, 2026.

Transcribed from my notes:

Joanne Handlong, Co-Chair  
NFLL Social Committee