

FFGA Board Meeting
January 15, 2017

Those in attendance: Ron Scott, Cynthia Williams, Barbara Shields, Linda Foley, John Wilhelm, Sue Mills

- Treasurer's report was accepted
- Dispensed with the reading of the minutes from previous board meeting. Group was unable to open the minutes attachment.
- Charter renewal form need to be completed this month for FFI.
- Linda Foley gave membership report. 37 individuals renewed. There are 54 members at this time. 2017 directory expected to come out towards the end of February or beginning of March
- Newsletter needs to include dues announcement
- Future board agenda item: do we continue sending the newsletter to non-paying members
- Social committee report from Barbara Shields. Committee met 1/14. On 2/5 there will be a social activity. Brunch is planned at the 57th Fighter at 12:30 p.m. This will be a welcome to the Open World participants who are here as well as a social activity for the club. \$35 per person includes the extensive buffet and 1 glass of champagne or 1 mimosa. Checks need to be sent to Barbara Shields by 1/30.

We agreed that Petite Violette will be reserved again for the FFGA Club Holiday party for the 1st Saturday in December 2017.

A Farewell for the Open World delegation is being planned on 2/11 at 5 or 5:30 p.m. All club members are also invited to attend. Details still being developed.

- Report from Cynthia Williams on Open World, the Kazakhstan delegation. The group arrives from Washington D.C. on 2/3 at approximately 2:30 p.m. They fly out to Frankfurt on 2/12 around 5 p.m.

The translator who will work with this group will have his/her own vehicle. The Vickers will be asked to host the translator.

In June, there is a group of Rotarians from Adelaide, Australia coming into Atlanta for a conference. One of the members is FF and has asked for a pre-conference hosting by our club for 3 days. There are 7 members in the group. Linda Foley has offered to assist Cynthia Williams with this. The Rotarians are

definitely interested in attending a major league baseball game. Those offering to host are the Wilhelms, Linda Foley, the Mells, the Hagans, the Nickelsens, Susan Rawls, the Scotts and Barbara Shields.

The FFGA Tanzania Outbound Exchange is scheduled for the end of August/September.

Our club was asked to host a group of FF Japan Ambassadors who are going to be in the Atlanta area as part of student exchange activity in August. Our club will be declining this hosting request due to the timing and commitments of club members.

October 19-25th, we have a domestic inbound exchange coming in from Willamette Valley, Oregon. Exchange Director is still needed. Those who have agreed to host are: the Wilhelms, the Mells, the Hagans, the Vickers, the Scotts, the Vickers, and the Nickelsens.

- Save the Date: March 1 will be a volunteer activity with Books for Africa followed by lunch. This needs to go into the newsletter.
- All correspondence of the board needs to be in a .pdf format so all can open the attachments.
- A representative from our club is wanted to attend the August International FFI meeting in Manchester, England. The FFGA board will defray some of the costs of the representative for this trip; however, the representative must agree to serve on the club board next year in a leadership position.
- A proposal to create a committee or council for decision making within FFGA is being drafted. Any proposal must be presented to the membership 60 days prior to a general meeting.
- Next board meeting will be Saturday 2/18 or Sunday 2/19.

Sue Mills took the minutes in the absence of the Secretary.