

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Minutes of General Meeting, January 7, 2012

The January General membership meeting was held at the Edgewood Road Hy-Vee Club Room. A soup and sandwich lunch was served for \$10.00. 32 members attended, including guest Clancy Quinn, Klopfenstein's' grandson who was part of the program.

Clancy showed slides and talked about his medical mission in Nepal. He is a medical student at UI and is very interested in global health care. He was based at the Katmandu Medical Center which serves citizens from a large and remote area. Clancy volunteered in the ER for 2.5 months.

He met the Katmandu Friendship Force pres. and established a relationship for our club. Pres. Dave met Mr. Shebastressan at the international meeting.

Vic Klopfenstein and Dave Detwiler showed slides and talked about the outbound exchange to Costa Rica. 20 ambassadors participated in the exchange which included pre-tour and home stay. The exchange was centered in San Jose in included mountain villages, coffee plantation, a pineapple farm, a biological station, zip line rides, banana farm and national park tour.

The host homes were diverse and interesting. This San Jose club is interested in coming to Cedar Rapids, maybe in 2014.

Business Meeting

Minutes of the December board meeting, a calendar, and goals for the year may be found on the web site. www.friendshipforcecr-ic.org

Treasurers Report Dale Moore-General	\$12,866.13
<u>Exchange</u>	<u>4,372.14</u>
Total	\$17,238.14

Open World. Our club will host 5 physicians a facilitator and an interpreter from Russia March 30 to April 7. Vic Klopfenstein will be the host chair with John Sauer, Audrey Bradford and Steve Williams

assisting. Tressa Youngbear is looking for host families.
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Next Board Meeting Hiawatha Library, Feb. 5

February 9, 2012, Thursday at 6 pm – Let's Eat out (LEO) at Al's Blue Toad,
 896 16th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids (in Czech Village.) Please RSVP to Audrey
 Bradford at 365-5746.

March 25, General meeting fro World Friendship Day. Shueyville Methodist
 Church 4 Pm with potluck dinner.

EXCHANGES 2012- Dianne Karal

OUTGOING DOMESTIC

1. LAS VEGAS - 8 AMBASSADORS (So far!!) - SCHEDULED FOR
 FEBRUARY 12-19

Tressa Youngbear is the ED and she will be contacting those going with
 all the details.

POSSIBLE INCOMING INTERNATIONAL

2. FF of NIAGARA - WILL ADVISE IN JANUARY - WOULD BE LAST
 PART OF OCTOBER or FIRST PART of NOVEMBER

POSSIBLE OUTGOING INTERNATIONAL (NEED A VOTE - WHICH LOCATION)

3. HIROSHIMA, JAPAN - POST- WORLD CONFERENCE - OCT 30-NOV
 2 - HOSTING BEGINS NOV 4TH, HOSTING FEE \$120.00 (CLUBS
 OUR WITHIN 3-4 HOUR TRAIN RIDE FROM HIROSHIMA) + TRAIN FEE
 + FLIGHT (Approximately \$1500.00) + FF FEES + CONFERENCE & HOTEL
 FEE

4. OR

NANJING, CHINA - NO DATES SET - 5 DAYS IN NANJING - ONE
 NIGHT HOME STAY
 18 DAY TOUR - Approximate cost \$3500.00 OR 12 DAY TOUR -
 Approximate cost \$2000.00
 + INT'L FLIGHT (Approximately \$1400.00 - \$2000.00) + FF FEES
 (SUGGESTED DATE - SEPT)

**Action-Not enough members present indicated an interest in either. It is
 still possible to go to Hiroshima in connection with the International
 Conference.**

POSSIBLE INCOMING DOMESTIC

5. **FF of CONNECTICUT** - WILL ADVISE IN JANUARY - POSSIBLY JUNE

OUTGOING WEEKEND DOMESTIC

6. **ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI** - NO DATES - MARIAN WETJEN, ED

POSSIBLE INCOMING MYSTERY WEEKEND

7. **CAN'T SAY - IT'S A MYSTERY** - WILL ADVISE IN JANUARY - LATE JUNE or JULY or AUGUST

THEME EXCHANGES

8. NEED VOLUNTEERS - DETERMINE THE THEME - DEVELOP THE ITINERARY - MARKET IT

CHAIR: Tressa Youngbear

COMMITTEE: Connie Williams,

NEW CLUB INITIATIVE

9. NEED VOLUNTEERS - DETERMINE LOCATION - DEFINE PROCESS - INITIATE EXCHANGE

MEMBERS - NEED COUNTRY INPUT AND THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION

CHAIR: Dianne Karal

COMMITTEE: Vic Klopfenstein, John Sauer, Dave Detwiler, Steve Williams, Audrey Bradford

POSSIBLE INDONESIA TEACHER EXCHANGE (MAY or 1st week in SEPT or October)

10. SHOULD WE DO ANOTHER TEACHER EXCHANGE? TIMEFRAME?

Action: Perhaps if it is a teacher/principals exchange, maybe Sept. or Oct.

Next General Meeting March 25, Shueyville Methodist Church, 4 PM