Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force General Meeting Shueyville Methodist Church May 19, 2013

A general meeting of the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force club was held at 2:00 PM Sunday May 19 at Shueyville Methodist Church.

Richard Hildebrand welcomed our group. He introduced Marian Wetjen who introduced her cousin, Brian Beatty, mountain climber, world traveler, ultra marathoner and adventurer. He has climbed mountains all over the world.

Brian gave an oral presentation with slides, on Mt McKinley (Denali), Mt Kenya (Africa), Devils Tower (Wyoming) and 2007 expedition to find the northern most tip of land, an island, off Greenland.

His next adventure is starting next week. The ultra-Jungle Marathon, starting in Peru at 10,000 feet and 40 degrees and dropping to the rain forest at 100 degrees, a total of 143 miles over several days.

Vic Klopfenstein reported on a successful Russian Open World exchange on the subject of adoption.

The upcoming Open World exchange on Accountable Governance will begin with a welcome dinner June 17th. Veta Hildebrand also mentioned Freedom Festival opportunities and other opportunities.

The meeting ended with socializing with sweet breads and drinks.

Respectfully submitted Donna Ironside Substitute secretary.