

Friendship Force of CR/IC Minutes of Annual Meeting Nov. 10 2013

The 2013 CR/IC Friendship Force Annual Meeting was held at the Lowe Park Shelter in Marion, Nov. 10 at 5:00 PM., President Dick Hildebrand, presiding.

Approximately 60 members attended the business meeting, which convened at 5:20 PM.

Dick recognized Pat and Vic Klopfenstein for their 60th wedding anniversary and for their great work in Friendship Force. A toast was given to the Klopfensteins with wine, courtesy of Vic.

Minutes Steve Williams moved the adoption of the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting as printed. Joe Ironside seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Dale Moore presented the Treasurer's Report for 2013.

| | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> |
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| General Account Opening Cash | \$11472.95. | \$13,152.58 |
| IRIS | 847.50 | 415.00 |
| Rockwell Grant | <u>2246.10</u> | <u>2,246.10</u> |
| TOT | \$14566.55 | \$13,152.58 |
| General Acct Net Worth | \$15061.55 | \$12,951.83 |
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| Exchange Acct | \$3756.26 | \$7229.77 |
| Designated to Exch. | 0.00 | 3897.77 |
| Exchange Net Worth | 3756.26 | \$3331.76 |
| Total Cash- Bank Accts. | \$18322.81 | \$20382.11 |
| Total Net Worth | \$18817.81 | \$16283.59 |

Notes:

- IRIS money will be used for dues or paid by check to members.
- Rockwell Grant will be blended into the General Acct.
- Exchanges will no longer be charged for club bags or club pins.
- Use of EX. balances (\$3897.77 above) will be determined later.

Dave Detwiler moved acceptance of the report.

Nancy Williams seconded.

Motion carried.

Membership- Marion Wetjen reported membership for 2013

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| Beginning of the year: | 93 |
| Gain: | 5 |
| Loss: | 12 |
| End of Year: | 86 |

Communication-Vic Klopfenstein reported on special presentations.

Feb.: Kirkwood Int. Student Group. They were invited to the World Friendship Day celebration in April
 March: Development of Open World program on adoption
 April: Kiwanis Old Gold Club Iowa City

Exchanges- Dianne Karal reported

2013

March: Domestic out Houston- cruise was dropped as pre-exchange activity due to an accident.
 April - Open World, on the topic of adoption
 April-May -International Out. to Indonesia
 Domestic In-Sacramento cancelled
 June -Open World, on topic of Accountable Governance
 Summer-Themed exchange on art and agriculture cancelled due to lack of Interest
 August-Tri-Club Picnic
 Sept. - Int. In, Brazil
 Oct. Domestic out Virginia
 Nov. - World conference- New Orleans

2014 Proposed and planned

March 1-8- Open World- Accountable Governance-Vic Klopfenstein
 May 1-4 Regional Conference, Milwaukee
 May 14-20-Domestic In Mid-Willamette Valley, OR-Audrey Bradford
 June 11-13-Int. In-Stopover-Japan, John Giegerich, Pat Kaiser
 July 14-, Domestic out, Cincinnati, Steve Williams
 Sept. Int. In ? Possible - England Wessex, Leistershire, Herdsfordshire
 Oct. 15-21 Domestic Out Sacramento- Marion Wetjen

Election of Officers-2014

Pres- Tressa Youngbear
 Co-Pres.- Elect- Cheryl and Dale Moore
 Secretary -Barbara Cole
 Treasurer- Stephanie Schulte

Adoption of the slate of officers was moved by Pat Klopfenstein and seconded by Donna Ironside. Motion carried.

Tressa recognized the 2013 officers and noted that the following would also serve in 2014:

Newsletter- Mary Stull
 Web Masters- Darby and Matt Winger
 Historian- Betty Emrich
 Membership- Marion Wetjen
 Exchange Coordinator- Dianne Karal
 Freedom Festival- Cheryl and John Elliot
 Meeting Hosts - Will & Karen Mickelson

Program

Tressa introduced Joy DiBenedetto, Pres. and CEO of Friendship Force International.

Pres. DiBenedetto told the audience this was her first annual meeting.

- She joined FFI in July 2013.
- Previously she was head of booking for CNN.
- Her media career was in war and conflict and she looked forward to working in peace and friendship.
- She wants to bring “the word” and her experience to a new generation.
- FFI will stay true to our goals and “Be a force for friendship.”
- In northern Nigeria for CARE she found people warm, welcoming and a force for friendship.

Members of the Klopfenstein family arrived at 6PM. Pres. DiBenedetto presented Vic and Pat Klopfenstein with the Wayne Smith Award. Pat introduced the approximately 20 family members in attendance.

Pres. DiBenedetto indicated she was very open to the ideas of members and thanked the club for the opportunity to be at the annual meeting. Tressa presented an Iowa gift bag to Pres. DiBenedetto.

Tressa announced there will be planning meeting of the board Dec. 14 at 1 PM at the Cedar Rapids Public Library Board Room in Cedar Rapids.

Donna Ironside moved the meeting be adjourned. Nancy Williams seconded. Motion Carried.

A wonderful buffet dinner was served and the meeting ended at about 7:30 PM.

SPECIAL MEETING: An internet meeting was held during the week before the Annual Meeting. Co-Pres. Dick and Veta recommended the Board approve an additional \$1000 expenses for the Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by email vote.