

**Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
October 6, 2013 @ Hiawatha Library**

Members present: Veta Hildebrand, Dick Hildebrand, Pat Klopfenstein, Vic Klopfenstein, Dave Detwiler, Will Mickelson, Tressa Youngbear, Dianne Karal, Marian Wetjen, Dale Moore, and Steve Williams

Minutes of the Sept. 13, 2013 board meeting were previously approved and posted on the web site.

Finance-Dale Moore presented the financial report as follows:

	<u>Balance</u>
Operating Fund	\$10,929.02
Gen Acct. Total	\$13,590.12
Gen. Acct Net worth	\$13,970.12
Exchange Account	\$6,603.19
Designated to Exchanges	<u>3,897.77</u>
Exchange net worth	\$2,705.42
Tot. Cash in Bank	\$20,193.31
Tot Net worth	\$16,675.54

Merchandise: The club is low on merchandise and Dale recommends we purchase more on an as-needed basis. By consensus the board agreed.

Name badges and club pins: Steve Williams moved and Tressa Youngbear seconded a motion to give new members a name badge and club pin when they join. Motion Carried.

Correspondence: The Czech-Slovak museum of Cedar Rapids requested donations to rebuild the public library in Decin. Dianne Karal moved we send \$500, Will Mickelson seconded, but the motion failed. Tressa moved we send \$250, Marion seconded, Motion Carried.

Membership: Marian Wetjen reported that current membership is 86. For the year we began with 93, gained 5 and lost 12.

IRIS As approved at the last board meeting, IRIS funds will be used by members to pay 2014 dues or refunded by check. Marion reported that only three members will have refunds coming.

Guidelines: Dianne suggested we often did not have access to previous board actions as needed. Tressa Youngbear volunteered to review minutes and list important previous decisions as "operating or working guidelines"

Exchange Business:

Brazil: Dave Detwiler reported on a successful Fortaleza, Brazil exchange, just completed. There were a few glitches with the schedule. It is likely the CR club will be invited to Fortaleza in 2015 or 2016.

Virginia: Tressa Youngbear reported that a domestic exchange with Charlottesville, Virginia will take place Oct. 8 to 18. 13 ambassadors will join 15 ambassadors from the Wessex and Herfordshire clubs in England.

2014: Dianne Karal reported the following::

May 14-20- IN Mid-Willamette Valley Oregon,
June 11-13- IN Japanese Stopover
Oct. 15-21- OUT Sacramento
July or Sept- OUT-Cincinnati

The board opted by consensus to plan the Cincinnati outbound trip for July.

Art-Ag: Tressa Youngbear reported that FFI has approved an "Art and Agriculture" themed exchange for August 1-7, 2014. This will be with the Central Iowa club and the pickup by Cen. Iowa will occur at the Meskwaki Pow-Wow, Aug. 7.

2015

Possibilities:

Niagara out
Oregon Out
Virginia IN
Houston IN

Annual Meeting: The 2013 annual meeting is planned for Lowe Park in Marion Nov 10, with the meeting at 5 PM and dinner at 6. LJ's Catering will provide the meal for \$13, with a choice of pork or chicken. The new FFI President and CEO Joy DiBenedetto will be the speaker.

Nominating Committee Report: The following names will be on the ballot at the Annual meeting.

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

Nominations may be submitted from the floor.

Appointments include Historian: Betty Emerick, Director at large Esther Hudson.

Club Pins: Dianne Karal moved and Vic Klopfenstein seconded that pins for ambassadors either incoming or out bound will be at club expense. Motion Carried.

Jackets: It was suggested that our club look into jackets like the Fortaleza club wore recently. Vic Klopfenstein has investigated and found prices between \$60 and \$80. Vic will continue to investigate and report back to the board. The jackets would be sold as ordered.

LEO: Smugglers Wharf 6 PM Oct 26, Connie Williams, host.

Next meeting is the annual meeting Nov. 10.