

Friendship Force Board Minutes
May 18, 2014
Wickiup Hill Learning Center

Members present: Tressa Youngbear, Marion Wetjen, Dale and Cheryl Moore, Karen and Will Mickelson, Esther Hudson, Dianne Karal, Dick and Veta Hildebrand, Stephanie Schulte.

Minutes

Cheryl Moore moved the adoption of the March 2nd minutes. Veta Hildebrand 2nd, Motion passed.

Finance

Treasurer's report was presented by Stephanie Schulte. Cheryl moved to accept, Alice 2nd, motion passed. Balance in the General Fund \$4,691.42 and \$2,704.40 in the Exchange Fund. T

Announcements

Tressa announced that Darrin Crow will be the speaker for the July meeting. He will address the Underground Railroad which will tie in with member's outbound trip to Cincinnati which will feature the underground railroad. Since he will be speaking at the general meeting, his fee will be covered by the club.

Taiwan has turned down our 2015 exchange as it is a new club and does not have enough ambassadors. FFI will look for a replacement.

The Theme Exchange, which our club had worked with Central Iowa on, is a go. Ames is hosting and will be coming to Cedar Rapids on August 16 to see Grant Wood Studio. Our club has offered to provide lunch or break for them.

The Tri-Club picnic will be at E.B. Lyons Nature Center in Dubuque from noon to 4:00 on August 17. This will be the last Tri-Club picnic as the Dubuque Club is disbanding. The Board supported Tressa's invitation to Dubuque members to join the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Club effective 2015.

Tressa reported that there is a proposal for a whole state club or even exchanges with clubs within the state. These would probably be weekend exchanges.

Archival of Records

Alice moved that the website serve as our archive instead of paper. Dianne Karal made the second and motion passed. Tabled until later was a discussion on whether all records from the beginning of the club would be added. Tressa has already gone back two years. Also, it was noted that if Google were the host for our webpage, they can translate into any language. No action taken.

Humanitarian Opportunities

A discussion was held regarding possible humanitarian opportunities in the community such as Kids Against Hunger, Habitat Homes, etc. Dale and Cheryl volunteered to coordinate. They announced that Freedom Fest will be June 26-July 4.

State Form Required

Stephanie discovered when changing signatures at the bank that our club was not registered with the state. Since 1999 a simple form had not been submitted. We need to file for reinstatement by doing the 2011 and 2013 forms and submitting a \$5.00 check. Dale is seeing that this gets done

Resignation/Position Changes

Barbara Cole has had to resign as secretary. Tressa will look for her replacement. Our Regional Representative to FFI has also changed. Adrian Moen, from Des Moines, is replacing Pat Meyer from Illinois. Pallie, with whom we worked on exchanges, has left FFI.

Exchanges

Dianne reported three confirmed exchanges for 2015. Oregon has invited us back, Niagara has indicated our return visit in either June or Sept. and Virginia will be an incoming.

Board Retreat

The Board has set a Board Retreat for June 7, from 9:30-1:30 at the Cedar Rapids Library Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08.

Respectfully submitted,
Veta Hildebrand,
Sec. Pro Tem

Approved at Board Meeting on July 13, 2014