

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force
Board Meeting
April 15, 2012

Present: John Sauer, Pat Klopfenstein, Vic Klopfenstein, Dave Detwiler, Dianne Karal, Tressa Youngbear, Richard Hildebrand, Veda Hildebrand, Will Mickelson, Lynette Nehring, Marion Wetjen, Steve Williams

Minutes of Feb. 12 meeting were approved as posted.

Treasures' report-sent by Dale Moore: General Account \$12,200.94
Exchange Account 4,372.14
Cash Total \$16,573.08
Tot Net Worth \$17,208.58

Membership Report-Marion Wetjen: 104 members. Board members agreed to contact some members who have not paid yet.

May 6 Gen. Meeting. Dave Detwiler-Will be held at the Marion Heritage Center at 2 PM. Pat Meyer Regional Coordinator, will speak on Themed Exchanges. Dianne, Tressa, and Veda volunteered to bring bars. Mickelson's will arrange for other refreshments.

Open World, March 30-April 7. Vic Klopfenstein: Excellent reports from Russian physician ambassadors. Interpreter was excellent. Elena McCarthy of FFI talked by phone to two ambassadors about new club potential. Finances to be reported later.

New Club Initiative: Uganda, Dianne Karal- 7 club members have expressed interest in the Uganda trip. At the end of April, Dianne will notify other clubs and open the opportunity to them. Dianne is working on bylaws with the clubs in Kampala and Kaluga. There is some confusion about the humanitarian aspects and goals of the clubs, but plans are moving ahead.

Russia-John Sauer- in an email from Aleksandr Chudnetsov, John is invited to Red Yar in September for a celebration. John has indicated he can not come that soon, but would come later. Aleksandr has prepared information on the area.

Exchanges- Tressa Youngbear presented a revised calendar of exchanges.
June 22, Mystery inbound Exchange, Phyllis Seidl, ED
Late August Cincinnati in-bound, need ED
Approx. Sept. 15-Oct 1, Uganda, Dianne Karal ED
Sept. 27-Oct. 1, St. Louis Outbound, Tressa Youngbear, ED
Oct. 21-28, Niagara, Canada, Int. In- bound, Tentative ED Tressa.

No confirmation yet of 2013 exchanges with Indonesia and Brazil

International Conference- No officers plan to attend the Hiroshima conference in Oct.-Nov. Dianne moved we send no one to Japan, 2nd by Vic. Discussion of conference likely to be in the US in 2014. Motion Carried.

Fund Raising- Hildebrands. Ideas: –RAGBRAI, auction in Sept., Talent auction, Freedom Festival, Food Cook-off. Prairie Hill Pavilion may be available. By consensus the board agreed to pursue volunteering at Freedom Festival.. At the next meeting we will discuss the extent of needed fundraising with Dale Moore.

Farmers Market- by consensus the board agreed not to pursue a display at Farmers Market this year.

Gen Meeting, Sept. 9-“Immigration in Iowa” This meeting will be held at Prairie Woods. The program consists of 61 immigration panels with a presenter in costume. Cost is \$83. Chairperson is Margaret Miller.

Revised **Calendar** of Events will be sent to Darby for posting.

Meeting adjourned 2:35 PM