

**CEDAR RAPIDS/IOWA CITY FRIENDSHIP FORCE
GENERAL MEETING
May 16, 2010
St. Andrews Church**

PRESENT:

There were 46 total in attendance for the meeting.

Refreshments were served prior to the guest speaker and meeting.

Everyone stood and sang Let There Be Peace on Earth. The guest speaker was Dr. James Robinson, a professor at UNI, Cedar Falls introduced by John Elliott. He spoke on the Dalai Lama.

The General Meeting followed the speaker, beginning at 3:10 pm.

Five visiting guests were introduced to the members.

Audrey reminded the members that the minutes of each meeting are emailed to them.

Farmer's Market

We have a booth reserved for us at the downtown Farmer's Market June 19th and another unknown day in August. The booth will be in Green Square Park and we are scheduled to be there from 7 am - Noon. Mary Stull will head up this project and would like anyone interested in volunteering to contact her.

Freedom Festival:

Scheduled for July 4th. There are 3 different shifts - 7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 1:30 pm and these shifts are for 4 hours each. Cheryl and John Elliott are chairing this project. It is a great fund-raiser for our club and we receive \$250 per shift.

Phyllis Seidl reported on the New Zealand Exchange. 21 ambassadors went on the trip. They stayed 1 week in Christchurch and another week on the north island coast. Both Islands had excellent clubs and an invitation was extended for them to come to Iowa possibly in 2011.

Mystery Weekend this year will be an Incoming rather than an Outgoing and is scheduled for July or August 2010. The mystery club has contacted us and requested that we host them for the weekend. Steve Williams is taking applications for Exchange Director for this fun weekend. It will be held on a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday AM.

Dianne Karal reported on the Incoming Gifu City Exchange. She had volunteer participation Forms and encouraged all members to be a part of the daily activities for this exchange which will make it so much more successful with everyone's participation, not just the host families. There are a number of different activities scheduled for members to attend.

Audrey Bradford and Connie Williams will be attending the Midwest Presidents Meeting in Chicago on May 22 - 23rd.

The next General Meeting will be at the Gifu City Farewell Banquet on June 19th but

no actual meeting agenda will take place.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm

All members went outdoors for a group picture to be included in the *Gifu City* ambassador packet.

Respectfully submitted,

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