

**Friendship Force Cedar Rapids/Iowa City**  
**September 26, 2010**  
**General Meeting – Marion Heritage Center**

The meeting opened with a welcome to guests by the President, Audrey Bradford. Vic Klopfenstein introduced the guest speaker, Robert Zingula of Marion. Robert shared with the club some amazing and interesting stories and a slide show of his travels to Africa. The talk was focused on the hunt of an elephant, as well as other exotic animals, many of which were on display at the Heritage Center. This display, Antelope-Musk-Ox-And-Bears, Oh My! continues on through Sunday, November 7. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 1pm -4pm.

Coffee and dessert followed the business meeting, with 40 members and 4 guests in attendance.

The business meeting followed. Secretary's report was not read, as it had been emailed after the last meeting. The Treasurer, Dale Moore, reported balances of \$13,820.80 in the General Fund and \$5,907.74 in the Exchange Fund.

Dick Fowler reported that the recent Global Exchange to Azerbaijan was an adventure of a lifetime, as tourism is new to the country and conditions were rustic for some ambassadors. He reported the people were wonderful and this exchange had been shared with FF members from Australia, the UK, Canada, Germany and the US.

Other upcoming exchanges were reported, with Mary Stull reporting the incoming Tokyo Exchange will be late June/early July, 2011 and Vic Klopfenstein reporting the outgoing Costa Rica Exchange to be in November 2011. Audrey reported interest from Las Vegas for an incoming domestic exchange for dates in May 2011. Those interested in any of these exchanges were asked to contact the above named Exchange Directors.

Old business included reports of Board members Audrey Bradford & Connie Williams to represent FFCR/IC, with Vic & Pat Klopfenstein also planning to attend the International Conference in Washington DC from October 15-18. FFI has requested on-line auction items, Margaret Nelson shared information regarding a Peace Pole. No other ideas were discussed and FFCR/IC is not obligated to donate an item for this FFI fund raiser.

Audrey announced that a new supply of club pins, used for gifts on exchanges, will be ordered. The design might vary slightly, but we hope to keep the pin shaped in the outline of Iowa.

New business discussed included future action to pro-rate dues for new members who want to join FFCR/IC midyear. The cost per NEW member would be half of the annual fee if joining after June 30th. This will be posted in the newsletter, then discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

Marty Novak spoke about the recent floods in the areas of Christchurch, New Zealand recently visited by our club this past year. As FFCR/IC was appreciative of the check received from the San Diego club when Cedar Rapids suffered from a flood, an envelope was passed to collect funds for New Zealand flood aid. Dale Moore moved to supplement the collection with club funds to bring the amount to \$500, Frank Stull seconded the motion, approved by club vote.

The board's discussion regarding the Wayne Smith Award was shared with the membership present, proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used toward the \$500 award fee. More information will be shared at the November meeting.

The November meeting information is listed in the calendar of the newsletter, please read it there.

Audrey will submit requests to FFI for outgoing exchanges in 2012. Suggestions were taken from the floor, including Indonesia, India, Wales, Scotland, Sweden, England, Italy, Germany, Nepal. A vote of the club placed the 2012 requests in the following order: 1)Sweden, 2)Italy, 3)England

No other new business to present, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Williams  
President-Elect