

**Friendship Force Cedar Rapids/Iowa City  
Annual meeting  
Nov. 15, 2009  
Clarion Hotel, Cedar Rapids**

There were 53 members and three guests present. Everyone enjoyed a buffet dinner at 5:30 and a presentation by Mike and Tselha Williams who told about their personal experiences living in China, Tibet, and India. They currently teach and live in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The annual meeting started at 7:15. President Darby Anderson presided over the meeting. After everyone reviewed the July minutes, Vic Klopfenstein moved to accept the minutes as printed and Richard Bice seconded the motion.

Dick Hanson issued the treasurer's report. He stated we have \$21,000 total in the accounts and he also explained some of the items. Jack Knorr moved to accept the report and Frank Stull seconded the motion.

Marty Novak gave an update on membership. She stated we have 96 members.

Vic Klopfenstein gave a report on communications. He said there are plans to purchase a projector in Jan 2010.

Dianne Karal stated members could purchase promotional items, like shirts, luggage tags, etc. that the club has on hand.

Connie Williams said that the January meeting will be at Coe at the College Perrine Gallery for an afternoon meeting and tour of the gallery.

Audrey Bradford said a form has been developed for requests for funding and how the money will be spent.

Steve Williams gave a report about exchanges. He recognized the exchange directors for 2009-- Margaret Miller, Vic Klopfenstein, Diane Karal, Sally Fairchild, Marian Wetjen and himself. For the 2010 exchanges, he said LA has invited our club for Feb. 20-26 and is in need of a director. In April, Jerry and Phyllis Seidel are leading a group to New Zealand. Japan will be visiting in June and Dianne Karal and Tressa Yougebear will co-lead the exchange. Our club has been invited to host Tucson in July. Steve Williams will be the exchange director for an outbound trip to Azerbaijan in September.

Darby recognized the organizers of the Tri Club picnic.

Darby read through the goals we'd set for this year. We didn't quite make our goal of increasing membership. She gave a brief overview of the incoming and outgoing exchanges. She stated Open World went very well. Through IRIS we hosted ten participants plus two interpreters. The new "Yes" program was hosted by the Saur in May and by the Klopfensteins in August. Our goal of holding a minimum of six events a year was accomplished.

A discussion was held about reducing membership dues for singles from \$26 a year to \$20. Couple dues would stay at \$40. Connie Williams moved to accept and Steve Williams seconded it.

Elections for 2010 officers was discussed. Richard Bice made a motion to accept the proposed candidates and Vic Klopfenstein seconded the motion.

Darby Anderson gave a thank you speech and Audrey presented her with a thank you present and commended Darby on the wonderful job she did of being a president.

Audrey Bradford mentioned the planning meeting for December and the membership meeting in January. She also informed us of the Inter-Religious Council Thanksgiving event at the Chapel on the Mt. Mercy campus next Monday at 7 pm. Connie and Myron were thanked for arranging the dinner and meeting room at the Clarion and the mtg. was adjourned at 7:45.

Marian Wetjen for Liz Sauer, Secretary