

**Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
March 17, 2013 @ Hiawatha Library**

Members present: Veta Hildebrand, Dick Hildebrand, Pat Klopfenstein, Marion Wetjen, Alice Wilkinson, Dave Detwiler, Will Mickelson, Tressa Youngbear, Dale Moore, Dianne Karal, and Steve Williams

Hildebrands offered congratulations to Pat and Vic Klopfenstein for the honor of having the new amphitheater at Lowe Park named Klopfenstein Amphitheater.

Also thanks to Dianne and Tressa for their help in reorganizing and improving the presentation of the newsletter.

1. Themed exchange

Tressa presented information about the themed exchange Aug. 2-16 to be hosted in cooperation with the Central Iowa club. An announcement recently appeared in the FFI catalog.

2. Job Descriptions-

Tressa requests that committee persons submit job descriptions for committees.

- a. Activity Committee
- b. Web Committee
- c. Membership
- d. New Member mentoring

Officer Job descriptions are contained in the by-laws.

3. New Orleans Conference.

The international FF Conference will be held in New Orleans Nov. 22 to 25, 2013. Registration is available on the FFI web site. In accordance with the club by-laws, the incoming pres. and the exchange coordinator will be reimbursed for registration, lodging, and half the travel expense.

Marion moved that the club also send the next pres. elect and next Exchange coordinator, paying the same expenses as in the by-laws. Dave seconded. Motion Carried.

4. Minutes

Previous minutes were not distributed. They are available on the web site. Minutes of board meetings are pre-approved by board members prior to posting.

5. Correspondence

Veta presented a letter from FFI Pres. George Brown thanking the club for \$1250 contribution to the Legacy fund. In December the board approved \$1250 with a possible addition of \$1250 later.

Veta wrote to George Brown thanking him for his service to FFI. George will be retiring June 30.

6. Treasurers Report

Dale Moore reported to the Board as follows; Reconciliation is required on membership.

	12-01-12	3-16-13
GEN. ACCT.		
Operating Fund	\$11,472.95	\$10,239.61
Iris Fund	847.50	765.00
Rockwell Fund	2246.10	2246.10
50% of promo good	1342.50	1342.50
Less Iris Fund	<u>847.50</u>	<u>765.00</u>
Gen Net worth	\$15,061.551	\$13,828.21
EXCHANGE ACCT		
Total	<u>\$3756.26</u>	<u>\$ 14724.30</u>
Designated to Exch	0	11,281.44
Exch. Net Worth	\$ 3756.26	\$3442.86
Total Cash	\$18,322.81	\$27,975.01
Total Net Worth	\$18,817.81	\$17,271.07

7. International Day April 14

Soup, dessert, relish served at 4 PM- subject to change

Auction-bring an item in a container

Program to be presented by area exchange students.

If you want to bring a food item or have questions contact Alice Wilkinson or Vic Klopfenstein.

8. Open World April 12-20

Topic is protection of orphan's welfare and rights.

Vic Klopfenstein is the local coordinator

Members are welcome to the welcome potluck-More info in the newsletter

9. Indonesia

Steve requested that "club exchange funds" be used for purchase of journals, pins, pens, and shopping bags from the club. The board agreed by consensus, subject to review of the FFI exchange by-laws.

10. Exchange News

Dianne presented exchange information

2013

Sacramento cancelled the in-bound domestic exchange for May. They did not have enough interest.

Indonesia April 17-May 3.

Themed International exchange in Aug 2-16

Fortaleza, Brazil, International exchange - Sept. 22-29

Virginia out-bound domestic Oct. 10-17

FFI Conf-New Orleans Nov. 22-25

Tentative 2014

Pikes Peak domestic in
 Willamette Oregon, domestic in –May, 2014

Sacramento-Domestic out
 Cincinnati- Domestic out

Midwest Regional Conf. April 24-27-Place not known at this time

11. CIVIC

FFI has suggested we contact the Iowa City Council of International Visitors, known as CIVIC, to consider joint ventures. Some of their members will be invited to a future board meeting.

Vic will be speaking to a Kiwanis club in Iowa City s March 21 and will explore CIVIC

12. May General Meeting

Since the meeting Marion Wetjen has arranged a program on Mountain climbing to be held at Shueyville Methodist Church May 19- at 2:00 PM

13. Flamingo

Dale suggested the Flamingo as a future meeting site.

14. Historian

The club needs to fill a vacancy in the historian spot. Volunteers??

15. Houston

Dave presented highlights of the Houston exchange.

The cruise was cancelled, but 16 ambassadors traveled to Houston for a Galveston tour, tour of NASA, Houston city Tour and the Houston Stock show and Rodeo.

16. Membership

Marion indicated we had 93 members and gained 5, with one deciding not to continue.

21 have not paid 2013 dues.

If all 23 pay, the total membership will be 97.

17. Next Board meeting is scheduled for June 9