

**Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
August 4, 2013 @ Hiawatha Library**

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

Minutes of the March 17, 2013 board meeting were approved as presented.

Finance-Dale Moore presented the financial report as follows:

	<u>Balance</u>
Operating Fund	\$11,949.64
Gen Acct. Total	\$14,610.74
Gen. Acct Net worth	\$15,021.24
Exchange Account	\$7340.63
Designated to Exchanges	<u>3897.77</u>
Exchange net worth	\$3442.86
Tot. Cash in Bank	\$21,951.37
Tot Net worth	\$18464.10

Dale recommended and moved that by the end of this year the IRIS and Rockwell funds be included in the General Fund total. Dianne seconded. Motion carried.

Dale explained some issues with the IRS and the club's 501c3 status. Audrey Bradford worked on the issue in 2008 and thought she had it resolved. However since then reports were not filed and the club's 501c3 was cancelled. Dale, Audrey Bradford and Mike Karal have been working to restore the 501c3 status and will file back taxes for three years and a Schedule A for four years. A letter of correction will be sent to clarify that the issue is resolved "going forward". Some changes may be needed in the by-laws, but no action is required now.

Correspondence

Veta received a Thank You for the card sent to congratulate Pallie on the birth of daughter Janie.

The new FFI CEO Joy DiBenedetto is in office. See more online.

FFI is accepting nominations for person of the year and club of the year until August 10.

Communications-no report

Membership- from Marion Wetjen in her absence to attend her mother's birthday. Party.

Gained- 5

Lost 12 (as of now)

Present membership- 86, plus 3 guest members.

New Business

Exchange Hosting Fee- Explained in the July general meeting minutes and the August newsletter.

FFI dues- New dues to FFI go into effect in 2015

Now	2015
Individual	
\$10	\$15
Family	
\$17	\$25

Cr/IC club dues are now \$25 per person.

Club Origin

FFI web site says the CR/IC club was formed in 1988. This does not seem correct. Veta will research this item. **Update-incorporation 1987 with completion 1988**

Domestic Exchange Fees

The charges for ambassadors in the Japanese "stop-over" exchange this summer are \$25. For domestic exchanges the club charges \$100, other clubs have expressed concern that this is not enough. The current fee limit by FFI is \$100.

Themed Exchanges. The themed exchange with CR/IC and Ames clubs was cancelled due to lack of interest. Our 2014 application for an art and agriculture themed exchange with Sedalia and Ames was denied.

Nominating Committee. Tressa requested volunteers for a nominating committee. Vic Klopfenstein volunteered.

Old Business

Exchanges

Dave Detwiler-**Brazil-** Dates are now September 21 to 28 (next month). 4 ambassadors are scheduled to come with another 2 arriving the last two days. The group continues in St. Louis and CR/IC will provide transportation for them.

Dave requested \$500 additional funding for the exchange. Will moved to grant the request; Tressa seconded, and the motion was approved.

Tressa Youngbear- **Virginia**- 15 ambassadors from CR/IC plus 15 from the UK. The dates are Oct. 9-17, 2013.

2014- Dianne

In- Oregon- May 14-21

In Japan Stopover June 11-13

Out-Sacramento- Oct. 15-21

In- Pikes Peak, CO June 22-28?

Out Cincinnati- Sept. or July

ED's are needed. Please volunteer.

2015 Leadership Conference- April 24-25, 2015, Tressa will chair the event.

CIVIC-several attempts have been made to contact CIVIC in Iowa City without responses.

October 23, 2013, **LEO**, at Smugglers Wharf, in Czech Village,
Connie Williams, host

Next **General Meeting** Sept. 15, Meeting will likely be held at the Marion Heritage Center, Time is changed to 2:00 PM. The Indonesia exchange is the program.

Next **Board Meeting** Oct. 6

Annual Meeting is presently scheduled for Nov. 10