

Board Retreat Meeting
June 7, 2014
Marion Public Library

Board members present: Veta & Richard Hildebrand. Pat & Vic Klopfenstein, Marian Wetjen, Karen and Will Mickelson, Dianne Karal, Cheryl and Dale Moore, Alice Wilkinson, and Tressa Youngbear

The club will charter a bus on August 16 to take members, friends, and family to the state fair. It was decided that we would charge \$40 per person and anything over actual cost would be a fundraiser.

M/S Dianne K./Cheryl M. to create a position under the Communications Committee to coordinate all information for posting on the club's web site. The past five years of history would be posted on the web site in an archive file. Motion passed. Dianne Karal has volunteered to store all the paper history albums in case anyone would like to see them. Alice and Tressa volunteered to transfer 3 more years (09,10,11) to be placed in the archive file over the next year.

M/S Cheryl M./Marian W. to raise the membership dues to \$30 per person starting with the 2015 membership year. Motion passed.

The board discussed the Nexgen - the pros and cons of our club trying to establish a Nexgen club. The decision was they didn't see it working with our club.

It was decided that our club would not get a credit card or debit card for club use.

Fundraising - Cheryl and Dale

1. Have two slots for the Freedom Festival and need just one more volunteer.
2. Option discussed was a casino night but it is a lot of work - there was no board consensus to move forward with a casino night.
3. Auction is probably the easiest fundraiser to do and will see if it will work with the Road Rally so more than just our members are involved.

It was decided that we should try to offer computer classes for communication with today's technology - Meetup, Facebook, twitter, etc. Tressa will check with Cedar Rapids Library about computer lab and instructor.

M/S Alice W./Marian W. to not renew meetup.com after July 2014. Motion passed.

Dianne K. handed out calendars of scheduled exchanges for 2014 and 2015. We have 3 already confirmed exchanges for 2105.

Humanitarian Opportunities for Members - Cheryl and Dale

1. Habitat for Humanity
2. Mathew 25 - Aug 9th Flood the Fund event
3. Kids Against Hunger

After discussion it was decision that one humanitarian organization would be spotlighted in the newsletter, volunteer opportunities would be announced in newsletter and see if Kids for Hunger would work out for an upcoming exchange.

Google offers a grant for \$10,000 for a year of free Google advertisement for your organization. Tressa will find out if they can limit their advertisement to Eastern Iowa.

The annual meeting was discussed for ideas to make a fun and interesting get together.

It was decided not to set a club policy on donations to other clubs, organizations or people and that each request would be considered on their own merit.

It was decided club jackets were too expensive to order for club members.

Bylaws

1. It was decided that we would hold a contest for changing our club name to cover what our actual membership coverage is. Tressa will develop a message to send out to all members to get name submissions from members. It will be contest with no prizes just the honor of winning. A vote for best name will take place at the July general meeting.
2. M/S Vic H./Dianne K. to send the President, President Elect and one other member chosen by the board to the Regional Leadership Conference. Whenever possible the club treasury will assume the cost of the hotel, registration and half the travel. Motion carried.
3. M/S Veta H/Karen M. to not send any member to the International Conference except those held in United States. Motion passed.
4. M/S Cheryl M/Vic K. to officially change our club year to begin Jan. 1 starting in 2015. Motion passed.
5. It was decided not to add any requirements on number of board meeting held a year and leave the 4 requirement general meeting as is.
6. It was decided the length a member can hold an office remain the same and since all other board members are appointed it is not up to the board to set a time limit.

Tressa will revise the bylaws to reflect the decisions made above and review the whole document to see if there are any corrections needed.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Tressa Youngbear

Approved at Board Meeting on Jul 13, 2014.

