

Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Friendship Force
Board Meeting
Feb. 26, 2012

Present: John Sauer, Vic Klopfenstein, Connie Williams, Dave Detwiler, Dale Moore, Dianne Karal, Audrey Bradford, Tressa Youngbear, Steve Williams

1. **May 6**, General meeting to Eagle Ridge Comm. Room.
2. **Connecticut domestic** inbound exchange is now May 7-11. Maybe a welcome party at Lowe Park.
3. **Uganda new club initiative**. Dave Detwiler and Dianne Karal reported that FFI has made an offer and submitted a tentative agreement for our club to help with new clubs in Kalunga and Kampala-Uganda, cities, two hours apart. We would help the clubs organize and would be their first exchange in late September or early October 2012. Ambassadors would also spend time at schools and take supplies or conduct other humanitarian work. This is their dry season and light clothes would be appropriate.

The exchanges would total five days with added tour possibilities such as a 5-7 day safari.

There are no US travel warnings, but some from the UK.

As specified by the memorandum of agreement from FFI Executive George Brown, Mary Mwamby would be FFI program coordinator, Dianne Karal, Cedar Rapids ED, and Betty Mutebi Uganda ED. Dianne also requested that an assistant ED be named and that person receive a portion of the Ambassador fee for ED expenses.

Moved by Dale Moore and seconded by Connie Williams to approve the George Brown proposal, including Dianne Karal as CR ED and naming an assistant ED with partial reimbursement. Motion carried.

4. **Niagara, Canada**-International Inbound exchange will be Oct. 21, 28.
5. **Possible domestic exchanges for 2013** could be with Virginia, Texas, Colorado and/or Sacramento.
6. **International Exchanges 2013**-In a previous email vote the Board voted to accept Malang and Bandung, Indonesia as outbound international exchanges for 2013. Also Fort Leza, Brazil as our inbound international exchange.
7. **Calendar**-the tentative annual calendar will be published on the web site in the public section.