

Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
November 28, 2016 6:30 PM, Home of Jean & Dean Thomas

The meeting was called to order by President Jean Thomas.

Present: Jean Thomas, Dean Thomas, Dale Moore, Mary Stull, Connie Williams, Shirley Rosencrans, Rosie Russell, Marian Wetjen, Barb Steggall and Jim Steggall.

The minutes from the August 28, 2016 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report-Stephanie

- a. Stephanie was unable to attend. In her absence, Jean reported that the General Fund balance is \$15,148.16 and exchange fund is \$4,138.
- b. A draft 2017 budget was discussed and tabled until Stephanie's return and will be reviewed at the January Board meeting.
- c. The 2017 Final Financial report will also be approved at the January meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership: Marian

- a. Started the year with 82 members. Added 13 new members and 8 did not rejoin for a current membership of 87.
- b. Membership dues for 2017 are due by Dec. 1. Approx. 60 members have paid to date.

Activities: Shirley

World Friendship Day will be held at Shueyville UMC on Sunday Feb. 26.

Exchanges: Connie

- a. There were 18 participants of which 3 were international in the Crazy for Quilts exchange. All survey responses were positive indicating it exceeding their expectations.
- b. The Lower Columbia Washington incoming exchange will be two weeks with the first in Madison, WI and the second with us. It will be in mid-September 2017. An ED is needed for this exchange.
- c. The incoming exchange with Sacramento CA. is in May 1-7, 2017. We are still looking for a 2nd club to participate or they may be willing to go to Springfield IL. to the Lincoln Library etc. for the second week. Dave and Patty Detwiler were approved as Exchange Directors.
- d. The outgoing 2017 exchange to Taiwan will be November 1-15 visiting the cities of Taipei and Kaohsiung. There are 16 people currently interested in this exchange. Mary Stull submitted an application to be Exchange Director. Dale Moore made a motion to approve and Jim seconded. Motion carried.
- e. Our 2018 outbound exchange request to Friendship Force International was submitted: 1. Germany, 2. Canada 3. Estonia 4. Slovakia.
- f. Connie is discussing a short one or two-day outgoing exchange with the Quad Cities and an incoming short exchange with Ames.

Communications:

Dale to speak at the April 27, 2017 Retired Teachers group at the Longbranch.
Dale is putting together a committee to help with Communications. Dean Thomas and Mary Stull volunteered to participate.

Open World Updates:

No report provided.

President Elect: Jean/Dean

Jean and Dean need to recruit a President Elect for the 2017 year.

Presidents Report- Jean

- a. The first General Meeting of 2017 is scheduled for 1:30 Sunday, January 15 at the HACAP building, 1515 Hawkeye Drive, Hiawatha. This is near I-380. Linda Gorkow, Food Reservoir Director will be giving us an overview of the various HACAP programs to feed individuals in our community.
- b. The Quad Cities Club will host the All-Iowa picnic next summer.
- c. The Friendship Force 40th Anniversary World Conference in Manchester, England. The conference begins on August 25 and lasts through August 28.

The next Board meeting is 9:30am Jan. 7, 2017 at the CR Downtown Library.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm.

Jim & Barb Steggall

Co-Secretaries