

**Minutes for  
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City  
December 5, 2014, Home of Dale and Cheryl Moore  
9:30 AM**

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Moore. Those present were: Dale and Cheryl Moore, Mary Stull, Marian Wetjen, Esther Hudson, Stephanie Schulte, Tressa Youngbear, Connie Williams, Vick & Pat Klopfenstein, Shirley Rosencrans, Jean Thomas and Alice Wilkinson.

**Minutes:** The minutes from October 5 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Stephanie and a second by Tressa.

**Treasurer's Report:** As Reported by Stephanie:

- a. General Fund Balance: \$17,933.38
- b. We still have Open World funds in the amount of \$6,156.01 from 2013 in the Exchange Account. Connie moved and Mary seconded that we move it to the General Fund. Motion passed.
- c. Stephanie asked to have the year-end report approved. Moved by Shirley, seconded by Marian. Motion Passed.
- d. It was suggested to ask Winston to do the annual Audit since Mike Karal is not able to do so until after tax season. Dale will do.
- e. Dale and Stephanie will do the Tax return online.
- f. Motion by Vic, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Connie to sent 2014 Legacy check for \$1250 to Friendship Force International as budgeted. Motion passed.

**President's Report:**

- a. 2015 Charter renewal is complete. Dues to National are \$1165. This year.
- b. By Laws have been reviewed, revised and approved.
- c. Every board member should think about goals for your area.
- d. Tressa indicated that a Round Robin Exchange with other Iowa Club and a picnic once a year was discussed at the Midwest Regional Conference in May. Connie suggested that was a lot considering all the other items on our calendar. She suggested alternating a picnic one year and an exchange the next. Should the picnic place be the same every year or should it alternate? The DM club won't travel. Perhaps there is a venue between DM and eastern Iowa that would be easier for our club, Davenport and DM. Dale and Cheryl will reach out to other presidents to get their ideas.
- e. Midwest Leadership Conference in CR April 30 – May 2. Dale and Cheryl are chairing.
  - 1) Home Hosts are needed for 40 people.
  - 2) There is a Welcoming Party on April 30.
  - 3) Venue: Eno Conference Center in the Human Services Campus, CR
  - 4) May 1 & 2: Conference

- 5) Entertainment for Friday Evening, possibly Community Theatre.
- 6) Lunches and Breaks.
- 7) Volunteers needed
- 8) Parking easy on Saturday, but not on Friday so perhaps hosts will want to shuttle their guests.
- f. Web Site: Only Board Members will be listed on public side but without contact information.

### **Calendar:**

- a. Board Meetings: 6:30 PM. Site to be determined per meeting. January 5, March 2, April 13, August 3, October 5.
- b. General Meetings: January 18, March 22 (World Friendship Day), April 30, September 13, November 15 (Annual Meeting).
- c. Exchanges:
  - OUT: June 3-10 Niagara Canada
  - July 15-21 Oregon
  - July 21-25 Lower Columbia
  - October ?? Central Iowa
  - IN: June 22-28 Lansing MI
  - September ?? Chiapas, Mexico
  - October?? Moscow, Russia
  - ?? Davenport, IA
- d. Open World
  - February 24 with Moldova, mayors (7 people)
  - May 8-15 with Azerbaijan, Public Health (7 people)
- e. LEO
  - February 24 (with Moldova)
  - May (with Azerbaijan?)
  - July
  - August 20-at State Fair
  - October
- f. Other Events
  - April 30-May 2, Regional Leadership Conference, CR
  - August 2,9 or 16, State Picnic hosted by CR/IC
  - August 29-31, World Conference in Vancouver, WA

### **Committees:**

- a. Membership: Marian reported a membership of 86. John and Shirley Elliot and Diane Hayes are leaving the club. It was suggested to try and increase membership by asking every member to bring a guest who would be a prospective member.
- b. Activities: Shirley has a committee: Esther, Joan Smith and Delores K.
- c. Exchanges: Mary Stull for Exchange director for Outgoing to Niagara. Motion by Tressa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat. Motion passed. Marian Wetjen for Outgoing Willamette Oregon and Washington. Moved by Dale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie. Motion passed.

- d. Communications: Vic and Pat are looking for new places to talk about FF. Ideas are welcome. Earlier, it was mentioned that some of the board members learned about FF from Gazette articles. Maybe we need to try to get some coverage.
- e. Social Media: The Meet Up Website is due for renewal. It was voted to drop it for now as we have not really had much response.

**President Elect:** Mary Stull requested that items for the newsletter be sent to her by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

Meeting adjourned.

Alice Wilkinson, Secretary