

**Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
January 10, 2015, 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, Vick Klopfenstein, Shirley Rosencrans, Jean Thomas and Alice Wilkinson.

Minutes: The minutes from December 5 were read and approved on a motion by Stephanie and a second by Mary.

Treasurer's Report: As Reported by Stephanie:

- a. General Fund Balance: \$18,961.44.
- b. Promised \$1250.00 was sent to the Legacy fund.
- c. Money earned by volunteers at Freedom Festival was received.
- d. Winston agreed to do the annual Audit.
- e. There is no tax return do now as the tax year is based on our fiscal year which is December 1- November 30. The next return will be due after the end of the fiscal year.
- f. Proposed budget was revised and accepted by the board.

President's Report:

- a. General Meeting-January 18 at 2:30, Marion Library. Ron and Caroline Larson will speak on a trip to Burma and Bhutan. Coffee and desserts.
- b. General Meeting-March 22, World Friendship Day. We will include foreign Exchange students from Kirkwood and other schools if possible. It will be held at the Shueyville Methodist Church. The students will provide the program. The Activities Committee will decide if it will include a potluck or just dessert. An earlier meet time of 1:30 was discussed.
- c. Midwest Leadership Conference-April 30 thru May 2. 36 people expected to come from around the Midwest. There will be 3 speakers putting on the program. We have a committee and a plan.
 1. Host families needed for 2 nights.
 2. Thursday Welcome party and Potluck at Prairie Oak Lodge, Squaw Creek Park. It was proposed to have our club pay the \$260 fee for the lodge. Moved by Mary and, 2nd by Vic. Motion passed.
 3. Friday Evening party at Brucemore.
- d. Annual Meeting-November 15: Proposed that we move it to Touch of Class on Mt Vernon Road. Total cost would be about \$22 per person, which would cover food and rent of facility. Moved by Easter, 2nd by Shirley. Motion passed.

- e. Some progress has been made on meetings with other Iowa Clubs. We have visited with the Des Moines and Ames Clubs, but are waiting feedback from the Quad City Club.
- f. Dale and Cheryl suggested we might want to consider purchasing a car flag with the FF logo on it. They can be purchased for \$23. From International. It was agreed to order one and use Misc. funds to cover cost.

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).

Exchanges:

OUT: June 3-10 Niagara Canada, still 2 openings.

July 15-21 Oregon

July 21-25 Lower Columbia

October ?? Central Iowa

IN: June 22-28 Lansing MI.

September ?? Chiapas, Mexico, still no firm date.

October?? Moscow, Russia. No firm date.

?? Davenport, IA

OPEN WORLD:

February 24 with Moldova, mayors (7 people) Still on track. No profiles received yet.

May 8-15 with Azerbaijan, Public Health (7 people) Nothing new.

LEO: February 24, 6:00 PM at Louie's Scoreboard in Marion (with Moldova)

May (with Azerbaijan?)

July

August 20-at State Fair

October

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 75. We lost 14 members. All have paid but 2. It was suggested to try and increase membership by asking every member to bring a guest who would be a prospective member.
- b. Exchanges: Lynette and Audrey applied to be EDs for incoming Lansing. Moved by Mary, 2nd by Marian.

President Elect:

- a. Newsletter is going out tomorrow, January 6.
- b. A Gift Basket to raffle off at the Midwest Conference was suggested as a possible fund raiser.
- c. Keep checking on signing up for fundraising activities at the 2015 Freedom Festival

Next Board Meeting March 2 at 6:30 PM. Location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned.

Alice Wilkinson, Secretary