

**Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
August 3, 2015, Home of Dale and Cheryl Moore
6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Moore.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 13th meeting were approved on a motion by Vic and a second by Steph.

Treasurer's Report: As Reported by Stephanie:

- a. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Mary and a 2nd by Shirley.
- b. We have \$13,136.37 in the general fund, \$5077.19 in the Exchange fund and a Cash Balance of \$18,213.56.
- c. We were slightly over budget for Lansing exchange but they gave us a check for the Legacy fund.
- d. The Bill for the International Conference has been paid.

President's Report:

- a. Midwest Leadership Conference: We have \$388.65 surplus funds. What should we do with it? Board proposed and voted to send the money to the Quad City club to be used by them for the next regional conference pending their approval. Moved by Vic, second by Mary.
- b. World Conference in Vancouver: We are sending Mary and Connie. Dale and Cheryl are going on their own.
- c. Request from Dr. Prakash to become an honorary member of CR/IC. He will be added to the email list for the newsletter.
- d. Question: How do we record email votes? Moved by Dean, second by Vic to move results to Board minutes.
- e. Proposal: Approving Cheryl and Dale Moore for ED for QC Exchange. Approved via email.

Committees:

- a. Membership: Marian reported 81 paid members.
- b. Plans being formalized for the All Iowa Picnic August 8 in Noelridge Park.
- c. Exchanges:
 - Outbound: Central Iowa, Oct 23-25 asking for sign ups in our newsletter and will find an ED among those going.
 - Chiapas, Mexico Incoming- Looking at dates, October 1-20. Need ED.
 - Incoming Nashik, India: 20 ambassadors July 2016.
 - Incoming: Possible Washington State/Lower Columbia last week of September w/Madison doing a 2nd week first week of October.

- Outgoing: Wessex England June 7-14th with possible expansion to 2 weeks. Marion volunteered to be ED. They are able to take 16.
- Outgoing: Domestic, Theme exchange to Northern Ill. Club possible.

Open World Updates:

- Moldova Small town Mayors or Officials, Postponed until January 2016. We think it is still on.

President Elect:

- a. We are adding a Facebook link in the Newsletter.
- b. Maximum and Minimum guidelines for exchanges. A full exchange for us is 20. Anything more is difficult for us. Twelve should be considered minimum.
- c. We need a committee to put together guidelines for EDs. If people have more information about what duties the position entails, it might be easier to get people to sign up.
- d. Quad Cities Midwest Regional Conference, April 28-May1, 2016, New Holiday Inn.
- e. Fundraising: FF luggage tags a possibility. Being looked into.

September 13: Next General Meeting September 13, Shueyville UMC Church. Dessert and drinks will be provided. We will be doing a humanitarian project, filling food bags for Kid's Against Hunger.

Next Board Meeting October 5 at 6:30 PM at Moore's house.

Meeting adjourned.

Alice Wilkinson, Secretary