

**Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
December 7, 2015, 6:30 PM, Home of Mary Stull**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Stull. Board members introduced themselves and explained why they are involved with Friendship Force.

The minutes from the October 5, 2015 Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Stephanie and second by Alice.

Treasurer's Report-Stephanie

- a. The General Fund balance is \$13,057.05 which is used for activities, meeting expense, fund raisers.
- b. The exchange fund has \$4,166.23 and is used exchanges and is usually only in and out money but need a balance to pay for things before exchange money comes in.
- c. Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Dean and a second by Alice.
- d. Stephanie will file the bi-annual registration with the Secretary of State and complete the necessary federal tax data.
- e. Each item of the proposed budget was explained and discussed. The proposed was approved on a motion by Connie and second by Shirley.

Presidents Report-Mary

- a. The General Meeting is January 10 at the Ladd Library beginning at 1:30 PM. The program will be Themed and Global Exchanges.
- b. The Midwest and Great Lakes Conference is April 29 to May 1 in Davenport. All are encouraged to attend.
- c. The All Iowa Club picnic will be held in Des Moines on July 17, 2015.
- d. Proposed General Meeting on January 10th, March 6th, August 7th and November 13th.

Committee Reports

Membership: Marian

- a. 84 members with 75% having paid their dues.
- b. It was decided that Marian and Connie would develop a membership education and terminology program to better inform all members on Friendship Force.

Activities: Shirley

- a. Shirley will schedule a world Friendship potluck on either February 28 or March 6th.
- b. LEO's are tentatively set up for February, April (Shirley), May, July (Connie), September in Manchester (Jerry)
- c. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of having a breakfast LEO on a Saturday. This will be considered for later in the year.

Exchanges: Connie

- a. Outgoing exchange to Wessex England is June 5-12 (Marian Wetjen is ED)
- b. Incoming exchange from Nasika Riverside, India will be held in conjunction with Madison, Wi. With July dates to be announced.
- c. Outgoing exchange to Lansing Michigan is September 11-17
- d. Incoming themed exchange, Crazy for Quilts is September 30 to October 5th. (Connie Williams ED)
- e. Outgoing overnight exchange to Quad Cities October 13th and 14th.
- f. Tentatively look at an overnight in Ames on July 16th before going to Des Moines for the All Iowa Club picnic and Ames visiting us April 28th before going to Quad Cities for the Midwest Conference.
- g. No concrete information on the Sacramento exchange, they are looking for a second week. If not this year, will wait till next year.

Communication: Dale unable to attend but sent his report

- a. Will publish incoming exchanges to educate public on Friendship Force
- b. Working to keep website and Facebook updated
- c. Working to add new strategies and keep the ones that work.

World Updates-Connie

- a. Government Transparency/Access to Public Information April 29. Program will have 5 delegates from Ukraine, 1 facilitator and 1 Interpreter. Vic Klopfenstein will lead this program with the assistance of a committee.
- b. Still working on the Moldova Small Town Mayors

President Elect

- a. Plans to get the newsletter out early in January.
- b. Would like to talk with retired people, at retired complexes to recruit new members
- c. Would like to use University students as interpreters when needed.

President reviewed the updated calendar.

Next meeting is January 4th at 6:30 PM at the Stull residence.

Meeting Adjourned.

Jerry & Carol Burke
Secretaries