

**Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
General Meeting, January 10, 2016**

The General Meeting was called to order by President Mary Stull.

The minutes from the November 15, 2015 General Meeting were approved on a motion by Stephanie and second by Pat.

Treasurer's Report-Stephanie

- a. The General Fund balance is \$12,318.55 and exchange fund is \$4,133.28 as of 1/7/16
- b. Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Myron and a second by Frank.
- c. The bi-annual registration with the Secretary of State is not due until 2017
- d. Winston Edson did an audit review and made no suggestion for change.
- e. Information for the federal data report should be available later in January

Presidents Report-Mary

- a. LEO is February 10th at the Mandarin Spice restaurant.
- b. The Midwest and Great Lakes Conference is April 29 to May 1 in Davenport.
Thursday night starts with a social and conference on Friday and Saturday with a Presidents meeting on Sunday morning. Would like to see as many members as possible to attend.
- c. Shirley is planning a April LEO in Kalona
- d. Club calendar was passed out for those who wanted one. An updated calendar is always on the second to last page of the monthly newsletter.

Committee Reports

Membership: Marian

- a. Started with 82 and lost three and gained five for a total of 84. Fourteen have not yet paid dues. Marion introduced new members Julie Flores, Mary Tarbox and Bob Nicholson, Philip and Marilyn Hanna.

Activities: Shirley

- a. Next General Meeting is World Friendship Day on March 6th with a pot luck dinner at the Schueyville United Methodist Church starting at 1 pm.

Exchanges: Connie

- a. Twelve people will be going on the outgoing exchange to Wessex England June 5-12 (Marian Wetjen is ED)
- b. Incoming exchange from Nasik Riverside, India is July 2-8. (Steve Williams/ Dale Moore ED's) Twenty people will be coming. Madison, Wisc. will host their second week.

- c. Outgoing overnight to Ames is July 16th.
- d. The outgoing exchange to Lansing Michigan September 11-17 will host 20 people.
- e. Outgoing overnight exchange to Quad Cities possibly in August.
- f. Incoming exchange from Sacramento exchange mid-October if they find a second week.
- g. Incoming themed exchange, Crazy for Quilting-September 30 to October 5th. (Connie Williams, ED)

Open World Updates-Mary

- a. A group from Ukraine will be here September 23rd to study secondary & higher education and innovation.

President Elect-Jean/Dean

- a. Will do the newsletter on the 1st of each month. Information for the newsletter needs to be submitted by the 20th of the previous month.

Next meeting is March 6, 1 pm, Schueyville United Methodist Church.

A program on Global Exchanges and Themed Exchanges was presented. Steve Williams presented as the ED for the Global exchange to Azerbaijan and Myron and Connie Williams presented on a Global exchange they attended to Japan and a Themed exchange entitled "Wine-Water-Music" to Australia. All three have gained new friendships with whom they stay in contact with and have found it helpful in lining up new exchanges.

Meeting Adjourned.

Jerry & Carol Burke

Secretaries