

**Minutes for  
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City  
April 4, 6:30 PM, Home of Mary Stull**

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The meeting was called to order by President Mary Stull.

The minutes from the January 4, 2016 Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Jean and second by Mary Ann.

**Treasurer's Report-Stephanie**

- a. The General Fund balance is \$12,771.555 and exchange fund is \$2,885.28 as of 4/3/16
- b. Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Larry and a second by Shirley.
- c. The federal data report has been filed
- d. Having problems with printing beginning and ending balances on the quicken system. Dale will help with this.

**Presidents Report-Mary**

- a. The Midwest and Great Lakes Conference is April 29 to May 1 in Davenport. Seven people have indicated they plan to attend. The estimated club cost for our president, president-elect and exchange director to attend is \$1300.
- b. Next General Meeting is August 7<sup>th</sup>. Suggested program would be to have the ED's of the upcoming exchanges tell of people experiences.
- c. Mary asked if our group would be interested in helping with "Justice for Neighbors" dinner project. The group provides food for individuals that are at a meeting to help them with the citizenship application process. Our turn would be November 30. It runs from 4:30 to 8:30. The consensus was we would help. Mary will follow-up.
- d. The club calendar was reviewed and at this point in time is as stated.
- e. Club goals were briefly discussed and seem to be on target.
- f. Jean indicated the May LEO will be May 4<sup>th</sup> in Anamosa at the Bistro and Daly Creek Winery with social at 5:00 o'clock and dinner at 6:00 o'clock.
- g. Next board meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership: Marian**

- a. Currently have 84 members. 8 new members, 5 not paid and 6 have quit.

**Activities: Shirley**

- a. Everything went well with the World Friendship Day on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- b. April LEO is April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Kalona Brewery.

**Exchanges: Connie**

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- a. Twelve people are participating in the outgoing exchange to Wessex England June 5-12 (Marian Wetjen is ED)
- b. Incoming exchange from Nasik Riverside, India July 2-8. Dale indicated there are 17 people coming to Cedar Rapids but 22 will be in Madison. They are meeting this week to finalize details. Arrival will be July 2<sup>nd</sup> with a home hosted lunch on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and a flex day on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The farewell will be Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> and the had-off to Madison on Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> in Dubuque.
- c. Jerry has been in contact with Kay Outka, ED from Ames regarding our exchange to the Central Iowa Club on July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Audrey Bradford was proposed as the ED for the Lansing exchange. Approved on a motion by Stephanie and second by Cheryl. An email was sent out with possible things to do.
- e. Fifteen people have signed up for the Crazy for Quilting. Plan is to visit Kalona October 1<sup>st</sup>, Grant Wood Stuff October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Amana on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- f. It has been decided the Sacramento exchange would be better in 2017 in the 1<sup>st</sup> part of May.
- g. The outgoing exchange to the Quad Cities is August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- h. The outgoing 2017 exchange to Taiwan will be in November visiting the cities of Taipei and Kaohsiung.

**Communications: Dale**

- a. His entire report was outlined in the last board meeting minutes.
- b. Still pursuing getting information in Hoopla but seems to be impossible.

**Open World Updates: Connie**

- a. No information yet.

**President Elect: Jean/Dean**

- a. He is trying to determine a fund raiser and a discussion followed. Has signed up for the Freedom Festival. Past fundraisers were usually Open World.

**Past President: Dale/Cheryl**

- a. Nothing

The Legacy Award was discussed. Next Board Meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup> at Stull's.

Meeting Adjourned.

Jerry & Carol Burke  
Secretaries