

**Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
General Meeting, August 7, 2016**

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

The minutes from the May 16, 2016 General Meeting were approved on a motion by Alice Wilkinson and a second by Steve Miller.

Treasurer's Report-Stephanie

- a. The General Fund balance is \$11,534.00 and exchange fund is \$3937.00 as of 8/5/16
- b. Treasurer's report approved on a motion by Dave Detwiler and a second by Nancy Miller.
- c. Jean indicated \$500 was made volunteering with Freedom Festival for helping with two events: bike ride and the parade and parking.

Presidents Report-Mary

- a. LEO on September 7th is at Butcher Block Steakhouse, reservations to Esther Hudson.
- b. A survey was handed out to help in determining an outgoing exchange in 2018.
- c. A nominating committee will meet soon to suggest new officers for the coming year. If you are interested contact Mary, Dean or Jean.

Committee Reports

Membership: Marian

- a. Current membership is 83. A history on membership shows 6 new members in 2013, 4 in 2014, 10 in 2015, and 9 in 2016.

Exchanges: Connie and Audrey

- a. Outgoing exchange to Lansing Michigan is September 11-17. Audrey indicated she is still looking for a couple of people. Cost is \$165.00.
- b. Connie indicated that FFI has challenged clubs to do themed exchanges, so our club and the Ames club have partnered for the Incoming themed exchange, Crazy for Quilting – September 30-October 5. Eighteen people have signed up from several states and Australia, Canada and England.
- c. Still looking for a second club to sponsor the Incoming exchange from Sacramento, CA. the last week of May and the first week of June, 2017.
- d. Our club exchange to two cities in Taiwan will be the first two weeks of November 2017.
- e. Outgoing exchange to the Quad Cities is still trying to be planned for 2017.

Activities-Shirley

- a. Shirley thanked and appreciates everyone for all the help when she calls.

Open World

The Ukraine group on secondary and higher education will be here on September 23rd. There will be 7 guests who will include 5 delegates, an interpreter and a facilitator.

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Program

- a. Jim and Barb Steggal talked about this first exchange experience to Wessex England and Larry and Mary Ann talked about their exchange experiences in general as well as the Wessex exchange. Marian Wetjen the ED said it could not have been a better trip.
- b. Moore recapped the incoming exchange from India. Over one-third spoke English well and one-third spoke some English and the rest none. There were endless stories by each host as the needs and food desires of each were different. Overall it was an excellent exchange.

Next Activities

Next board meeting is August 29th and the annual meeting is November 13th.

Meeting Adjourned

Jerry & Carol Burke

Secretaries