

**Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
October 24, 2016 6:30 PM, Home of Mary Stull**

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Stull.

The minutes from the August 28, 2016 Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Dean and second by Stephanie.

Treasurer's Report-Stephanie

- a. The General Fund balance is \$11,419.13 and exchange fund is \$8,268.15.
- b. Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Dean and a second by Alice.
- c. Connie reviewed an estimate income/expense for the Crazy for Quilting exchange.

Committee Reports

Membership: Marian

- a. Started the year with 82 members. Added 13 new members and 8 did not rejoin for a current membership of 87.
- b. Four new members attended the new member orientation. A new member orientation document was created will be posted on our web site and will be handed out to all new members in the future.

Activities: Shirley

- a. Shirley was not present at this meeting, but did an outstanding job covering all recent activities. She did send a memo of her concern regarding large group pot lucks and the need to be sure there is enough main course food and not all deserts.

Exchanges: Connie

- a. There were 18 participants of which 3 were international in the Crazy for Quilts exchange. All survey responses were positive indicating it exceeding their expectations.
- b. The Lower Columbia Washington incoming exchange will be two weeks with the first in Madison, WI and the second with us. It will be in September 2017. Marian and Stephanie are considering being co ED's for this exchange.
- c. The incoming exchange with Sacramento CA. is in May of 2017. We are still looking for a 2nd club to participate or they may be willing to go to Springfield IL. to the Lincoln Library etc. for the second week.
- d. The outgoing 2017 exchange to Taiwan will be in November visiting the cities of Taipei and Kaohsiung. There are 16 people currently interested in this exchange. An ED is needed.
- e. Connie received a letter of thanks from Jeremi Snook, International CEO for the Greater Lansing donation to the Legacy fund in honor of the successful exchange with our club.

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- f. Our 2018 outbound exchange request to Friendship Force International were:
1. Germany, 2. Canada 3. Estonia 4. Slovakia.
- g. Connie is discussing a short one or two day outgoing exchange with the Quad Cities and an incoming short exchange with Ames.

Communications:

Dale and Mary spoke to the Quota International Group. Other presentations have been made to the Lions and PEO clubs.

Open World Updates:

Alice indicated the Open World Ukrainians visiting were delightful and interested in all the activities they were provided.

President Elect: Jean/Dean

- a. The Road Scholar fund raising trip to Santa Fe/Taos currently has eleven people going. Need one more to get the full 4% refund.

Presidents Report-Mary

- a. The nominating committee is presenting Dean & Jean Thomas for President, Barb Steggall for Secretary and Stephanie Schulte for Treasurer. The President Elect position is open.
- b. The annual meeting is November 13th. Reservations and cost of \$28 to Jean Thomas.
- c. The Justice for Our Neighbors dinner project is November 15th. Need 4-5 workers a from 4:30 to 7:30. Volunteers are needed for food and working. One can provide food without working.
- d. The Wayne Smith award was reviewed.
- e. Mary did a wrap up on the goals archived this year and thanked everyone for their help in having a great year by accomplishing our goals.

Meeting Adjourned.

Jerry & Carol Burke
Secretaries