

# Minutes for Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids / Iowa City August 29, 2016

President Mary Stull at her home called the meeting to order. In attendance were Mary Stull, Jean and Dean Burke, Dale and Cheryl Moore, Stephanie Schulte, Connie Williams, Alice Wilkinson, Shirley Rosencrans

1. Welcome and review agenda.
2. Secretary: – Carol/Jerry Burke were absent – notes taken by Mary Ann/Larry Nelson The August 29, 2016 Board meeting were approved after corrections on a motion from Dean and second by Stephanie.
3. Treasure's Report: Stephanie
  - a. Notice – a different format
  - b. Balance: General = \$11,482  
Exchange = \$4,222
4. Membership: Marion Wetjen (written report)
  - a. Numbers – 85 members, 11 new members, 8 quits (2 deceased)
  - b. Marion is willing to do a new member's orientation.
  - c. Orientation could be on a Sunday afternoon in October 16 – invite people who have joined the last two years – all welcome.
  - d. Mary downloaded information from the Lincoln website "all about FF".
5. Activities: Shirley
  - a. Up coming exchanges – Open World -Ukrainian visitors and Crazy About Quilting
  - b. LEO September 7 Butcher Block -Ester Hudson is taking reservations by email.
6. Open World Updates: Vic Klopfenstein
  - a. The Ukraine group is on secondary and higher education and innovation Sept 23 – 30.
  - b. Details of education and governmental visits/experiences were outlined and available to be seen on line.
  - c. The farewell diner is shared with the Crazy About Quilting welcoming dinner.
7. Exchanges: Connie Williams
  - a. Outgoing Lansing MI - 16 people Audrey Bradford, ED, is looking at car-pooling.
  - b. Crazy About Quilting – September 30 – October 5: Connie, ED  
Welcome potluck dinner at Wickiup is open to all – RSVP is necessary.  
Each quilter receives a cloth book made by Connie  
Instead of a bag.  
Each host family will receive information and brochures for tours.  
Tuesday, September 20 will be a host meeting  
Wednesday Oct 5 – farewell hand off to Ames; bring jam jar for mimosas.

Jean will send out information about Colona and Amana visits by members.

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Home hosted dinners on Oct 4

We could do the themed exchange over again – repeat would be easier. (We could consider doing it with partners.)

- c. Next year is the year to travel with no international for 2017 scheduled.
  - d. Sacramento – setting up but cannot find second week for Sacramento – We are looking at early May. We need to look beyond presidential library opportunity in Midwest for potential partnering clubs.
  - e. We need to be open and aware of possible exchange opportunities.
  - f. Outgoing to Quad Cities – spring next year.
  - g. Taiwan is a match – We are looking for an ED . - there are benefits fees waived. We are looking at the first two weeks of Nov. 2017 - Check Government website for recommended shots.  
Discussion on insurance - Look at FFI for insurance.
  - h. 2018 Request survey – top 5 Germany, Ottawa, Greece, Estonia, India.
  - i. September 15 we request our exchanges. Connie works with Adrian.  
Guidance from board: look at top five choices but we are open to different places.
  - j. If needed to fill an exchange, add people from other clubs.
8. Communications: Dale Moore -There are three speaking engagements scheduled- Lions Club, Quoto International (service for hearing impaired), Retired teachers.
9. President Elect: Jean and Dean
- a. Newsletter
  - b. Fundraise  
Thanks for Freedom Festival volunteering \$500 received.  
Road Scholar trip to Santa Fe with 20 people would get back 5% to FF.
10. Presidents report
- a. Nominating committee (Mary, Dale, Dean, Jean, Audrey) –are close to filling positions for next year
  - b. Annual meeting, November - 13 buffet \$28/member cost – club pays the rest (about \$1.)
  - c. Justice for Our Neighbors dinner project, November 15.  
Lovely Lane - 3-4 volunteers will be needed.  
Margaret Nelson is heading this project.
  - d. Club calendar review.  
No LEO in October  
Annual Dinner November 13
  - e. Club goals are progressing. – (planning on a new member orientation)
11. Past President Dale – No report
12. Wayne Smith award to \$500 donations to Legacy Fund.
13. Adjourn.