

**Minutes for  
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City  
January 7, 2017 9:30am, Cedar Rapids Public Library**

The meeting was called to order by President Jean Thomas.

Present: Jean Thomas, Dean Thomas, Mary Stull, Connie Williams, Shirley Rosencrans, Rosie Russell, Marian Wetjen, Larry Nelson, Mary Ann Nelson, Barb Steggall and Jim Steggall.

The minutes from the November 28, 2016 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved with a minor change.

**Treasurer's Report-Stephanie**

- a. The 2015 fiscal year-end Financial Report was approved.
- b. The January Treasurer's Report was approved. The cash on hand is \$19,064.98.
- c. A draft 2017 budget was discussed and approved. The total expenditures budgeted are \$8,680 and income of \$4,460 for a net of -\$4,220.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership: Marian**

Current membership is 87. Several members are delinquent in dues payment.

**Activities: Shirley**

The General Meeting called World Friendship Day will be held at Shueyville UMC on Sunday Feb. 26. Mary is preparing a flyer and we are to invite international students. Every member is to bring an international-themed dish to share.

**Exchanges: Connie**

- a. 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 mid-September 2017. An ED is needed for this exchange.
- b. The incoming exchange with Sacramento CA. is in May 1-9, 2017. On May 7 and 8 the Ambassadors and hosts will travel to Springfield IL. to visit Lincoln Library etc. After an overnight stay, they will return to Cedar Rapids for an outbound flight on May 9. Dave and Patty Detwiler are the Exchange Directors.
- c. The outgoing 2017 exchange to Taiwan will be November 1-15 visiting the cities of Taipei and Kaohsiung. Mary Stull is the Exchange Director and the application period for Ambassadors is now open. The maximum number of Ambassadors is 20.
- d. Our 2018 outbound exchange request to Friendship Force International was submitted: 1. Germany, 2. Canada 3. Estonia 4. Slovakia.
- e. Connie is discussing a short one or two-day outgoing exchange with the Quad Cities and an incoming short exchange with Ames.

**Communications:**

- a. Dale to speak at the April 27, 2017 Retired Teachers group at the Longbranch. Dale is putting together a committee to help with Communications.

- b. Discussed the topic of newsletter frequency. Decided that the newsletters are very important to members and we should issue them every 6 weeks or so up to 8 per year.

**Open World Updates:**

We are happy to report that our club is hosting an Open World Exchange from Turkmenistan on Sept. 15-23, 2017 to study journalism. Steve Williams and Dale Moore are co-leaders of this exchange.

**President Elect: Jean/Dean**

Jean and Dean need to recruit a President Elect for the 2017 year.

**Presidents Report- Jean**

- a. The first General Meeting of 2017 is scheduled for 1:30 Sunday, January 15 at the HACAP building, 1515 Hawkeye Drive, Hiawatha. This is near I-380. Linda Gorkow, Food Reservoir Director will be giving us an overview of the various HACAP programs to feed individuals in our community. Club members are expected to make a donation.
- b. The next LEO will be at 9:00am Jan. 28 at Riley's on Boyson Road. Jim & Barb will host a LEO on April 7 and Marian will host the June LEO.
- c. The Quad Cities Club will host the All-Iowa picnic next summer.
- d. The Friendship Force 40th Anniversary World Conference in Manchester, England. The conference begins on August 25 and lasts through August 28. The financial budget includes funds to send both the Club President and Exchange Director.

The next Board meeting is 9:30am Feb. 18, 2017 at the Marion Downtown Library.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07pm.

Jim & Barb Steggall

Co-Secretaries