

**Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
April 1, 2017 9:30am, Cedar Rapids Panera's**

The meeting was called to order by President Jean Thomas.

Present: Jean Thomas, Dean Thomas, Mary Stull, Connie Williams, Shirley Rosencrans, Marian Wetjen, Stephanie Schulte, Barb Steggall and Jim Steggall.

The minutes from the February 18, 2017 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.

(Mary/Marian)

Treasurer's Report-Stephanie

The March Treasurer's Report was approved. The available balance is \$14,540.29 in the General Account and \$7,786.71 in the Exchange account. (Connie/Jim)

Committee Reports

Membership: Marian

Current membership is 87. Seven new members; 5 were previous members.

Activities: Shirley

Shirley thanked everyone for the 40th Anniversary Celebration.
June potluck details to follow.

Journeys: Connie

- a. The incoming journey with Sacramento CA. is from April 30 – May 9, 2017. Dave and Patty Detwiler are the Journey Coordinators. An itinerary for their time in Cedar Rapids is being prepared. On May 7 and 8 the Ambassadors and hosts will travel to Springfield IL. to visit Lincoln Library etc. Still room for more people on bus. \$200/per person. They will fly back to St. Louis after their stay in Springfield.
- b. The Lower Columbia Washington incoming journey will be two weeks with the first in Madison, WI and the second with our Club. Dates are September 5 – 12, 2017. Sign-up sheet was sent around to work with Stephanie Schulte – Host Coordinator.
- c. The outgoing 2017 exchange to Taiwan is November 1-15 visiting the cities of Taipei and Kaohsiung. Mary Stull is the Journey Coordinator. Applications for Ambassadors are still being taken.
- d. An outbound journey to the Quad Cities Club will be Sept. 28-30 culminating with the All Iowa Picnic in Quad Cities.

Communications:

- a. Dale to speak at the April 27, 2017 Retired Teachers group at the Longbranch.

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, Dale Moore and Vic Klopfenstein and coordinating this event.

President Elect: Jean/Dean

Jean and Dean need to recruit a President Elect for the program year. We will advise the Freedom Festival that we are interested in assisting with the Parade again this year. Mary will be preparing the next newsletter.

Presidents Report- Jean

- a. The next General Meeting of 2017 is scheduled for 1:00 Sunday, April 2 at the Coralville Public Library. Mary and two students will present a program on Taiwan.
- b. The next LEO will be at 5:30pm April 20 at Parlor City Pub & Eatery. Mary Stull will sub as host for Jim & Barb.
- c. The Road Scholar trip to New Mexico was a success and the Club will receive a \$585 group rebate.
- d. The next General meeting will be held on June 4 at Salem UMC 2:00-4:00pm. A potluck lunch will be served.
- e. Discussed changes to By-Laws proposed by special team. The marked-up document will be finalized by Dean & Stephanie, sent out for Board review, and presented for vote at the June 4 meeting.
- f. The Quad Cities Club will host the All-Iowa picnic next summer.
- g. 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 6:30pm May 16, 2017 at TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Jim & Barb Steggall

Co-Secretaries