

**Minutes for  
Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City  
General Meeting  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 1:00pm, Coralville Library, Coralville**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Jean & Dean Thomas.

Approximately 25 members were present with one guests.

The minutes from the January 15, 2017 Annual Meeting were approved on a motion by Audrey Bradford and a second by George Schulte. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report: Stephanie**

- a. A motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report was made by Mary Stull and seconded by Dave Detwiler. Motion passed.

The available balance is \$14,540.29 in General Account and \$7,786.71 in Exchange account.

**Presidents Report: Jean/Dean**

- a. Group of 11 members returned from a Road Scholar tour to Santa Fe, which added \$585 to treasury. Hoping this might result in a Journey with the New Mexico Club.
- b. Next LEO on April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 at Parlor City Pub and Eatery's Five Season Room, 1125 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE in Newbo area. RSVPs to Mary Stull.
- c. Watch email for new version of bylaws with updated language from FFI and language clarification. Only vote if present. One person, one vote.
- d. Next general meeting will be a potluck on Sunday June 4, 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Salem UMC, 3715 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW. Meat provided. Hope to vote on bylaws at that time.
- e. Possible Open World; September 15-23 from Turkmenistan.
- f. FFI International Conference in Manchester, England has reduced their fee. Check website for details.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership: Marian**

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

**Activities: Shirley**

Shirley thanked everyone for the 40<sup>th</sup> 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. Dave explained the itinerary for their time in Cedar Rapids. 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 drive 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 us. 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. Connie sent around a sign-up sheet to attend the All Iowa Picnic in Quad Cities from September 28 – 30th.

**Program:** Alice and Vivian from Taiwan gave a power point presentation about their culture, weather, food, language and various tidbits of valuable information to use when visiting their country.

**Other:** Steve Williams paid tribute to Steve Miller with kinds words about a wonderful man. He will be deeply missed.

The next General meeting is 2:00 pm June 4, 2017 at the Salem Methodist Church, Cedar Rapids.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Jim & Barb Steggall  
Co-Secretaries