

Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
July 29, 2017 9:30am, Cedar Rapids Downtown Library

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, Rosie Russell, Barb Steggall and Jim Steggall.

The minutes from the May 16, 2017 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved. (Dean/Mary)

Treasurer's Report-Stephanie

Stephanie presented the March Treasurer's Report. The available balance is \$15,679.59 in the General Account and \$23,499.75 in the Exchange account. The \$600 check for volunteering at the Freedom Festival was received. Dean made a motion for acceptance of the report and Mary seconded. Motion passed.

President's Report- Jean & Dean

Jean and Dean thanked all Board members for their help in updating the Club bylaws as approved at the June 4 General Meeting. Discussed financial support for Connie Williams to attend the International Conference. In accordance with the By-Laws, the Club will reimburse the costs of the hotel, registration fees and meals, and one half of the transportation costs. A motion to approve was made Mary and seconded by Stephanie. Motion passed. Guidelines for using Road Scholar was tabled until the next Board Meeting.

Jean will setup a Nomination Committee in August to start the process for next year.

Committee Reports

Membership: Marian

Current membership is 86. The Mussman's were guests at the LEO and may be joining soon.

Activities: Shirley

Shirley will be gone Sept. 8-17. Esther Hudson and Joanne Smith will help at the Lower Columbia Welcome Party on Sept. 5. The Longbranch Convention Center has been reserved for the Annual Meeting on Sunday Dec. 3. Social time starts at 5:00pm with a dinner at 5:30pm. A program will be established.

Journeys: Connie

- a. 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. Stephanie Schulte and Jerry Burke will be Host Coordinators.
- b. The Open World with Kosovo is scheduled Sept. 8-16. Steve Williams is the Host Coordinator. Steve and his committee are creating a program for the week, focusing on language and communication in schools, media and government.

Iowa has an established relationship with Kosovo as a sister state and its Embassy has a Consulate office in Des Moines. A joint dinner with the Lower Columbia Ambassadors will be Sept. 10 at Lowe Park.

- c. The outgoing 2017 exchange to Taiwan is November 1-15 visiting the cities of Taipei and Kaohsiung. Mary Stull is the Journey Coordinator. The Journey is full and there is a waiting list.
- d. An outbound journey to the Quad Cities Club will be Sept. 29-30 culminating with the All Iowa Picnic in Quad Cities. Marian Wetjen is the Journey Coordinator.
- e. Ribeirao Preto, Brazil - Incoming international journey to arrive between July 7-27, 2018. Helcio Lanzoni, ambassador coordinator from Brazil has contacted us to advise of open dates, a very good sign. Chicago and Cedar Rapids/Iowa City will each host for a week. A Host Coordinator is needed.
- f. Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand - Incoming journey to Las Vegas, Wichita and Cedar Rapids/Iowa City. Tentative dates in October 2018.

Communications:

- a. None, Dale is on travel.

President Elect: Jim/Barb

Jim and Barb have assumed the newsletter duties and will plan to issue monthly. A thank you letter will be sent to Toyota Financial Services and Alliant for their support of the Freedom Festival Win Win Win volunteer program.

The next Board meeting is Oct. 26 5:30pm at the Cedar Rapids Public Library conference room. The meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Jim & Barb Steggall
Co-Secretaries