

**Minutes for  
Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City  
General Meeting  
June 4, 2017 2:00pm, Salem UMC, Cedar Rapids**

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

Approximately 26 members were present with no guests.

The minutes from the April 2 General Meeting were approved on a motion by Mary Stull and a second by Donna Ironside. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report: Jean for Stephanie**

- a. A motion to accept the May Treasurer's Report was made by George Schulte and seconded by Connie Williams. Motion passed.

The available balance is \$15,108.84 in the General Account and \$10,239.81 in the Exchange account.

**Presidents Report: Jean/Dean**

- a. Next LEO on June 16 at 5:30pm at Cedar Ridge Winery & Distillery in Swisher, IA. RSVPs to Marian Wetjen.
- b. Next general meeting is TBD.
- c. The Open World from Turkmenistan scheduled for September 15-23 has been cancelled.
- d. The FFI International Conference and 40 Year Anniversary will be held in Manchester, England on August 24-28, 2017. Connie Williams will represent the Club.
- e. On Tuesday evening, July 25, our club will partner with the program, Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON). Our club member, Margaret Nelson has volunteered with this program for several years. You may remember that we participated in this program in November. Our participation is part of our community service outreach. Our role will be to provide food for a dinner for about 40 people – clients (sometimes with their families), interviewers and attorneys. We also set up and clean up. We need two to four people to do the set up (about 4:30 pm) and clean up (about 7:30 pm) at Lovely Lane United Methodist Church, 2424 42nd St.NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. To volunteer for this event contact Margaret Nelson.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership: Marian**

Current membership is 87.

**Activities: Shirley**

Shirley is feeling much better now and thanked Connie for filling in for her at the Sacramento Welcome Party.

**Journeys: Connie**

- a. Dave Detwiler provided a report on the Sacramento Journey that was hosted April 30 – May 9, 2017. The members thanked Dave for a job well done.
- 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. Stephanie Schulte and Jerry and Carol Burke are Host Coordinators.
- c. The outgoing 2017 exchange to Taiwan is November 1-15 visiting the cities of Taipei and Kaohsiung. Mary Stull is the Journey Coordinator.
- d. Connie sent around a sign-up sheet to attend the All Iowa Picnic in Quad Cities from September 28 – 30th. A Journey Coordinator is needed.
- e. There are currently no outgoing journeys in 2018. Our club has been given the honor to host ambassadors from Ribeirao Preto, Brazil in 2018. Dates are being discussed, but we hope summer time, possibly over the July 4th holidays.

**New Business:**

- a. A motion was made by Steve Williams and seconded by George Schulte for Jim & Barb Steggall to be Co-Presidents Elect for the current year. This fills a vacancy in the Board of Directors. Motion carried.
- b. A vote by ballot was taken to approve the By-Laws update. There were few significant changes. The biggest is our new language from FFI replacing “exchange” with “journey” and “director” with “coordinator”. The motion was made by Dean Thomas and seconded by Frank Stull. Motion carried.

**Other:** Dale Moore gave a presentation to the Retired Teachers’ Association in April.

The next General meeting is TBD. The meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Jim & Barb Steggall  
Co-Secretaries