

Minutes for
Friendship Force Board of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
Annual Meeting, December 3, 2017
Best Western Longbranch

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Jean Thomas.

Jean introduced guests Nancy Bell, Joanie Lacayo, and two ladies from the Des Moines Club who were on the Taiwan Journey.

The minutes from the June 4 General Meeting were approved on a motion by Connie Williams and a second by Frank Stull.

Mary Stull, the Coordinator for the Taiwan Journey, presented an overview of the Journey to the Taipei and Kaohsiung Clubs. All Ambassadors had a great time and learned a lot about the Taiwanese culture.

Presidents Report-Jean and Dean

- a. The annual report of the Club's accomplishments and activities is listed in the program.
- b. Dale Moore is taking over as the Regional Field Representative.
- c. Jean individually thank board members and other leaders: Jean and Dean Thomas, Mary Stull, Jim & Barb Steggall, Stephanie Schulte, Dale Moore, Connie Williams, Marian Wetjen, Shirley Rosencrans, Mary Ann and Larry Nelson, and Rosie Russell for their help and leadership in making 2017 a successful year for the club.

Treasurer's Report-Stephanie

- a. The General Fund balance is \$13,857.85 and exchange fund is \$6,507.99 as of Nov. 30, 2017. This includes the \$400 contribution to FFI that the Board approved at its Oct. 26 meeting.
- b. Treasurer's report approved on a motion by Frank Stull and a second by Vic Klopfenstein.

Committee Reports

Membership: Marian

- a. Membership is 90 with recent addition of two new members.

Exchanges: Connie

- a. Connie provided an overview of the 2018 Journey calendar.
- b. Ribeirao Preto, Brazil - July 10-16, 2018
Incoming international journey to arrive for a 5-7 day journey, then traveling on to Chicago. We can expect 14-16 ambassadors, including some teenage family

members. This will truly be a great opportunity to show off the best of the Midwest! Please say yes to helping on the committee or becoming the Host Coordinator.

Tauranga Western Bay of Plenty, New Zealand - Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2018

Incoming international journey to Wichita, Cedar Rapids/Iowa City and Las Vegas. There are a few quilters in this group, so they plan to begin their trip in Des Moines for the Quilt Show on Sept. 25-27. The journey to CR/IC will begin Sept. 27, then on to Wichita and Las Vegas. Ambassador Host, Brian Grimwood, has collected the names of 28 members. A committee and Host Coordinator is needed.

Albuquerque, NM - tentative for 2018

Incoming domestic journey. Late May thru mid-June? August? We're waiting to hear back from them.

Kosovo - no dates selected for what may be a Pioneer or Discovery journey. (These are not the typical journeys, may include hotel stays and meetings to help establish the new club.) There is not a club in Kosovo currently, but there is interest to connect with the Open World participants who had visited Cedar Rapids/Iowa City in September 2017.

Activities-Shirley

- a. Shirley thanked and appreciates everyone for all the help when she called throughout the year.

Communications-Dale Moore

- a. Presented the Friendship Force program to the organizations of Lions, PEO, Retired Teachers and Quota International.
- b. There is a display at the CR Library during the month of December.

The Nominating Committee presented the following who were elected for 2017 officers based on unanimous consent:

President: Jim & Barb Steggall

President Elect: John & Judy Miner (nominated from the floor by Mary Stull)

Co-Secretary: Larry & MaryAnn Nelson

Treasurer: Jerry Burke

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm

Jim & Barb Steggall

Co-Secretaries