

Friendship Force Board Meeting  
January 28, 2018 at 2:00-4:00pm  
Scooter's Coffee  
2300 Edgewood Road SW, Cedar Rapids, IA

In attendance: Jim Steggall, Barb Steggall, Jean Thomas, Dean Thomas, Mary Stull, John Miner, Connie Williams, Audrey Bradford, Shirley Rosencrans, Mary Ann Nelson, Larry Nelson, Marian Wetjens,  
Absent: Jerry Burke, Judy Miner, Rosie Russell

**1. Welcome and review agenda- Jim & Barb**

Jerry, Treasurer, is in Arizona and presented via phone. He sent the budget and report.

**2. Minutes of December meeting – Larry & MaryAnn**

Minutes approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report– Jerry** After the annual meeting, Jerry and Jim in new board positions, went to US Bank to sign papers and update signatures. Another branch wanted update with timely submission and proceeded to surprisingly close the account thus stopping the ability to deposit checks. We cannot do much until a new account is set up, which takes time to complete the needed paper work, IRS info, Articles of Inc., etc. Jerry has connections with Community Saving Bank that is located in Manchester, where he lives, as well as Cedar Rapids and will call them on Monday. Jim will hold on to the checks. Jim Steggall and Jerry Burke will open a new account as soon as possible. *Mary moves and Connie seconded to approve Jim or Jerry to open accounts as needed with Community Savings Bank to conduct business of the club as approved signors. Motion approved.*

- **Presentation of 2018 Budget for approval** *Dean moved and Mary seconded to approve. Motion approved.*

- **Budget 2018** – (\$2000 budgeted for Super Conference. ) *John Miner moved and Marian W seconded to approve the budget. Motion approved.*

**4. President's Report – Jim & Barb**

- **Charter renewal submitted** on January 4, 2018

- **Thank you letter from FFI** For a \$400 contribution to FFI, a thank you letter was read to the board. Another letter thanked the club for \$400 of the \$800 in received in total.



**- Feb. 18 World Friendship Day 2:00 pm at Salem Methodist Church**

Emails and contacts have been sent out to those from the past such as Coe, Mt. Mercy, and Kirkwood. The club needs to send out last years flier to membership with updates. There was a discussion of food brought by members because of running short in past years and too many desserts. The club will provide the main dish with Marian sending options available to her. Barb, Mary and Shirley will bring desserts. Larry suggested that someone should be authorized to purchase food if a gap exists. The flier should state that anyone might bring food, if they wish, but it must be ready to serve. Clint Twedt-Ball from Mathew 25 will speak on Urban Farm and students will introduce themselves. They may also want to speak to what World Friendship means to them. International students and host families are welcome – In the updated flier, invite them.

**- Complete Annual Calendar of Events** A discussion of the years calendar, including LEOs, General Meetings, and Board Meetings were discussed and completed for the year. Jim stated he will send out a finished copy to the board.

**- Regional Conference Covington, KY April 20-21, 2018- finalize** *Sent out information for breakdown of costs for members going. Audrey moved and Mary seconded approval. Motion approved.*

**- FF business cards** Jim got cards at Vista Prints for \$20. The information on the back came from FFI. John was going to inform people how to get the cards in the newsletter. If you are going to a conference or be involved with a journey, you should have them.

## **5. Committee Reports**

**a. Membership – Marian** We ended with 88 members and three more make 91. 17 did not renew so down to 74. She is working on collecting all the dues.

**- New member orientation** no discussion

**b. Activities – Shirley** World Friendship Day discussed – Jim had paper products.

**c. Journeys – Connie** in May she is going to Quilting Mountain Style in N. Carolina – hopefully this leads to future quilting journey in Cedar Rapids in the future.

**Incoming Albuquerque, NM June 13-19, 2018 (Audrey)** 11 people are interested. We will not advertise outside of their club. We will put it in



newsletter, if you have other US guests, invite them. Discussion of a guest dog and 5:00 dinner in Anamosa continued.

**Incoming Brazil – July 9-15, 2018 (Connie)** no numbers at this time. It will be during their school break. There is a plan of attending the Delaware County Fair. There are some English speakers and the youngest is 17. Marion is planning a Sunday through Monday trip to Chicago for members as part of the transport of Brazilians to their next journey in Chicago. There is a picnic at noon in Quad Cities and we would be back by 9:00 pm. on Monday. The cost would be \$200-\$250.

**Incoming New Zealand – Sept. 29- Oct. 6, 2018 (Jerry/MaryAnn)** Discussion has begun. Connie stated she wanted time to work with quilters.

**Open World/Kosovo follow-up** Connie and Mary Ann did some brainstorming and will continue to investigate. Shirley wishes to join them. Steve Williams will be conferred with as we proceed. It seems to be important to have this be a statewide initiative for a Kosovo club start up.

**d. Communications – Mary -**

**- Website updates** Mary sent Darby updates on journeys and new officers on the website. Members need to inform Darby of changes needed in the website

**6. President Elect- John & Judy**

**Newsletter** by February 1. John has the Flash Drive. Members should get information to John as attachments.

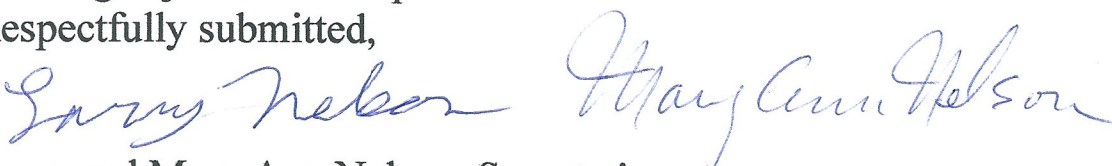
**Fundraising** Ten members at each of two events at the Freedom Festival events, the July 30 parade at 8:30 and bridge before the fireworks 3:30 -7:30. Sign up should take place at February meeting.

**7. Past President – Jean & Dean** Jean found out that the year-end presidential report is not necessary for the FFI. She did do a summary of what they did that went well and not so well. She had not accomplished getting a more active LEO such as a walk with Mark Hunter. Look for this next year.

**8. Other Business**

**9. Summary, Next Meeting** April 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm, location TBD. Meeting adjourned 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature, on the left, is 'Larry Nelson' and the second, on the right, is 'Mary Ann Nelson'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry and Mary Ann Nelson, Secretaries