

Friendship Force Board Meeting
June 7, 2018 at 5:30-7:30pm
Cedar Rapids Public Library

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

Absent: John Miner, Marian Wetjen, Jerry Burke

1. Welcome and review agenda- Jim & Barb

2. Minutes of April meeting – Larry & MaryAnn

Approved with Changes to April minutes. It was US Bank that closed the account, not Jerry Burke. Motion moved by Jean and seconded by Dean

3. Treasurer's Report– Jim for Jerry

- General and Journey Fund balances

- \$13,409 in the General Fund

- \$ 6,770 in the Journey Fund (Open World adds to fund)

Rosie and Jerry reviewed books and found they were balanced when Jerry took over.

- Motion to transfer \$3,000 from the Journey to General Fund

- o Jim moved and Mary seconded

4. President's Report – Jim & Barb

- Discussion of information shared at the Regional Conference Covington, KY April 20-21, 2018.

<https://ffregionalcincinnati.weebly.com/>

- Schedule Strategic Planning Sessions

- Annual Meeting Nov. 4 at the Longbranch including Open World - Ukraine guests

5. President Elect- John & Judy

- Newsletter – asks for pictures and stories

- Mary will include information about state picnic in Ames

- Fundraising- Freedom Festival is organized and ready– t-shirts are available for volunteers

- July or August LEO

July – Shirley at Buliceks Landing in Delhi on July 24

August - Judy Miner will take care and inform people

6. Past Presidents – Jean & Dean

- Justice for Neighbors Sept. 18, <http://www.iowajfon.org/about-us/>

Margaret Nelson is the contact person at Lovely Lane Methodist Church. Contributions of food or time can be brought at 4:30.

Mary and Connie are on the committee. Jean will put it on the calendar with a write-up.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Membership – Marian - is working on the Chicago Journey

64 current members 1 renewal

4 people dropped after six month of non-renewal

27 had not renewed – discussion of why – aging and health

- New member recruiting and mentoring

- b. Activities – Shirley Wed June 13 welcoming Albuquerque party at Schulte's 5:00

Bring appetizer – potato salad and beef sliders provided

- ### c. Journeys – Connie

Incoming Albuquerque, NM June 13-19, 2018 (Audrey)

5 people plus one from Canada

Incoming New Zealand – Sept. 29- Oct. 6, 2018 (Jerry/MaryAnn)

Continual planning taking place - planning for 17

Open World- Nov. 2-10 Ukraine (Steve Williams)

Theme – “Elections” Volunteers needed to help

Next meeting June 29 12:00 at Culvers

Domestic Journeys (new) - in the works

Louisville KT Sept 11 – 15

Texas (Dallas?)

2019 Journeys- Brazil (Outbound) - concerns of safety discussed

Japan (Inbound)

- #### d. Communications – Mary

Send Mary stories of experiences with Friendship Force

8. Other Business

- Schedule next Board Meeting August 21, 2018**

9. Summary, Next Meeting

- Jim presented information on growing the club.

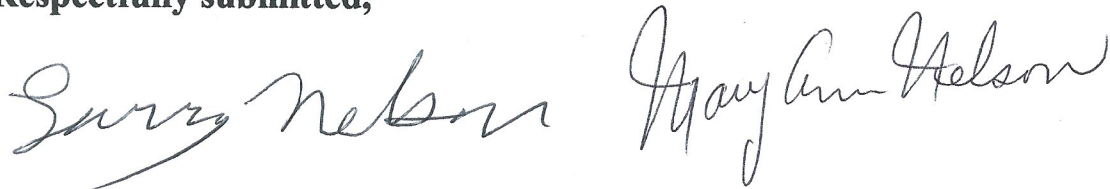
Taupo NZ example of process of recruiting new members discussed

- New – Jerry Burke will look into new Card readers for credit cards

Judy moved to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:23

Respectfully submitted,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in cursive. The signature on the left is 'Larry Nelson' and the signature on the right is 'Mary Ann Nelson'. Both are written in dark ink.

Larry and Mary Ann Nelson, secretaries