

**MINUTES OF IC/CR FRIENDSHIP FORCE CLUB BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2019**

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**In attendance: Judy / John Miner, Connie Williams, Audrey Bradford, Ester Hudson, Shirley Rosencrans, Jerry Burke. Board Members.**

**Also attending Steve Williams, Lori Thomas**

Welcome and review of agenda. Judy Miner

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Judy Miner

**Secretaries Report of January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

The minutes of the January 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting were sent to all board members by email before the meeting. No corrections were noted. Audrey Bradford moved and Connie William second to have the minutes approved. They were passed.

**Treasures Report of January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

A copy of the treasures report was emailed to all board members prior to the meeting. No corrections were noted and the report was passed after being moved by John Miner and seconded by Connie Williams.

**Presentation to the board of the Kosovo Initiative by Steve Williams and Laura Thomas.**

A discussion was held on the proposal to help establish a FF Club in Kosovo. A trip is being organized to send a group to Kosovo May 5-12 of people from the Iowa National Guard and Des Moines Sister Cities to visit their related Kosovo counterparts. The proposal is to send representative from Friendship Force to explore the establishment of a FF Club in Kosovo. 2 members of the IC/CR club, Lori Thomas and Connie Williams are going with this group. A member of FF International will also be going.

As a result of the discussion it as proposed that the IC/CR FF club make a \$2000 contribution to help defray the costs of this trip.

It was moved that the 2019 Budget be amended to add an additional \$500 to the Journey Development for this contribution. It was moved by John Miner and seconded by Audrey Bradford. Motion passed.

It was then moved to use the following items from the 2019 Budget for this Kosovo Initiative Project -\$500 Humanitarian Fund, \$500 Legacy Fund (FFI Contribution), \$500 current Journey Development and the \$500 Additional Journey Development. It was moved by John Miner and seconded by Ester Hudson. Motion passed.

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### Presidents Report

A recap of the World Friendship Day general meeting. Considering the weather, a good group including 3 area high school foreign students, and 23 members attended. Rachel Rockwell gave an interesting presentation of her time spent in Tanzania and her work as a community liaison with Cedar Rapids Taylor Elementary School. We are signed up to supply 10 volunteers for the Freedom Festival Parade June 29 from 8:30 to 12:30. The Mix & Mingle dinners have been set up for March 26. A general meeting has been scheduled for April 28 at the Coralville Public Library.

### Committee Reports

**Membership** All dues have been paid. 8 new members, 8 members non-renewed. Current membership is 66.

**Journey** Budapest Hungary has been announced as the IC/CR journey for 2020. We are exploring an extension to Kosovo. New Zealand is coming after the World Conference July 28- Aug 3. Japan is coming Sept 4-11. Dallas TX is coming Oct 3-9. Outgoing journeys are Louisville KY May 14-19, and Brazil June 23-July 8.

**Communications** The website is up and running again. Plans for the state picnic are starting.

### New Business

Plans are for a Leo in May. Next board Meeting is scheduled for June 2 at 2:30 PM at the Marion Public Library.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and passed at 7:33PM

John Miner

Acting Secretary