

Minutes for Friendship Force CR/IC Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 30th at 10:00 AM via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Mary Ann Nelson at 10:10 AM. Present on Zoom: Mary Ann Nelson, Larry Nelson, Jerry Burke, Carol Burke, Darlene Peterson, Mary Stull, Connie Williams, Dale Moore, Joanne Smith, Judy Frascht-Miner and John Miner

President's Report – Mary Ann opened the meeting with an update by Dale Moore giving an update on FFI issues.

Dale reported that he has been having president's meetings with the presidents in our region. The pandemic has brought up some issues with our Bylaws. Issues that need addressed are allowing virtual meetings/voting and quorums. Judy Frascht-Miner moved that we form a committee to review our Bylaws and make suggestion to address these issues. Mary Stull seconded. Approved. Jerry Burke and Judy Frascht-Miner volunteered to be on this committee.

Dale also reported that the International fundraising campaign has gone very well. They have received \$320,000 and may pass \$400,000. They received a little over \$100,000 from the Cares Program.

They have been discussing maintaining, renewing, and growing our memberships during our unique times. An idea some clubs are considering are waiving dues for a year. We are encouraged to plan journeys for 2021 but with caution.

Secretaries Report – Connie Williams moved that the minutes be accepted, seconded by Darlene Peterson. Approved

Treasurer's Report – was presented by Joanne Smith. She reported she moved \$1500 to the FFI column to represent membership contributions to International. She reported that little has changed since the last board meeting. There was another small refund for the cancelled New Mexico trip. John Miner moved that the treasure's report be accepted, Jerry Burke seconded. It was approved.

Membership Report – Carol Burke reported that the present membership is 67. In response to an inquiry she indicated that the portion of dues that went to international was \$1,240.

Activities:

- Finalized details for tomorrow evenings LEO at the Burke home. Directions are being sent out. It was reinforced to use and encourage use of masks.
- George Schulte and Audrey Bradford are planning another Trivia night for July. As soon as they pick a date e-mails will be sent out.
- Mix and Mingle is scheduled for July 24th. It will be in Newsletter followed by membership e-mail. Contact person is Marian Wetjen.
- Plan to have a General Meeting in August when proposed Bylaws revisions can be voted on. The suggested activity is a short presentation at the Czech cemetery by the curator, followed by coffee and rolls. Proposed asking Audrey Bradford and Lynette Nuehring to plan this further.
- Have an activity in Iowa City. A Drive By as originally suggested was appearing cumbersome and it was suggested we meet in a park in the Iowa City area as an alternative. Darlene Peterson will consult with Iowa City members about this.
- The Humanitarian Project for the Hoover Food Pantry will be collecting donations at the LEO tomorrow evening. Connie Williams reported that Marjorie Jensen has contacted her about a donation of Kolaches towards this cause. The Newsletter will highlight Hoover's need for a freezer and the needs of the Central Furniture Rescue and the Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore as presented by Mary Stull.

Journey Report – Connie reported all scheduled Journeys for this year have been cancelled. The last Albuquerque refund was completed. Although Albuquerque has invited us back in 2021. The baseball game and stay over with the Quad Cities is also cancelled. The Open World with Kosovo is on hold and not looking good due to their COVID spike. May look at other options in conjunction with Sister States. There is hope for a journey with Australia and New Zealand in November 2021.

- Jerry Burke has been in contact with Western North Carolina about an outbound in midsummer 2021. Connie Williams moved that Jerry Burke be appointed Journey Coordinator for this journey, Mary seconded. Approved.

Communications Report – Mary Stull indicated she is talking with Laura Thomas about things to post on the website. There will be an article in the Life in Eastern Iowa section of the Gazette the first Sunday of August.

There was no other old or new business.

Judy Frascht-Miner moved the meeting be adjourned; Mary Stull seconded. Mary Ann Nelson adjourned the meeting at 11:12 AM

Submitted by Judy Frascht-Miner