**Cedar Rapids-Iowa City Friendship Force Annual Meeting Minutes**

**December 5, 2021 @ 4:30 PM via zoom**

President Jerry Burke welcome 20 remembers via zoom and thanked

them for participating.

Jerry then introduced Jeremi Snook, Friendship Force International CEO as our speaker.

He indicated he was glad to be able to speak with members and has done several zooms with clubs all over the world. He indicated FFI international was in a good financial position and would survive the pandemic. They have spent the past year updating FFI website to be available in 16 languages making it easier for all members to use it. All members should register on the new membership portal website so FFI can more easily communicate with all members. FFI is now associated with a group and a University in Florida that will help FFI with marketing and communication with prospective members thru all forms of social media.

Respective officers and committee chairmen gave short annual reports.

Mary Ann Nelson reported the nomination committee is presenting the following slate of officers for the coming year:

President—Connie Williams

President Elect—Patty Potter

Secretary—Marilyn Benge

Treasurer—Christine Allen

It was moved by Mary Ann and Seconded by Carol to accept and approve the nomination committee slate of officers. Motion carried.

Jerry thanked the 2021 slate of officers, directors and committee chair for all their work in accomplishing many things (see the attached leadership report for 2021) in another pandemic year. Thank you for Director at Large Darlene Pederson who completed her term. Jean Thomas has agreed to be a Director at Large for 2022.

The meeting adjourned.

Carol Burke

Acting Secretary

Leadership Report for 2021

Journey

September-Outgoing to Western North Carolina

Meetings & Special Events

-Zoom Trivia every month

December-Zoom Holiday cocktail Party

February-Zoom Murder Mystery-Murder at the Speakeasy

March-Zoom World Friendship with Kathy Hse as speaker

-Mix & Mingle

April-Hiking Clear Creek Trail

June-Hiking Buzzard Ridge, Maquoketa

-Volunteer at the Freedom Festival

July-Tour Kendrick Logging, Edgewood, IA

-Hiking the Mines of Spain, Dubuque

August-Mix & Mingle

-Biking in Lanesboro, Mn

September-All Iowa Picnic

October-Mix & Mingle

-Northeast Iowa Overnight Adventure

December-Annual Meeting

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May-Wanatee Park, Marion

June-Tin Roost, North Liberty

November-Ronnenberg, Amana

Board & Other Leaders

President Jerry Burke

President Elect Connie Williams

Past Presidents Mary Ann & Larry Nelson

Treasurer Christine Allen

Secretary Trudy Johansen

Journey Coordinator Judy Frascht-Miner

Activities Shirley Rosencrans

Communication Mary Stull

Membership Carol Burke

Director at Large Darlene Pederson

Carol Malichky

Web Site Laura Thomas