

Friendship Force CR-IC Board Minutes

January 25, 2022

Via Zoom 8:30 AM

1. Welcome and review agenda.
2. Patty moved and Judy seconded to approve adding Connie Williams to the bank account. Motion carried.
3. Mary moved and Patty seconded to approve the December minutes. Motion carried.
4. Patty moved and Judy seconded to accept the treasurers report. Motion carried.
5. Judy moved and Patty seconded to approve the payment of membership fees of \$25 for each member to FFI. Motion carried. Currently 69 members have paid membership fees.
6. Judy moved and Patty seconded to approve the budget. Motion carried. (Budget attached)
7. Calendar Events:
 - Orchestra Iowa, Music in the Movies, Composer John Williams on February 20th at 2:30 PM at the Paramount. Connie will be purchasing tickets for those interested in attending.
 - Iowa Sister States Citizen Diplomacy Summit on February 22nd in Ankeny. Those attending are Connie, Judy and Patty.
 - Trivia night will Friday, February 25th.
 - World Friendship Day is on March 6th. Meeting at 4:00 PM via Zoom with Artan Duraku, Chief of Mission as speaker. Open to all members and non-members.
8. Committee Reports:
 - A. Membership – Carol
 - Reported 66 paid members. Jerry provided updates on new members and members not rejoining. An updated member list will be posted to the website. Discussed giving a free membership to teachers of foreign students at Kirkwood, Mt. Mercy University, Coe and Youth for Understanding. Mary moved and Jean seconded to pay the \$25 membership fee for these teachers. Motion carried.
 - B. Activities Committee – Shirley
 - Trip to the Tulip Festival in Orange City May 18th to May 20th 2022. She has booked rooms for 24 people and has sent \$250 to reserve a motorcoach. Shirley and Esther will be checking into tours and other travel destinations. 16 people have signed up to date. Travelers must be vaccinated and have their booster to go on this trip.
 - LEO at Parlor City after the Orchestra Iowa event on February 20th.
 - General Meeting tentatively set for June 12th at Jones City Central Park. \$45 to rent the pavilion. Speaker from Bosnia.
 - C. Journeys – Judy
 - Matching Process – Inbound hosting form submitted before December 31st.
 - New Mexico outbound April 24th – 30th, 2022 – 12 Ambassadors.
 - Dallas outbound September 21st – 26th. Seeking interest in this trip.
 - Sarasota inbound October 16th-21st. Judy moved and Mary seconded to have Larry Nelson be the host coordinator for this journey. Motion carried.
 - Quad Cities Ballgame – No date set yet.
 - Iowa Sister States to Kosovo is July 1st – 8th. Seeking interest in this trip.
 - Outbound to Australia and New Zealand not looking so positive at this time.
 - D. Communications – Mary
 - Website security is \$150 per year. Judy moved and Carol seconded to purchase website security for 3 years. Motion carried.
 - Information for the February Newsletter needs to be John before January 28th.
 - E. Old Business:
 - Charter renewal completed
 - Officers updated on my.friendshipforce.org.
 - ALEX and Open World to be submitted for the first week of December
 - F. New Business:
 - Mary talked about the Afghan Family Sponsorship program. Will reach out to others for potential resources needed to go forward with this project.
 - G. Adjourn
 - H. Next Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 25th at 8:30 AM