

# Friendship Force CR-IC Board Minutes

**April 19, 2022**

**Via Zoom 8:30 AM**

1. Welcome and review agenda.
2. Mary moved and Judy seconded to approve the March minutes as amended. Motion carried.
3. Christine will contact the bank regarding a service charge on the account for the Afghan Resettlement program. Also reported that the check for the New Mexico journey has not been received. She will send a replacement check with one of the ambassadors. Marilyn moved and Patty seconded to accept the treasurers report. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports:
  - A. Membership – Jerry
    - One new member – Bonnie Winslow-Garvin.
    - 70 members
  - B. Activities Committee – Shirley
    - Trip to the Tulip Festival in Orange City May 18th to May 20th 2022. She received an invoice for \$269.95 from Windstar for a fuel surcharge of which was stated in the contract as a possibility. Upon discussion it was decided that an additional \$15 per person be charged to cover this and any other costs. They will pass the hat for tips for the bus driver.
    - General Meeting and Potluck Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at Jones County Central Park starting at 12:30pm to eat at 1pm. Discussion regarding the club supplying the meat. Shirley will ask the speaker, Kenan Kantarevic, if they have any dietary restrictions. Will decide on the meat at next meeting. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Those attending should sign up on the Sign-Up Genius.
  - C. Journeys – Judy
    - Albuquerque, New Mexico outbound April 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 13 Ambassadors.
    - Lima, Peru Inbound August 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. The planning committee, to include Patty Potter and Audrey Bradford Host Coordinators, are at work on this journey.
    - Dallas outbound September 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Mary Stull, Ambassador Coordinator, has been in contact with Ed Perez, the Dallas Coordinator, and noted that a minimum of 10 ambassadors is needed by May 1<sup>st</sup>. She has contacted other clubs in the Midwest region.
    - Sarasota inbound October 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Larry Nelson is Host Coordinator. Judy reported that there is an issue with the number of people signing up for this journey.
    - Iowa Sister States to Kosovo. There seems to be some interest in this trip for next year.
    - Outbound to Australia and New Zealand in March 2023 is yet to be assigned.
    - Quad Cities Ballgame – Haven't heard back and no date set yet.
    - Discussed having members sign up to be Hosts for journeys. This will be addressed in the next Newsletter.
    - Connie discussed the Open World program to arrive in Cedar Rapids from December 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. A committee will need to be set up for this.
  - D. Communications – Mary
    - The new membership list has been posted on the club website.
    - Mary gave an update on the Afghan Family Sponsorship program. Funding of \$15,500 is in the club Friendship Force Sponsor Circle bank account.
5. Old Business:
  - All Iowa picnic is on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm at Duck Creek Park in Davenport, IA. Copies of the flyer will be at the general meeting in June to promote this event.
6. New Business:
  - Jean reported that 10 people enjoyed the hiking trip on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Whitewater Canyon in Cascade. Next hiking event will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Rochester Cemetery near Tipton.
  - Trivia night is Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.
7. Adjourn
8. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th at 8:30 AM.