

# Friendship Force CR-IC Board Minutes

**May 24, 2022**

**Via Zoom 8:30 AM**

1. Welcome and review agenda.
2. Mary moved and Patty seconded to approve the April minutes. Motion carried.
3. Judy moved and Patty seconded to accept the treasurers report. Motion carried. Considering mailing checks via Priority Mail in the future as the check mailed to New Mexico for the journey was lost for a month.
4. Committee Reports:
  - A. Membership – Carol
    - No report
  - B. Activities Committee – Shirley
    - Trip to the Tulip Festival in Orange City went very well. Those who attended were very happy with the trip. They have requested the same bus driver for the trip to the Iowa State Fair in August.
    - General Meeting and Potluck Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at Jones County Central Park starting at 12:30pm to eat at 1pm. Consider making Friendship Force Banners for display at the park. Will send out Sign Up Genius to sign up for potluck dishes. Shirley has confirmed the guest speaker, Kenan Kantarevic. Dietary considerations for vegan, celiac and lactose intolerance as some guests have special food requirements.
  - C. Journeys – Judy
    - Albuquerque, New Mexico outbound trip was great. Pictures will be sent to Mary to post on the website.
    - Lima, Peru Inbound August 16<sup>th</sup> –23<sup>rd</sup>. Travel arrangements have been made for 12 ambassadors from Peru. The planning committee, to include Patty Potter and Audrey Bradford Host Coordinators, are working on the itinerary and host matching. Will get the Sign Up Genius out soon for the State Fair.
    - Dallas outbound September 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. Mary Stull, Host Coordinator, reported the journey is full with 13 ambassadors. Seven from our club, five from Madison, WI club and one from Missouri.
    - Sarasota inbound October 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Larry Nelson, Host Coordinator. So far have 7 ambassadors signed up. Will post this to other Midwest Clubs.
    - Outbound to Australia and New Zealand in March 2023. An initial contact has been made with the New Zealand club.
    - Quad Cities Ballgame – Haven't heard back and no date set yet.
    - 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.
    - Consideration for Mexico to come. There are 16 people interested. May want to split up the group with 8 in October and 8 at some other time.
  - D. Communications – Mary
    - Mary reported that the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and picnic at Jones County Central Park has been accepted for the Gazette's Hoopla section.
    - Mary gave an update on the Afghan Family Sponsorship program. Matching of refugees with sponsor circles is continuing at a slow pace. Weekly updates are received from the sponsor circle organization.
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:
  - Jerry reported on the trip to Spokane. Great trip.
  - Openings for ambassadors with the Greater Des Moines Club to Dayton, OH. September 7-14<sup>th</sup>. Will include in June newsletter.
  - Patty reported on the Freedom Festival. She will be looking for volunteers to work shifts. Info will be in the June Newsletter.
  - Jean suggested that the club purchase a first aid kit to be taken to club events. After discussion, Mary moved to purchase the kit at a maximum amount of \$100. Judy seconded. Motion carried.
7. Adjourn
8. Next Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 17th at 8:30 AM.