

Friendship Force CR-IC Board Minutes

May 23, 2023

Via Zoom 8:30 AM

1. Welcome and review agenda.
2. Connie moved and Judy seconded to approve the April 25th minutes. Motion carried.
3. Connie moved and Judy seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A. Membership – Carol
 - Jerry reported membership of 75 members
 - B. Activities Committee – Shirley
 - No report
 - C. Journeys -Judy
 - 2024 journey assignments. Outgoing to Edmonton, Canada. Incoming from Oregon Mid-Willamette Valley.
 - Inbound from Edmonton, Canada October 15-22, 2023. Jim and Barb Steggall are the Host Coordinators. Only a few from their club signed up so opening it up to other Canada clubs.
 - Inbound from Taipei, Taiwan June 27 to July 6, 2023. 17 Ambassadors are coming. Connie Williams is the Host Coordinator for this journey. The journey/celebration dinner will be on July 2nd at the Coe Alumni House, with catering by LJ's. Cost for the meal is \$25 per person. Social Hour at 5pm with dinner at 6pm.
 - International Conference in Croatia in October 2023. Connie and Shirley are working on this.
 - OPEN World Kosovo in December 1-9, 2023. Connie reported that trips have been cancelled through October 2023 so November/December trips are questionable. Reported that she is holding off on this for now.
 - Judy updated the club Covid Pandemic policy. Connie moved and Marilyn seconded to accept the attached updated policy as set forth by Judy. Motion carried.
 - Judy is working on the redesign and reorder of club pins.
 - D. Communications – Mary
 - Gave an update on the Sponsorship Program. The program is winding down.
 - E. Hiking Club – Jean
 - Hiking trip scheduled at Indian Creek on Thursday, May 25th at 11AM.
 - Hiking trip to Effigy Mounds State Park on Wednesday, July 5th. Taipei ambassadors to join the hike.
 - Planning on scheduling one hike per month.
5. Old Business:
 - Reminder of the All-Iowa Picnic on June 24th in Ames.
6. New Business:
 - General Meeting will be June 4th at the Cedar Rapids Downtown Library Conference Room from 2 to 4PM.
 - Mary will send out the link to the New Member Orientation information on the Club Website.
 - Jean informed us of the passing of FF member Pat Klopfenstein. Mary will write something up for the newsletter.
7. Adjourn
8. Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26th at 8:30AM.

Covid-19 And Future Pandemic Safety Guidelines for Friendship

Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City 2023

These are fluid guidelines due to Pandemic fluidity.

1. Follow CDC and local recommendations and requirements (see links below)

<https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Example: At this writing vaccinations are not mandated, but strongly recommended.

2. Negotiate with those we are visiting and who are visiting us to facilitate participants feeling safer.

Example: If guests feel most comfortable staying in a vaccinated home, we will work to provide this.

3. Testing before and during journeys will be negotiated with journey participants

4. Provide sanitary accommodations to guests like liquid hand soap and hand sanitizer in your home, along with paper towels for hand drying in a multi person bathroom. Wear masks and social distance as the situation dictates.

5. Remember that some of our members are immunosuppressed. With this in mind, even though members are vaccinated, at certain times or situations extra precautions with masking and distancing would be appreciated.