

**Friendship Force CR-IC Board Minutes
Via Zoom 8:30 AM**

July 26, 2023

1. Welcome and review agenda.
2. Mary moved and Carol seconded to approve the May 23rd minutes. Motion carried.
3. Jerry moved and Shirley seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A. Membership – Carol
 - Carol reported membership of 75 members
 - B. Activities Committee – Shirley
 - No other activities to report other than the General Meeting on August 20th
 - C. Journeys -Judy
 - Inbound from Edmondton, Canada October 15-22, 2023. Jim and Barb Steggall are the Host Coordinators.
10 Ambassadors are on the journey. Jim is looking for suggestions for the farewell dinner. Several suggested places were discussed.
 - Inbound from Taipei, Taiwan was a success. Discussed the making of a donation of \$85 to COE. Connie will provide info on this to Christine. Also discussed the \$150 received from Taiwan to make a donation to a cause. Discussed possible organizations but decided to table this for now. Also discussed reimbursing members for their hotel rooms from the excess proceeds. Judy moved to pay \$150 each for the 2 rooms. Marilyn seconded. Motion carried.
 - International Conference in Croatia in October 2023. Discussed reimbursement of travel expenses for the President Elect(Nancy) and the Journey Chairman(Judy). Nancy and Judy need to compile their expenses and bring to the next meeting. Connie made a motion to pay their expenses and Carol seconded. Motion carried.
 - Connie discussed the mentoring of a new Kosovo chapter of FFI. She noted that Scholarship Funding was available. Three people were awarded these scholarships, Diane, Melinda, and Rozofa from Kosovo.
 - Connie reported on Open World. 2023 has been cancelled. 2024 hopefully will happen sometime in September or later in the year.
 - D. Communications – Mary
 - Proposed that we purchase a portable microphone. After discussion, Jerry made a motion to purchase and Connie seconded. Motion carried.
 - Reported that she has updated member addresses on the website.
 - E. Hiking Club – Jean
 - Reported that a First Aid Kit is now available.
5. Old Business:
 - Nothing reported
6. New Business:
 - General Meeting will be August 20th at the Coralville Library starting at 1 PM. Volunteers will bring snacks and drinks. After the meeting there will be a LEO possibly at the Tin Roost or Big Grove. Jerry will check into places.
 - LEO scheduled for September 6th at Jerry and Carol's in Manchester. Starting anytime after 4:30 PM and eating at 5:30 PM. Sandwiches will be ordered in for the event.
 - Nancy will appoint a Nominating Committee. Open offices for President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.
7. Adjourn
8. Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16th at 8:30AM.