

Friendship Force CR-IC Board Minutes
September 13, 2023 **Via Zoom 8:30 AM**

1. Welcome and review agenda.
2. Carol moved and Jean seconded to approve the August 16th minutes. Motion carried.
3. Judy moved and Carol seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A. Membership – Carol
 - Discussion of free membership for Angela Charshs-Harney. Motion by Christine and seconded by Judy to offer her a free membership. Motion carried.
 - B. Activities Committee – Shirley
 - Nothing new to report.
 - C. Journeys -Judy
 - Inbound from Edmonton, Canada October 15-22, 2023. Jim and Barb Steggall are the Host Coordinators.
 - 10 Ambassadors are on the journey. Home hosts have been assigned.
 - International Conference in Croatia in October 2023. 8 Ambassadors are going. They ready to go.
 - ALEX from Ukraine October 26th to November 2nd. 11 Students. Matching up with hosts right now. Possible farewell dinner at the Pizza Ranch on November 1st at 1PM.
 - Initial contact made for Outbound Journey to Edmonton, Canada in July or August 2024. They are in the process of selecting a Journey Chairman.
 - Incoming Journey from Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley tentatively looking at the Fall of 2024.
 - D. Communications – Mary
 - Discussion of the purchase of a microphone for Friendship Force use. Motion by Joan and seconded by Connie to spend up to \$250 for the purchase a microphone. Mary will work on the purchase.
 - E. Hiking Club – Jean
 - Hiking trip on September 16th to Frank Lloyd Wright House, Quasqueton at 10AM.
5. Old Business:
 - Judy reported that Friendship Force pins have been ordered. By an online vote it was approved to purchase 1,000 pins at \$1.91 each plus shipping for a total of \$2,106.50.
6. New Business:
 - General Meeting will be October 29th at the Coralville Library starting at 1 PM. Speaker Russell Ganim to receive \$50 Honorarium.
 - Annual meeting scheduled for November 18th at the Ronneburg in Amana at 9:30AM.
 - Nancy contacting people to fill open offices for President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Shirley has agreed to accept the President-Elect position for 2024. Working on the other open offices. Nominees will be in the upcoming Newsletter.
 - Discussion of a possible Board retreat in January 2024 for the new board members.
 - Patty has offered her home for storage of FF materials/records. She will create an inventory list.
7. Adjourn
8. Next Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 29th at the General Meeting at the Coralville Public Library.
9. Other future meeting dates include Wednesday, November 8th and Wednesday, December 6th at 8:30AM.