

Friendship Force CR-IC Board Minutes

November 8, 2023

Via Zoom 8:30 AM

1. Welcome and review agenda.
2. Connie moved and Nancy seconded to approve the September 13th minutes. Motion carried.
3. Judy moved and Shirley seconded to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A. Membership – Carol
 - Discussion regarding Membership Fees. Current fees are \$40(FFI-\$25/Club-\$15). FFI is increasing fees to \$30. Motion made by Christine and seconded by Jean to raise membership fees to \$45. Motion carried.
 - B. Activities Committee – Shirley
 - Nothing new to report. Winding down the year.
 - C. Journeys -Judy
 - Inbound from Edmonton, Canada. Everything went very well.
 - Outbound to Edmonton, Canada in July or August 2024. Judy moved and Connie seconded to appoint Jerry and Carol Burke as Host Coordinators.
 - Incoming Journey from Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley tentatively looking at the fall of 2024. Contact has been made but not getting much feedback. Will need a Host Coordinator.
 - Received info on 2025 journeys. Possible outbound to Lima, Peru. Discussion of other journeys either international (Germany, Belgium) or domestic (New Hampshire) and incoming or outgoing.
 - Connie reported on March Open World with Kosovo. 6 Ambassadors are coming on March 13, 2024.
 - Discussed possibility of outgoing to Kosovo in 2024. Christine and Judy said they would be on a committee to help Kosovo to organize a club.
 - D. Communications – Mary
 - Mary gave a presentation on FF to a men's group at Lovely Lane United Methodist Church recently. Noted it would be good to do presentations on FF to other groups.
 - E. Hiking Club – Jean
 - No report
5. Old Business:
 - Friendship Force pins are at Mary's house. FF pins, as well as bags, will be distributed to the membership with payment of 2024 dues. Also pins will be given to those who have done tours or events for FF outings. -Annual meeting scheduled for November 18th at the Ronneburg in Amana at 9:30AM.
6. New Business:
 - Discussion regarding the donation from Edmonton of \$100. Several suggestions were made. This will be addressed again at the December Board meeting.
 - FFI Super Regional Meeting will be October 7-9, 2024 in Milwaukee, WI. Potential to schedule a journey around this meeting time.
7. Adjourn
8. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th at 8:30AM.