

Friendship Force CR-IC Board Minutes Wednesday January 17th, 2024 via Zoom at 8:30 am

Present : Judy Frascht-Miner, Nadine Stark , Mary Stull, Carol Burke,Christine Allen, Patricia Potter, Nancy York, Shirley Rosencrans, Joanie Lacayo, Sharon Bowers

Secretary's Report: correction to Dec. 2023 minutes item #6; change the year regarding officers from 1085 to 1985. Mary made a motion to make the change, Judy seconded it and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: A question was raised regarding the price of the P.O. box. Christine commented that the fee has increased in 2024 and the number reflects the annual price which has been paid for. Patty informed the board that she has the key if anyone wants to check the box and that there is a second key. She has both. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Judy, and seconded by Patty. The motion was approved.

Update to Board Positions: A motion was made to approve Nadine Stark as the board Secretary and Christine Allen as board Treasurer by Patty and seconded by Carol. The motion passed.

Committee updates: Carol informed membership as 63 paid members, 8 not paid as yet and 6 not joining again. There was discussion regarding distribution of bags and new pins to members. Christine will send a list of those that have received these items and those that need them. The list will be divided for distribution.

Journeys 2024: Judy informed the board that we have received the bio's for Kosovo. There is a correction to the Agenda to reflect the date from March instead of May 15th – 23rd.

In Bound Milwaukee July 19th – 23rd: Patty, as the Host Coordinator, discussed that in reality only 3 full day event planning is needed with a possible IC day and CR day. She will contact Milwaukee to see what would most interest them.

Outbound to Edmonton, Canada: Jerry Burke, Host Ambassador, reported they have requested only 15 people total for this journey. He is wondering if possibly more could be taken as additional people are interested. They are working on programming. Date is mid August, around August 15th.

Incoming from Willamette Vallley, OR: Judy is trying to contact them in several different ways to no avail. She will continue and proposed they go with us to the super Regional meeting and then directly head for home.

Post Conference Outbound to Milwaukee : A Host Ambassador Coordinator is needed for this event. It is a 3-day occurrence and not a full week.

Outbound to Kosovo: The possible date is September but nothing definite. Connie is putting together a small group. Maybe younger members would be interested in going.

Outbound Journeys 2025: Question Peru. New Hampshire ? Judy reported that Marty is talking to people in New Hampshire and has agreed to be the Host Ambassador Coordinator. A motion was made by Patty to accept Marty for this position. Judy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Other Items:

Jo Hanken has agreed to the host Trivia.

There was some discussion about the international website in regard to information about our club. Currently, there are no contact numbers or listing of our president's name and number. Mary will take a look at the website more in depth along with Jerry.

Our zoom account was discussed and Christine brought up the possibility of a recurrent link that members could use for any FF events, contacts and meetings. This would be up to the club, and would cost more and comes with a learning curve. Our club pays for the president's zoom for the year although Nancy has her own private account that she volunteered to use for this year. Christine has offered to investigate this item in more detail.

Hosting website: The fee of \$303.67 has been paid for the update to the hosting website. Mary made a motion to approve this payment to Laura with GoDaddy, and Carol seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Open World Update discussion: Mary questioned the possibility of individuals that practice food abstinence during day hours since this occurs during Ramaden. This is something we would be thinking about.

Board Meeting Times: Nancy brought up the suggestion to have some evening meetings to make it inviting for all members who may have jobs. Times are set for the next 3 months; 8:30 am Tuesday, Feb. 13th, 8:30 am Tuesday, March 12th, and Thursday April 11th. at 5:30 pm.

New Business:

Nancy asked for suggestions for World Friendship Day speakers. The date is Feb. 25th at 1:30 pm with the program to follow. The site is Marion Christian Church, 1050 McGowan Blvd, Marion, IA. This has been a potluck in the past and at times included a main dish. Will consult with Connie if she has an idea what she needs. Jerry will send a sign-up genius for attendance and a choice of dishes members plan on bringing. We can then determine if a main or vegetarian entree is needed.

April Leo: Shirley has volunteered to organize a Leo on April 17th at 5pm. Details to follow.

All Iowa Picnic: The date is Saturday June 29th at 11:30, eating at noon and program to follow. The site is The Homestead Welfare Club, Homestead IA which has outdoor/indoor accommodations with air conditioning if needed. This will be a catered picnic meal. A committee was formed with Shirley, Joanie and Nancy organizing this event.

Adjourned: Judy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joanie seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am.