

## Friendship Force CR-IC Board Minutes June 17th. 2024 via Zoom at 8:30 am

**Present :** Nancy York, Patty Potter, Judy Miner, Mary Stull, Nadine Stark, Joanie Lacayo, Carol Burke, Shirley Rosencrans, Connie Williams. **Absent:** Christine Allen, Sharon Bowers

**Secretary's Report:** There was an amendment to the secretary's report referring to Open World as a conference. Judy made a motion to accept the minutes pending the removal of that word. Patty seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** There were no corrections to the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Mary, and seconded by Carol. The motion was approved.

### **Committee Updates:**

**Membership:** Carol reported no changes to the membership numbers. Badges have been ordered for new members and these will be brought to the All Iowa picnic. Mary posed a question as to whether profiles of new members should be included in the newsletter. Also there was a discussion if new members should meet before a general meeting or independently gather to learn more about the principals and directives of our FF and FFI. The board felt this was a good idea and will be added in the next bulletin.

### **Journeys 2024:**

*Inbound from Milwaukee:* Judy reported they are ready to go. A sign up genius will be sent for the farewell at Lowe Park July 22nd. This will also include bringing desserts.

*Edmonton, Outbound:* Things are finalized now and payment is currently being sent to Jerry.

*Kosovo, Outbound:* Connie reported it is a small group going and gave a few details. She will follow up with the regional representative.

*Mid-Willamette Valley, Incoming:* Judy reported 7 members are coming and they are looking for others to join.

*2025 Inbound Australia:* Judy made a motion to nominate Stephanie Schulte as the Host Coordinator for Australia. Patty seconded the motion and the motion carried.

*2025 Outbound Thailand:* Initial contact has been made with spring dates discussed. An Ambassador Coordinator is needed. Patty is tentatively thinking about this position.

*Journey Updates:* Notification has been received that Peru is now canceled. New Hampshire, however, is a definite outbound journey probably in the Spring.

**Activities:** A suggestion was made by Barb & Jim Steggal to coordinate a visit to the Monarch Research Facility on Lakeside Road. This is a free program and Augie Bergstrom is the contact person. Connie will research the details with a possible date to follow.

### **Communication:**

*Club Banner:* Mary reported the latest details of research for the club banner. She is currently submitting several pictures and formats for a mock up. This layout will be shared with the board for selection and approval. After the decision is made it will be sent out for production.

*All Iowa Annual Picnic:* Shirley gave a comprehensive overview of the upcoming picnic. Number of members and other registrants signed up were discussed. Times, duties, preparations needed, food, activities, games, and assignments were all laid out. Mary will contact Gail Bray about presenting a 15 minute history of the Amana's. All in all this will be a fantastic gathering.

*Freedom Fest Volunteers:* Patty reported there were a total of 11 volunteer positions taken. They pay us \$25.00 per person per shift so an additional \$275.00 will be added to the club treasury.

**New Business:** In an email received from Russ Ganim; Del Christensen , Executive Director, Iowa Resource for International Services, is writing to inquire about our involvement in any international outbound programs. Mary will send a response to him with a list of our outreach which will include Kosovo.

### **Future Meetings:**

*July:* With the current July activities including a farewell dinner, it was decided a July meeting is not needed.

*August:* With an outgoing journey in August a LEO was suggested for a club gathering. Shirley volunteered to organize this LEO at the *PrairieMoon On Main* in Prairieburg, IA August 7th or 8th. A signup genius will follow for attendance, date and time.

*September:* Future discussion for a club activity in September also included a LEO. The suggested destination was Walker Homestead Farm and Winery. This will be decided later.

*Next Board Meeting:* Monday July 15th at 8:30

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Joannie and seconded by Patty. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.