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**Present:** Nancy York, Judy Fracht-Miner, Patty Potter, Connie Williams, Christine Allen, Shirley Rosencrans, Carol Burke, Mary Stull

**Absent:** Sharon Bowers, Joanie Lacayo, Nadine Stark

**Secretaries Report—** viewed/read by members present

Connie made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Judy. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Christine

Judy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Carol. Motion carried.

**Committee updates:**

**Membership-** Carol: No new activity. Still haven't heard from the new person who inquired. She will follow up.

**Journeys 2024 –** Judy reported that the Outbound journey to Edmonton, Canada was a success. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Only one activity, the canoe trip, had to be canceled. There will be a presentation from some of those who went to Sunday's general meeting.

Connie reported the outbound journey to Kosovo went well, though it wasn't a typical journey. Because some of those who were leaders of the journey work for the Embassy will not be allowed to be members of a Friendship Force club, establishing a club in Kosovo will hinge on finding other people who can take on this role. Others who took leading roles cooperated well and are good contacts.

Incoming from Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley - Sept 30 – Oct 7. Judy reports it's been a bit of a roller coaster, but we have all of the applications/pictures/bios and have finalized the itinerary. A signup genius is needed for the farewell. A possible strike by United Airlines may throw an additional complication into our arrangements.

The outbound to Chiang Mai, Thailand in February 2025 is still lacking definite dates and number they can host. Judy thinks we will likely have openings.

We are starting to make plans for the outbound to the New Hampshire Seacoast in June 2025. We will probably have dates soon.

Likewise, plans are coalescing around an inbound from Australia, probably in late August 2025.

Connie Williams is the Ambassador Coordinator for an outbound journey to Milwaukee in 2025.

The Chicago club was planning an outbound to Egypt, but it's not certain they'll be following through.

**Activities:**

**Connie: Open World application updates:** The following applications have been sent. We are awaiting word on whether they will be granted. May 2025 Women in Business; Kosovo, Serbia, N Macedonia;

October 2025 Economic Development for Small and Medium Municipalities – Poland

**Communications:** Mary—The Club banner is done. She noted it's a little tricky to set up, and is really a 2-person job, so please use caution. John & Judy have the banner.

Patty bought a bag for the microphone and speaker. Mary made a motion to reimburse her for that expense. Judy seconded it. Motion carried.

**Patty:** The Freedom Festival check and photo ran into problems when the person we had been working with was suddenly no longer employed with the Festival. The check is expected by mail, but no photo op.

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**Old business:**

**Nancy** gave a reminder of this Sunday's Sept 22 general meeting at the Marion public library from 2:30-4:30 featuring a brief presentation of the Edmonton & Kosovo journeys, as well as a brief mention of FFI resources for new & existing members. Dessert & coffee. Need plates, utensils, cups

The Ronneburg has been booked for the Nov 23 annual meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**New business:**

Since we are having an incoming journey that extends into October as well as the Super Regional conference in Milwaukee, it was felt that we have enough going on in October.

We will have a board mtg: Monday, October 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Nancy York