

**Present :** Shirley Rosencrans, Nancy York, Tom Hess, Nadine Stark, Stephanie Schulte, Mary Stull, Carol Burke, Connie Williams, Judy Frascht-Mine **Absent:** Patty Potter, Sharon Bowers, Joanie Lacayo

**Secretary's Report:** There was a date correction to the report. A motion was made by Mary to accept the minutes. Judy seconded the motion and the minutes passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom reported he is currently receiving bills for Open World. Connie added most of the expenses came to \$3,300 with a grant of \$5,005. So far Tom stated the club has spent less than \$1000.00 Nadine made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Steph seconded the motion and the report passed.

### **Committee Updates:**

**Membership:** Carol reported no change in the 69 paid memberships. The addition of 2 members failed to get transferred over but had paid the dues.

**Journeys 2025:** Judy reported the following:

*Outbound New Hampshire* - Judy reported it was a great trip. There was a small amount of contingency money left over that may or may not be used during the journey presentation.

**Open World:** Connie shared some stories of the difficulty the group had getting home, including 15 hours in the CR airport. The whole experience was wonderful and things went well. The delegates were a positive group and included a substitute that had different interests. Her focus was tourism in Georgia.

There was a suggestion to offer free membership to all speakers that helped with this experience. In addition, it was discussed that this should be included in all of our future FF events and endeavors.

Mary made a motion that anyone who aids the club in future activities be offered free membership. Stephanie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**General Meeting:** Judy made a suggestion to have a general meeting soon in order to present the outbound journey experience of New Hampshire and inbound Open World. Dates, times and places were discussed. Nancy will inquire about availability of the Marion Library on July 13th. from 2 to 4pm. Also, the availability of speakers on that date.

*Outbound Milwaukee:* This is in process and those going need to make their payment.

*Inbound from Adelaide:* The budget is in, home hosts completed and itinerary is set. The dates are August 23rd to 30th.

*Outbound Chiang Mai:* The journey is coming along. There was a concern by a couple considering this trip about flying over certain countries with the ongoing state of affairs. This will be followed up later.

*Outbound to Nebraska:* Shirley is continuing to work on this bus road trip to see the sandhill cranes, probably in March.

*Inbound Birmingham, AL:* Judy discussed dates for Birmingham and thought April might be a good time. More to follow later. An Ambassador coordinator is still needed.

*Outbound Lima, Peru:* Christine Allen is the Ambassador Coordinator. She has been in contact with them and tentatively thinking of September 2026.

*Inbound Utah:* Nothing to report as of yet on this journey.

**Communications:** Nothing new to report.

***Freedom Festival*** : Nancy previously spoke with Patty regarding our volunteer positions and they all are filled.

**Old Business:**

*All Iowa Picnic:* The picnic is scheduled in Des Moines for June 28th at The Machine Shed.

*Next Board Meeting:* Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. at 1:00pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stephanie and seconded by Tom. The motion carried.

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