

Friendship Force of Wisconsin Madison Inc.

December 18th, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

The Chamber of Commerce Building

The following Board members were present: Lise Skofronick, Sandi Wysock, Janet Lonergan, Nancy Brown, Donna Hussin, Judy Taylor, Stephanie Sorensen, Gail Holmes, Lois Schulz, Helen Ann Rugowski, Maggie Dohm, and Margo McKnight as guest
Excused Absent: Mary Lindquist

Agenda: The agenda has been revised somewhat. I would like to focus on exchanges, membership growth and planning and spend less time on minor topics/small details. Suggestions are welcome.

Secretary's Report: Lois Schulz, approved and will notify Dave to post

Treasurer's Report: Judith Taylor, approved

Presidents Report: Sandi Wysock as acting president.

Wish everyone a very Happy Holidays!

Welcome to Lise Skofronick who has agreed to lead the Outreach Committee. She has many excellent ideas and is enthusiastic about sharing our mission with others.

We received a nice email from Jeremi Snook, the new President of Friendship Force International thanking me for leading in Mary's absence and also sending his condolences to the club.

I will be adding the Eventbrite link to the bottom of the agenda to make it easier for board members to indicate that they will be attending the upcoming board meeting. We also need to add a backup for Mary Lindquist so that someone can access the system in her absence.

Old Business: Succession. Motion made by Donna Hussin and seconded by Janet Lonergan to move Sandi Wysock officially up to president. After some discussion regarding the rules established in our by-laws, the motion was passed.

Matching funds for I'm In: Reported by our treasurer, unofficially we have collected between \$1100-\$1200 toward the FF International and the program to update the computer system. Motion made by Gail Holmes and Lois Schulz to take an additional \$1000 from our treasury funds when we forward the money to International. Passed.

Not for profit: 501c3 status: Our first paperwork that was submitted was rejected. The name change didn't match the tax id number. This has been corrected and everything will be resubmitted.

New Business:

Annual Meeting -- April 10, 2016 has been selected and will be held at the Coliseum Bar and Grill. Gail Holmes will contact them to confirm if that date will work for them. More details will follow.

Membership Meetings: A meeting for prospective members will be held in March. Exact date to be determined.

Introducing new members in newsletter: We will ask new members to submit a short bio introducing themselves to the club.

Exchange Reports 2015:

All exchanges for 2015 have been closed.

Exchange Information for Club Historian (This report was submitted late but never recorded in the minutes for the club.)

Inbound Exchange

Wisconsin Exchange from Guadeloupe, France

Name of Club: Guadeloupe to Wisconsin-Madison and Greater Milwaukee

Wisconsin Exchange Directors: for Madison: Maureen Kind & Lise Skofronick for

Milwaukee: Ann Line

Guadeloupe Exchange Director: Mylène Goudou

Dates of Exchange: Madison: July 24-July 31, 2015 Milwaukee: July 31- Aug.7, 2015

Ambassadors # 19 Host Families # 20

Committee Chairpersons & Functions

Stephanie Sorenson;

Dan Eggerding;

Jane Kessenich;

Recruitment: Lise Skofronick & Maureen Kind

Skofronick

Irène Geller;

Welcome Breakfast: Lucy Lasseter;

Activities: Irène Geller & Maureen Kind

Donna Hussin

Olbrich Garders: Mary Babula & Irène Geller

Treasurer:

Activities Booklet:

Small Group Dinners:

Host and Day Host

Welcome Bags: Lise

Welcome dinner: Gerry Fuller &

Farewell Dinner: Fannie Hicklin;

Language

UW Tour:

Bike ride and

Exchange Coordinator Report – Gail Holmes

The Florida Club of Greater Orlando exchange from March 11-18, 2016 has 21 ambassadors—5 from Wisconsin, 1 from Milwaukee, 5 from Western Kentucky, 7 from Cincinnati, 2 from Lansing, MI, and 1 from Southwest MI. Nancy Brown, also a member of the Greater Orlando Club, is coordinating the Wisconsin group and will participate in the exchange.

The Cleveland County, England outbound exchange from May 11-18, 2016 is full with 12 ambassadors and 10 participating in the Edinburgh, Scotland four-night extension. All reservations for the extension have been made. They are expecting to receive the exchange itinerary in January. Nancy Brown and Stephanie Sorensen are the co-EDs.

The dates for the inbound Nashik Riverside Club from India have been arranged between the Cedar Rapids exchange coordinator and myself. They will visit the Cedar Rapids Club from July 2-8 and will be in Madison from July 8-15, 2016. We are pleased that they will be here for our summer picnic. There are 21 interested members and a few more on the waiting list as they have yet to obtain their U.S. visas. Helen Ann Rugowski and Jerry Fuller have agreed to serve as the co-EDs. Assuming approval from the Exchange Coordinator's advisory committee, I'm requesting approval from the Board for Helen Ann and Jerry.

George Wysock has volunteered to serve as the ED for the inbound exchange from the San Jose, Costa Rica Club. First they'll visit San Diego from August 27 to September 3 and then Madison from September 3-10, 2016. There will be 14 to 18 people. The Exchange Coordinator's advisory committee has approved George's application to be an Exchange Director and we now submit it to the Board for their approval.

Motion made by Gail Holmes, seconded by Donna Hussin to approve George Wysock as ED for the San Jose, Costa Rica Club exchange in September, 2016. Passed.

Committee Reports Standing:

Activities – Nancy Brown and Stephanie Sorenson will be chairpersons. July 14th picnic. Book club February 2nd, and February 20th cookbook gathering. Watch newsletter for more details.

Communication – Dave Dohler-Website. Future communications – www.ffwis.org

Membership – Mary Lindquist –No official report. Mary has been receiving annual dues and donations for I'm In project. Will give official report next month.

Newsletter – Donna Hussin-articles to Donna by Midnight, Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. Please use size 11 type size, and name and title on subject line so Donna can identify it better when organizing the newsletter.

Outreach: Lise Skofronick - New assignment. Will present information at next board meeting.

Historian – Janet Lonergan no report

Next meeting Friday, January 15th, 2015, 11:30 Commerce Building

Motion made by Donna and seconded by Lois to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by: Lois Schulz