

**Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.**  
Board Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2018  
Lakeview Bridge Point Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

**Present:** Sandi Wysock, Janet Lonergan, Martha McGregor, Judy Taylor, Audrey Liimatainen, Kathy Speck, Mary Mastaglio, Peg Hutnik, Donna Miller

**Excused Absence:** Lois Schultz, Gail Holmes, Donna Hussin, Tom Miller, Stephanie Sorensen

**Additions to the Agenda:** Open World discussion

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes approved as submitted

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved as submitted. However, there was a discussion. Sandi commented that the trip deposit expense of \$370 for the East Troy Electric Railroad and \$350 for the Lazer Bus were never approved by the board. There is a policy that all expenses greater than \$200 requires board approval. Janet Lonergan made a motion to approve both charges, second by Peg Hutnik, unanimous approval.

**President's Report:** Submitted previously to the board. Sandi added that the FF-International meeting in July 2019 previously planned for Puerto Rico will now be in US with the location to be determined.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Activities: No written report. Magdi Sebestyen has volunteered to organize hiking activities. Check the April Newsletter for details.

Outreach: No report.

Membership: The committee is in the process of assigning mentors to the new members. The committee has completed their goals for 2018.

Historian: No report.

Journey Coordinator: No report from Gail Holmes. Kathy Speck reported that there are 17 members signed up for the Japan journey and the coordinators will open the journey for regional and international participation by the end of April. Sandi reported that there will be sign-up sheets to volunteer for the in-coming Niagara journey at the annual meeting on April 29.

Newsletter Editor: Sandi reported that Donna Hussin had requested for articles for the WHA auction from Reta Haring, highway clean-up from Sara Rankin, walk/hike group from Magdi Sebestyen.

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

Updates to the Board Manual: Mary Lindquist sent no report.

Accumulated Funds: Martha McGregor reported on the request by Mary Mastaglio, Activities Committee, for funds for a DJ for the annual picnic in June which is also the farewell for the Niagara journey. The request was previously submitted to the board for review.

Motion made by Martha McGregor to approve, second by Donna Miller, unanimous approval.

Nominations: No report.

Audit: No report. Sandi requested that Kathy Johnson be added to the Audit Committee. Motion by Janet Lonergan, second by Kathy Speck, unanimous approval.

## **Old Business**

Annual Meeting- Sandi will call Helen Ann Rugowski for an up-dated list of new members so that a phone-tree can be put in motion to call new members to attend. Stephanie Sorensen has arranged a cake, and the Radisson staff will cut and serve the cake for us.

## **New Business**

Inbound and Outbound Journeys: The out-bound journey to Australia in October 2019 may change a bit because the Central Australia club can host 17 while the Tweed Valley club can only host 13. It's possible that some participants will go to another club for the Tweed Valley week.

The Aichi Japan club has requested September 2019 instead of August because the air-fares are less expensive. They are planning a second week with the Cedar Rapids club.

The Medicine Hat club has requested July 2019 inbound journey, but it needs to be scheduled around their plan to be in Harrisburg PA on July 13.

Kathy Speck made a motion that we accept all these proposals, second by Peg Hutnik, unanimous approval.

In addition we have a request from the Denver club for 2019 or 2020. The result of discussion is that we would prefer an out-bound journey for May or June of 2019, with an in-bound journey in 2020. We will defer to Gail Holmes to negotiate with the Denver club.

Open World: Depending on the topic we are interested in the Journalism topic for Russia on September 28, 2018. Motion was made by Mary Mastaglio to pursue the journalism open world for Russia, second by Donna Miller, unanimous approval.

### Additional Global Journeys to offer for 2019.

-Donna Hussin is working on a Global journey consisting of one week of usual hosting by the club followed by a bus trip around Wisconsin.

-Hank Weiss has proposed a local Madison Bike and Food journey

-George and Sandi Wysock are proposing an Outdoor Wisconsin journey in collaboration with Dave Kalin and the Milwaukee Club for 2020.

-Patty Stone is proposing a music theme journey.

The board felt that we could pilot some of these ideas as a one- or two-day addition to our usual in-bound host weeks for 2019-20. The challenge is to provide activities for all age groups. There is a need for more activities with intergenerational appeal.

Automation: Mail Chimp: The use of this program still needs some work. As soon as the bugs are worked out it will be used to send emails to members.

Eventbrite: Eventbrite is ready for use. It will be used for the Niagara journey in June.

The May board meeting will be an informal gathering at Sandi Wysock's home for an educational demo of both of these programs for the members of the board, journey coordinators, and committee members. The date and time for this meeting are to be determined.

The June board meeting will be held on June 9 at 12:30 at the Lakeview Bridge Point Community Center. Our usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday meeting date of June 13 falls during the Niagara journey.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45.

Respectfully submitted by Martha McGregor for Stephanie Sorensen, Secretary