

Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2018
Bridge Lakepoint Waunona Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 12:40.

Present: Sandi Wysock, Peg Hutnik, Kathy Speck, Martha McGregor, Audrey Liimantainen, Janet Lonergan, Lois Schultz, Gail Holmes, Donna Hussin

Also invited: Future Member at Large: Magdi Sebestyn

Excused absence: Tom Miller, Donna Miller, Judy Taylor, Stephanie Sorensen, Mary Mastaglio, Mary Juckem-Treasurer elect.

Additions to the agenda: None

President's Report: Sandi emphasized that we will need to continue the push for new members. Several of our members are getting older and can no longer travel and it's possible that 20-30 of our members will no longer be here in 5 years. Sandi also thanked everyone for their leadership and contributions during her presidency. Sandi volunteered to continue working with Allen Rieland and Dan Eggerding on the website, Eventbrite, and Facebook.

Kathy expressed a big thank-you to Sandi for her leadership in moving the club forward. This was followed by applause.

Secretary's Report: Donna Hussin requested an addition to the June minutes; a statement there will be no official July board meeting and that there will be a strategic planning meeting instead. Report approved with the additions.

Treasurer's Report: Sandi reported that the dates were up-dated. There is an in-coming \$354 from Niagara journey that is not on the report. The bank accounts will be changed to Mary Juckem. Report approved as submitted.

Standing Committee Reports

Activities: Mary Mastaglio is working on a bike ride to McFarland. Gail reported on the Second Harvest volunteer afternoon when we sorted eggs, repacked them in cartons and boxed them for storage and distribution. An article will appear in the newsletter. For the Open World, a welcome pot-luck dinner for the entire club is planned for September 9 at Warner Park. The book club will meet in September. Magdi is continuing to plan hiking events.

Membership: Kathy Speck submitted the final report on the 40th Anniversary/Membership Campaign which included a close-out on the financials. The board approved \$2300 for the event, however only \$1541 was spent. There were a number of donations by club members, and a donation by Sandi to pay \$5 for each new member that joined the day of the event. A summary of the verbal feedback is included. It is noted that Nancy Deer, the private caterer, did an excellent job for a reasonable price. Included in the report are the planning spreadsheets which will be useful for future events. Donna suggested that a summary be posted on the website along with the spread sheets. Peg suggested that it be under the members only tab.

Outreach: No report

Journey Coordinator. Sandi said that the final report for the Niagara Journey is nearly complete. Sandi reported that she has delegate information for the Open World in September. There are 5 delegates and one facilitator. The program is still in progress, and some presenters

have been engaged. Gail made a motion to approve Sandi as leader for Open World; seconded by Kathy and approved by the board.

Gail reported that the Japan out-going journey had 16 ambassadors. Kathy reported that there will be a Japanese art and language workshop on August 11 which is open to all club members. A reminder will be sent via the mail chimp server. Kathy mentioned that the presenters are volunteering their time and asked about an honorarium. Janet said that the board has done this in the past using monies from the general fund. A motion was made by Kathy requesting \$50 for each presenter. Donna seconded, and the board approved. Sandi asked that a short policy regarding honorariums for cultural education events be written, and Peg volunteered to do that. The 2019 in-coming journeys are Medicine Hat from July 2-9, and Aichi in September. The 2019 out-going will be two weeks to Australia in October. The Friendship Force International meeting will be held at the university at Boulder Junction, Colorado in July 2019.

Newsletter: Donna Hussin reported that a reminder was sent to all board members to submit articles by noon on August 29. Donna made a proposal that the newsletter be bi-monthly and include more news type articles. Sandi set up a committee, Donna, Janet, and Peg, to present a proposal to the board for a bi-monthly newsletter. The proposal should include which items will be in the newsletter and which items will be posted on the web-site, months that the newsletter will be prepared. Magdi volunteered to post events on the Facebook page. The current administrators for the Facebook page are Sandi, Tom Miller, and Mary Lindquist.

Accumulated funds: No report.

Board Manual Up-dates: No report.

Old/New Business: We worked on the 2020 In-Bound Journey form. We requested two international, one domestic, and no global journeys. Our host capacity is ten to twenty ambassadors. Our bad months are November, December, and January. The 2020 out-bound journeys will be discussed at the September meeting because the requests are due by November 1. The club-wide survey that Mary worked on will be distributed to the membership via the mail chimp server. A General Fall Membership meeting will be October 14 from 1:30-3:30. The venue is yet to be determined.

The combined September meeting for the out-going and in-coming members of the board will be on September 19th at a library meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Martha McGregor for Stephanie Sorensen, secretary.