

President Sandi Wysock called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm on June 21, 2017, at the Bridge Lake Waunona Community Center, 1917 Lake Point Drive, Madison, WI. All members were present except Stephanie Sorensen, who was excused, and Mary Lindquist, who arrived at 1:50 pm.

Gail Holmes moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted with the minor amendment that the words "to the dance instructors" be added to clarify payments for entertainment. Lise Skofronick seconded the motion with the amendment. The minutes as amended were adopted unanimously.

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

The President noted that Helen Ann Rugowski had contacted her and said that photos needed to be added to the website from the last journeys. The last ones on the website were from the Winnipeg journey. The President said she had sent some to Dave Dohler from the San Diego journey. Lise Skofronick said she had sent some from the Guadeloupe journey to him. She also noted that his computer was down, but promised to contact him. The rest of the President's report is attached.

The Activities Committee reported the picnic will be a success as 73 people are registered to date. In addition, a LEO with a "Soul Food Dinner" will be held at Coventry Village.

Lise Skofronick reported that the Outreach Committee had received one request for a speaker. She responded but hasn't heard anything further.

For the Membership Committee, Sandi Wysock reported that there were 129 members to date and the club was still adding new people. The Historian had nothing new to report.

The Journey Coordinator's report was submitted to the Board. In addition, she moved that the journey to Vancouver be dropped but the journey to Medicine Hat be continued but that the date be changed to September to coincide with another group that was going at that time. Judy Taylor seconded the motion, and the members unanimously approved the motion. Journey Coordinator Holmes also reported that Kathy Speck will be a co-coordinator for the trip to Japan, but she would like names of individuals who have been outgoing coordinators in the past who might be willing to serve as co-coordinator with Kathy.

Mary Lindquist arrived. Donna Hussin reported that June 28 is the deadline for the newsletter. The Ad Hoc Financial Committee had nothing to report.

Donna Hussin said the Nominations Committee needs a list of members who will attend the picnic, as she will have ballots prepared for each member attending.

Donna Hussin and Tom Miller are meeting with Martha today regarding the accumulated funds..

Under Old Business, the President reported that New Zealand wants to visit Madison at the same time as our trip to Japan. That won't work. The International office continues to look for international exchanges for us. Sandi asked if we should do domestic exchanges or a language exchange. There was considerable discussion about the possibility of a global exchange or tagging onto another club. Donna Hussin proposed establishing a group composed of herself, Sandi W., Sandy D. and others to put together a global exchange for 2019. Donna also moved and Lois Schultz seconded that the club pursue a domestic exchange for 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

The President reported that Kathy Speck offered to help with the strategic planning session that is scheduled for July 12. It will be held at Lise Skofronick's condo clubhouse on the corner of Caddis and Coachman's Place, Fitchburg. Sandi said she is contacting incoming committee chairs to attend.

Sandi W. reported that no one is using Eventbrite. Donna H. reported that Monona Terrace is using it for all tickets and events. It was agreed that members need some training, but who will do it and where? Donna H. agreed to check with Monona Terrace staff for advice on training.

The group discussed establishing a group service project for the club as everyone had such a good time when they worked together at Second Harvest. If the group decides to pursue the idea, it would be under the Activities Committee.

Sandi W. reported that Helen Ann Rugowski has a potential writer for an Isthmus story. Lise S. moved and Janet K. seconded that we approve a free meal at the picnic for the writer.

Donna H. suggested a club trip to the Japanese Gardens in Rockford for October. She would be willing to organize and lead. She also announced that Burkhalter has scheduled a trip to Wausau for September for the ginseng harvest. She wanted to know if she could put it in the newsletter. There was discussion about doing this because the trip is being sponsored by a private company and not the club. It was decided that she could as long as she made it clear that it was not a club sponsored trip but where members could learn more about ginseng ahead of the trip to Japan.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Sandy Drew (subbing for secretary)