

**Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.**  
Board Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2019  
Bridge LakePoint Community Center, 1917 Lake Point Drive, Madison

The meeting was called to order at 12:34.

**Present:** Peg Hutnik, Martha McGregor, Mary Juckem, Stephanie Sorensen, Tom Miller, Magdi Sebestyen, Audrey Liimatainen, Agnes Rona, Janet Lonergan, Sandi Wysock, Helen Ann Rugowski, Gail Holmes

**Excused absence:** Kathy Speck-Kemeny, Donna Miller

Peg Hutnik announced that she had received several sweatshirts with FFI designs (country flags) on them and asked the board what should be done with them. Janet Lonergan said that they had been sold in the past for \$17.00 and \$19 for sizes XX or larger.

**Minutes.** Mary Juckem made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, Sandi Wysock seconded and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's report.** Mary Juckem said that one of the CD's was due and could be split into two \$2500 CD's. There was no objection from the board. The report was accepted as submitted.

**Newsletter.** Agnes Rona asked for an article on the annual meeting. It was mentioned that article could include a description of the international food items on the menu, and photo slide show of recent journeys. Agnes reminded everyone to get their activity dates in early because of the bi-monthly publication. The deadline for the May newsletter is April 17. Stephanie Sorensen asked Martha McGregor to write an article about the up-coming Aichi journey to include activities as well as a request for hosts.

**Journey Coordinator.** Stephanie Sorensen reported that there are three people who have signed up to go to Niagara Canada in June so there is room for others. A directive is needed for advances required during planning journeys that are more than \$300 which is the usual advance. All advances need to have board approval. A motion was made by Stephanie to approve \$1000 advance for the Aichi journey to be paid back as soon as possible, Gail seconded, and the motion carried. Stephanie made a motion to approve \$1450 advance to the Medicine Hat journey for purchase of APT tickets, Gail seconded, and the motion carried.

**Activities Committee.** Gail Holmes will talk to Lois Schulz for email blasts as some dates for activities are not known in time to publish in the newsletter. Magdi Sebestyen will plan a hike to occur after the Medicine Hat Journey.

**Membership.** Helen Ann reported that there is no change from her submitted report. She added that in September 2018 we had 143 members, so our numbers are down this year.

**Outreach.** Tom Miller asked about the old felt banner. Stephanie has it. Tom would like to purchase a light weight banner to take with us on an out-going journey at an estimated cost of \$65-100. He would also like to give away pens or pencils at International Fest. These items can be purchased from the outreach committee budget. The Facebook site received lots of traffic when photos were posted during Open World. The International Fest had a good response where 25-30 individuals signed up. However only two or three individuals will attend the orientation meetings hosted by the membership committee.

**Historian.** Janet Lonergan reminded everyone that completed journey packets from journey coordinators will need to be submitted to the historian after a cover sheet from the treasurer is added. The treasurer will keep the receipts.

**Accumulated Funds.** Martha reported that there is no change. Mary added that there is a balance of \$1100.

**Manual Updates.** Nothing to report.

**Technology.** Sandi Wysock will be meeting with Allan Rieland and Dan Eggerding about posting the board meeting agendas on the website prior to the meeting so that the members may attend board meeting if they choose. Peg requested that all agenda items be submitted to her one week prior to the next meeting.

**Old Business.**

**Open World.** Peg congratulated Sandi on another successful Open World. Sandi reported that she estimates that \$1300-1400 will be returned to the club after all accounting is done.

**International Conference.** There are five scholarships available and Peg would like to offer those to the officers. Since Peg will not attend this year, that will leave two for general membership.

**2019 Budget.** Sandi adjusted the budget to reflect the decrease in membership dues. With the amount payed to FFI, dues income and the amount from Open World we will need to use \$55 from our reserves in order to balance the budget. Stephanie said that there will be a charge for printing revised pages for the journey coordinator manuals. A motion was made by Tom to accept the budget as submitted, Janet seconded, motion carried.

**New Business.**

**2020 Journeys.** Kathy Johnson had told Peg that she received a request from Jakarta to invite us for 2021. We have domestic in-bound requests from Orlando and Denver to consider. Peg will send an invitation to Taketa to visit in 2020.

**Afterhours social gathering for members.** This would be a '6th at 6' type of social event where members could drop in at a restaurant, bar, home, or other venue at 6 pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> of each month. Gail would like someone other than the activities committee to lead this. She will contact Mary Witte. Mary Witte would also be interested in Circle suppers.

The next meeting is May 8 at 12:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09.

Respectfully submitted by Martha McGregor.