

Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2019
Bridge LakePoint Community Center, 1917 Lake Point Drive, Madison

The meeting was called to order at 12:37.

Present: Peg Hutnik, Kathy Speck-Kemeny, Martha McGregor, Mary Juckem, Gail Holmes, Helen Ann Rugowski, Stephanie Sorensen, Agnes Rona, Janet Lonergan, Sandi Wysock.

Excused absence: Audrey Liimantainen, Magdi Sebestyen, Tom Miller, Donna Miller.

Minutes. Gail Holmes moved that the minutes be approved with the correct spelling of Allen Reiland's name; seconded by Helen Ann Rugowski, and the board approved.

Treasurer's Report. Mary Juckem reported that she had deposited the residual from Open World which will be reported in June. Gail Holmes mentioned she has a check book. She requested a bank statement to facilitate reconciling her journey account.

President's Report. Peg Hutnik had no additions to her report.

Journey Coordinator. Stephanie Sorensen reported that Noriko, the regional coordinator for Asia, is working on recruiting additional ambassadors for the Japan journey in September. The sign-up sheets for the Medicine Hat journey and the annual picnic did not get included in the newsletter, so they will be posted on the website. A MailChimp email will be sent to the club with information regarding those sign-up sheets. The Australia journey has twelve ambassadors and has room for one more. Stephanie is also asking for individuals that may be interested in the New Caledonia/New Zealand journey for April 2020.

Newsletter Editor. Agnes Rona reported that there were issues with the conversion of the newsletter to the pdf format for posting on the website. She will meet with the technology committee to correct these problems. Gail requested that the sign-up forms be the last pages of the newsletter followed by the officer listing rather than as an attachment.

Standing Committees.

Activities. Gail summarized the activities committee report. We had a good turn-out for the book club hosted by Maureen Kind. Helen Ann led the book club discussion on Forgiveness by Mark Sakamoto. Six members participated in the highway cleanup collecting 22 bags of garbage. Mary Mastaglio lead the bike ride to McFarland. Magdi Sebestyen cancelled the hike because rain was predicted; the next hike will be July 14. The Second Harvest service project was cancelled because their board was meeting at our service time. Donna Hussin has room for 25 people to go on the day trip to Kenosha on June 19; deadline for sign-up is June 1. The annual picnic on July 8 will be catered, members will donate desserts.

Membership. Helen Ann reported that at last count there are 122 members.

Outreach. No report.

Historian. No report.

Technology. The calendar is installed on the website and it is functioning. Sandi is entering all the up-coming activities. If a user clicks on the activity, the contact person and other pertinent

information will appear for participants. Sandi is planning to add a page for planning an Open World program on the members only tab of the website. On MailChimp there will be two email lists, one for members and another for non-members. Members will have interest tags attached to their email address so that they will only get emails with information regarding the interests that they listed on their membership forms.

Old Business.

International Conference. Sandi moved that \$250 be paid to Stephanie, Kathy, Martha, and Magdi, the four people attending, to help with costs; seconded by Mary; and approved by the board.

Journeys. Peg asked Helen Ann to work with Mary Mastaglio to prepare a Global Bike journey. Sandi suggested that they ask Hank Weiss to help. Once they have a plan and a date, Stephanie will email FFI to present. Peg will invite Orlando for 2020, and call Denver to find a date that they can come here. Sandi has been contacted by FF-Milwaukee club who is planning joint activities with nearby clubs which includes Northern Illinois.

New Business.

Circle Dinners. Gail will contact Mary Witte and Sandy Drew to ask them to plan circle dinners so that members can get to know each other better.

Home Hosting. This is an auction fund raiser for FFI. Each volunteer will host people in their home for one week, providing a place to stay and breakfast only. The idea is similar to a B&B. The guests will be entertaining themselves. Peg asked us to check our emails for instructions to volunteer.

The next meeting will be June 12.

Medicine Hat will be here July 2-8; our July meeting is on the 9th; the International conference is July 23-26. The strategic planning meeting will be sometime in August, to be announced at the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted by Martha McGregor