

**Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.**  
Board Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2019  
Bridge LakePoint Community Center, 1917 Lakepoint Dr., Madison WI

Sandi Wysock called the meeting to order at 12:37.

**Present:** Sandi Wysock, Kathy Speck-Kemeny, Martha McGregor, Mary Juckem, Gail Holmes, Magdi Sebestyen, Helen Ann Rugowski, Agnes Rona, Peter Kaufman, Dorothy Baldwin.

**Excused absence:** Stephanie Sorensen.

Sandi Wysock introduced Peter Kaufman, the new member-at-large, to the board.

Helen Ann Rugowski asked that we include Mary Lindquist when we distribute the minutes and reports.

**Minutes.** Gail Holmes moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Mary Juckem seconded, and the board approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** Mary Juckem stated that there is a typo on the report. Under conference expenses the amount should be \$1000 instead of \$100. There is a balance of \$19,125.43 in the treasury. Sandi stated unless there is additional discussion, the treasurer's report will be accepted as corrected. Mary Juckem will be helping Sandi prepare the 2020 budget. The committee chairs will have their budget proposals to Mary J. by January 1, 2020.

**Journey Coordinator.** No report. Gail heard from Dan Eggerding and Maureen Kind that the ambassadors on the New Zealand journey will be in Christ Church on Anzac day which is Veteran's remembrance day in New Zealand. The ambassadors will participate in their parade.

**Newsletter.** There was some confusion about the book club meeting which caused several emails to clear up. The new policy will be that the committee chair or the event planner will confirm the date of each event so that the date and time can be communicated correctly to the membership. Sandi will send out an email blast for Second Harvest service day and the December 4<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. There will be an activities reminder sent out on December 1 so committee chairs will send their announcements to Sandi by November 25. The deadline for the January Newsletter will be December 10 because Agnes will be gone from December 21 to the end of the year and she wants to complete the newsletter before her vacation.

**Outreach.** Dorothy Baldwin mentioned that the International Festival is on February 29. The \$50 entry fee will be paid from their budget. Dorothy is working with Tom Miller to transition responsibilities for the outreach committee.

**Membership.** Helen Ann Rugowski reported that membership total is 123. Mary Lindquist has been looking for a place to purchase name tags. Most places require a \$50 minimum order. Dorothy moved that the committee select and purchase lanyards and plastic card sleeve for the members from the membership budget, seconded by Agnes, motion carried. Individual membership name tag cards will be printed by Mary.

**Activities.** Donna Hussin has been planning a spring day trip for June to central Wisconsin to tour a ginseng farm and the Hmong museum in Wausau. An autumn cranberry festival trip is

also in planning. The consensus among the committee was that the circle dinners will require more planning than first anticipated. The new plan is to have a 'dining on the 6<sup>th</sup>' event. It may be breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Hosts will volunteer for planning the event either at a restaurant or in a home. The committee is suggesting that each member participate in at least two events per year.

**Bylaws.** No report.

**Accumulated funds.** No report.

### **Old Business.**

Budget planning for 2020 is underway as discussed above under treasurer's report.

### **New Business**

**Hosting opportunities.** The Global Biking Journey will be from September 14-21. We have received 27 applications and will probably only be able to host 20 ambassadors. We have been offered an Open World STEM for Russia which will include 6 delegates, a facilitator and an interpreter. Kathy Speck-Kemeny moved to accept the Open World, seconded by Gail, motion carried.

Sandi mentioned that FFI has asked her if we could host a group of Russians in June 2020. There would be 8-10 individuals in the group from two Russian clubs. Dorothy moved that we do not accept the Russian group, seconded by Mary Juckem, and the motion carried.

**December 4<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.** The agenda for the December 4<sup>th</sup> membership meeting will highlight the FFI website to provide information on other journeys that are available to members. Sandi will introduce the Open World week that we accepted and encourage members to sign-up for opportunities to get involved. Stephanie will ask for support for the global biking journey. Gail will talk about future activities that members can attend. There are many suggestions for other activities to be discussed to determine interest. Marion Ehrenberg and Reta Harring will be the new leaders of the book club.

The next meeting will be on December 11 at the Bridge Point Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05.

Respectfully submitted by Martha McGregor.