

Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes August 12, 2020
Via Zoom

Sandi Wysock called the meeting to order at 12:44.

Present: Sandi Wysock Kathy Speck-Kemeny, Martha McGregor, Dorothy Baldwin, Helen Ann Rugowski, Magdi Sebestyen, Agnes Rona, Gail Holmes, Stephanie Sorensen, Doug Johnson-Vice President-elect, Diana Rodum-Secretary-elect.

Absent: Mary Juckem, Peter Kaufman

Minutes. Kathy Speck moved to accept the minutes as presented, Gail Holmes seconded, and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. There were no comments. Stephanie Sorensen moved to approve the report to be submitted for audit, Helen Ann Rugowski seconded, and the motion passed.

President's Report. There were no additions.

Journey Manager's Report. Stephanie reported that she has contacted the Olympia club about scheduling for the Oita in-coming journey because they will visit there at the same time. New Caledonia sent an invite for 2022. FFI would like us to do both the Niagara out-going and the Oita in-coming. Kathy reported that there are 15 people from Oita who are serious about coming here depending on how the pandemic unfolds. There has been no response from other clubs with whom we have pending journeys.

Newsletter. Agnes Rona reminded us that the deadline for submission of material for the newsletter is August 21. She will talk with Janet Lonergan for a story on Diane Long who passed away recently. She requests that the leaders of the different activities please take pictures to send with stories of participants.

Outreach. No report.

Membership. No report.

Activities. Gail asked that board members encourage more folks to participate in the gatherings on the 6th. We will continue to volunteer at Second Harvest. They need more volunteers as the need for food is growing during the pandemic and rise in unemployment. The next highway clean-up will be October 21. Book Club will meet virtually on August 17. Jan is planning bike rides to continue into the fall. The walk-hike group will meet August 28 at 6 pm at Elver park. Magdi is continuing to plan walks for September and October.

Ad Hoc Committees.

By-Laws. Stephanie reported that more than 30 members voted to accept the revised by-laws and a clean copy will be posted on the web site by September 1.

Member Contacts. Gail reported that there were eight callers. Several members up-dated their contact information. There are several older members who can no longer travel but still want to participate in activities when it is safe for us to meet socially.

New Business.

Sharing Virtual programs on the FFI web site will be tabled until next month. Sandi reported that Jeremi Snook has changed the name of his blog. There are new health and cleanliness guidelines posted for hosting which includes using gloves, and cleaning wastebaskets, doorknobs and surfaces. There are also guidelines for travelers. New hosting and ambassador agreements are also posted there. Jeremi's message titled "Evolve or Die" encourages us that as an organization we should not just survive but thrive.

Events Calendar. Activities and information will be added as it comes available and items that have been cancelled or postponed will be deleted. Entries on the website will also be up-dated, such as current photos. The Board manual will be moved to the website, and new hosting and ambassador materials will be posted.

Agnes moved to adjourn, Gail seconded, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03.

The next meeting is September 9, 2020 at 12:30 via zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Martha McGregor.