

Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2020
Via Zoom

Sandi Wysock called the meeting to order at 12:41.

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

Absent: Diana Rodum, Secretary-elect.

Gail requested that the members send a separate email to Sandi if they will not attend the board meeting. The original email containing the Zoom meeting connection for Board members will be easily located under Sandi's name and will not become buried under other's replying emails and difficult to locate when attempting to join the meeting.

Minutes. There were no revisions. Agnes Rona moved to accept the minutes as submitted, Dorothy Baldwin seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Mary Juckem reported that there was \$32 spent on activity expenses. There were 21 members that donated a total of \$3795 for the matching fundraiser for FFI. With the matching funds of \$1897, the total donation was \$5692. The funds approved by the board was \$3400. Adding all these donations together, we have donated \$9092. Kathy Speck moved to accept the treasurer's report, Gail seconded, and the motion carried.

President's Report. Sandi reported that the Milwaukee club would still like to meet with our club. Dorothy suggested that in order to maintain compliance with the pandemic recommendations for group size, the board and committee members would meet with them at a BYO picnic, maybe in Johnson Creek. We would schedule an alternate/rain date.

Journey Coordinator. There was no report.

Newsletter. Agnes will include Jeremi Snook's message from the FFI website. Any up-coming activities will be highlighted. Friday June 26 is the deadline to submit articles. A summary of the cocktail zoom event will be included. Peter will up-date calendar to include the picnic, hiking. A MailChimp reminder will be sent to the members for those activities.

Outreach. There was no Report.

Membership. Helen Ann reported that there are 99 members. She contacted the members that did not renew to remind them to send in dues. Mary Lindquist is entering cell phone numbers into the database. Sandi will update the revised list on the website when it is available.

Activities. Gail reported that there will be an in-person picnic on July 7. This is a BYO event and alcohol is allowed in the park. The book club will meet via zoom on June 15 at 7pm, hosted by Helen Ann Rugowski. Readers will discuss "The Bone People" by Keri Hulme. Magdi will lead two hikes in June. Gail will call Stephanie Vanden Bush about a highway clean-up project. She will also try to find someone who will lead a biking activity. Gail asked for a Cocktail Zoom

leader for August 6. We could generate interest if there was a fun theme or question for discussion.

Ad Hoc Committees.

Accumulated funds. No report.

Old Business.

By-laws. Kathy requested that we find a way to approve the revisions to the By-laws so that the board can move forward with the revised By-laws that the committee has so diligently prepared. After some discussion, the consensus was that we would have an email vote by the membership. A zoom meeting will be scheduled for questions and discussion. Anyone who cannot access the zoom meeting will be able to phone in questions. Stephanie moved that in the time of a pandemic we will conduct an email vote by the members to approve the By-law revisions, and provide a zoom meeting for discussion, Magdi seconded, and the motion carried.

New Caledonia money exchange issue. Over \$400 was lost in money exchange fees. Gail mentioned that communication with the New Caledonia club was not very efficient and additional fees were not disclosed in a timely manner. The fees were transferred directly to the club. FFI exchanges are usually more efficient and less costly. An alternative might be for the ambassadors to take cash with them to the journey.

Gail moved to adjourn the meeting, Dorothy seconded, motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 1:54.

The next meeting will be July 8 via zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Martha McGregor.