

Friendship Force of Wisconsin - Madison, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes May 12, 2021
Via Zoom

Kathy Speck called the meeting to order at 12:30.

Present: Kathy Speck, Diana Rodum, Mary Juckem, Magdi Sebestyen, Gail Holmes, Doug Johnson, Sandi Wysock, Dorothy Baldwin, Stephanie Sorensen, Lise Skofronick, Mike Lambert, Sandy Drew.

Excused Absence: Note that Diana's computer had problems which prevented her from seeing parts of the meeting and prevented her from speaking.

Minutes. The motion to accept the minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting was seconded and passed.

Reports.

President's Report. Refer to Kathy Speck's President's Report from the Annual Meeting of 4/24/21.

Regarding the Annual Meeting:

- 35 members attended. Diana will list all attendees in the Annual Meeting minutes.
- Kathy recorded the Annual Meeting (on Zoom) and Sandi suggested that Dan put it on our website's members only site. Peter will coordinate with Kathy.

Treasurer's Report. Refer to Mary Juckem's Treasurer's Report which had been sent by email to the board.

- Total March expenditures were \$149.90.
- Total funds are \$18,829.89.

Journey Coordinator. Refer to Stephanie Sorensen's Journey Report in the appendix.

- The member survey found that members are enthusiastic about traveling but not ready to commit to hosting. People are more comfortable with outdoor meetings, but most are okay inside if CDC guidelines are observed. Sandi pointed out that if all members are vaccinated, that home visits should be okay. Dorothy stated that most Canadians can't get their second shot until late summer.
- Milwaukee trip – there may be a short weekend exchange.
- The Sacramento club is doing journey coordinator training which may be useful for us. Kathy will pass information to Stephanie.
- The Global Bike Journey in September is being planned.
 - Holy Wisdom will be the welcome site.
 - All participants will bring their own bikes (U.S. & Canada members only).
 - Hosts for home dinners are needed.
 - A coordinator is needed and would mostly have administrative tasks.
 - Hank Weiss has ideas for speakers and Jan has connections in the biking community.
 - Stephanie made a motion to go ahead with the bike journey and Sandi seconded it.

Outreach. Refer to Dorothy's Outreach Report in the appendix.

- We have no brochures left and need to design a new brochure, which includes the FFI logo and tag line changes.
 - Sandi has an example of a simple tri-fold that would be economical to produce. (Later, Diana sent Dorothy an example of a tri-fold she created for a different club.)
 - Magdi suggested printing a narrow card grade flyer.
- The pandemic continues to inhibit any outreach efforts.

Program Committee. Refer to Mike and Magdi's Program Report in the appendix.

- There will be another Trivia Night on May 19.

Membership. Refer to Lise's Membership Committee Report in the appendix

- Gail noted that previously registered members are participating. Sandi noted that some old members assume they are still active members as they are receiving messages.

Activities. Refer to Gail's Activities Report in the appendix.

- There have been 5 to 6 successful activities per month, getting good participation.
 - Book club meets monthly.
 - Second Harvest has gotten new volunteers, and occurs on the last Thursday of the month, the next being May 27.
 - Dining on the 6th was a brunch at Daisy Café, where they got new participants and filled two tables.
 - June 6 will be Drinks on the Driveway, one in the east and one in the west. Sandi volunteered to host the west Madison event and a host is needed for the east side.
 - July 6 will be at a restaurant.
 - Picnic – Gail asked if it is an Activity event or a Board event?
 - Stephanie pointed out that shared food does not spread Covid.

Ad Hoc Committees.

Electronics. Refer to Sandi's Electronics Communication Committee Report in the appendix.

- Sandi has stated receiving photos to post to the website from past journey coordinators, several from Open World but not many from foreign journeys from the last 2 – 3 years (Guadalupe forward).
 - Sandi suggested members send photos, with captions, to journey coordinators who will organize and send to Sandi.
 - The object is to post on the home page to attract and inform prospective members.
 - Lise asked if they want both inbound and outbound and 10 -15 per trip?
- Sandi pointed out that we need a gate keeper for the home page to better handle competition for space and formatting.

Old Business: None

(Diana's computer failed and the remainder of the meeting must be provided by someone else!)

New Business:

Newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at ? PM. ? moved to adjourn, ? seconded, and it was unanimously agreed.

Next meeting is June 9, 2021 12:30 – 2:00.