

MINUTES OF FFGM BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 2019

PRESENT: Rosie Haas, Dale Harmelink, Sara Harmelink, Dave Kalan, Dorothy Kelley, Ed Kelley, Dorothy Krupa, Ann Line, Bob Mitchell, Nancy Mitchell, Doris Mueller, Carole DeRoche, Louise Cieslak

EXCUSED: Mary Hauser, Sue Pack, Donna Baldwin-Haut

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Ann Line.

MINUTES: MOTION was made by Dale Harmelink and duly seconded to accept the August 12, 2019 minutes as e-mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Dale Harmelink reported the state of FFGM financial condition is excellent. All exchange accounts closed and audited except Montreal.

General Checking \$12,824.56, Restricted Account \$6,801.47, Exchange Account \$2,000.00, Wellington Fund (book \$10,000) MKT \$13,045.97.

MOTION was made by Ed Kelley and duly seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

ASSISTANT TREASURER Dorothy Krupa presented the pros and cons of purchasing Quick Books accounting on line systems to replace the desktop version currently used. After discussion a **MOTION** was made by Doris Mueller and duly seconded to approve the Assistant Treasurer/Treasurer to purchase and use of Online Quick Books for our accounting software from Techsoup for \$50.00 per year. In the event it's not purchased from Techsoup the Assistant Treasurer is authorized the \$240.00 per year cost of Quick Books. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP: Sara Harmelink

2018 Membership: 112 members with 58 singles and 27 families and 15 non-renewals

2019 Membership: 111 members with 61 singles and 25 families and 12 non-renewals

2019 New Members: 13 new members

2020 Membership: 7 new members with 54 renewals and 27 singles and 17 families

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ann line

- **FFGM Library Display and/or Advertising Flyer:** No report.
- **FFGM officer nominations:** Rosie Haas reported that Dorothy Krupa is nominated for treasurer and Carole DeRoche is nominated for secretary. Both accepted the nomination and their bio's will appear in the next newsletter.
- **2020 Journey Assignments:**
- **International Inbound:** May 21-28, 2020 Wellington, NZ, Nancy Mitchell Journey coordinator
- **Domestic Inbound:** July 16-22, 2020, Santa Barbara, CA, Nancy Mitchell Journey coordinator.
- **International Outbound** to Vogtland Germany was cancelled. FFI and Dale Moore were contacted. Dave Kalan stated he was working on journey opportunities in Lake Simcoe, Canada for June 2020 and a November pioneer journey in St Julian, Malta. . A **MOTION** was made by Dave Kalan and duly seconded to accept the proposed International Outbound to Lake Simcoe, Canada, June 2020. Motion carried. **Motion** was made by Nancy Mitchell and duly seconded to accept the proposed pioneer outbound journey to St. Julian, Malta in November. Motion carried
- **Requests for 2021 International OutBound Journeys:** Turkey, Japan and South Africa
- **JOURNEY POLICY:** Ed Kelley presented the policy and a discussion followed. Wait listed on last Outbound Journey Dave Kalan and Anne Lee will be given second priority for the next available outbound exchange. **MOTION** was made by Rosie Haas and duly seconded to accept the revised FFGM Outbound Journey Selection Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- **ANNUAL MEETING:** November 17, 2019, 4 pm, at Vino Cappuccino, 2848 N Brookfield Rd
- **OPEN WORLD PROPOSAL 2020:** October 7 2020, Theme Education/STEM, Chris Vogel volunteered to help with Open World.
- **FFGM 30TH ANNIVERSARY** Celebration will be held during the Spring Annual Luncheon. Chris Vogel Donna Baldwin-Haut and Doris Mueller will form a planning committee.
- **FFGM LIFE MEMBER STATUS:** A policy will be drafted by Louise Cieslak, Rosie Haas, and Nancy Mitchell to be presented at next board meeting.

- **ANNUAL LEGACY FUND CONTRIBUTION: MOTION** was made by Ed Kelley and duly seconded to move \$624.00 from the restricted fund for purpose of FFI Legacy Fund. Motion carried.
- **JOURNEY REPORTS:**
- September 4-11, 2019, Montreal International Outbound with extension to Quebec City, Dorothy Kelley, AC,
- A great program was planned by the Montreal FF. Everyone was very happy with their home hosts. The welcome/farewell party was enjoyed by all. Dorothy planned a great extension to Quebec City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities:

- October 26, 2019, Plankinton presentation 2-4 pm at the Milwaukee public library , rare book room, \$5 donation.
- November 7, 2019 Book Club, Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht, 1:30pm at Cieslak's
- November 17, 2019 Annual meeting/dinner, 4pm, Vino Cappuccino,

FUNDRAISING: a discussion was held but no action was taken.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Sue Pack, No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Chris Vogel stated plans are going forward to build a Speakers Bureau to promote FFGM to organizations and other groups such as Rotary, Kiwanis , and Women's clubs.

VICE PRESIDENTS: Nancy and Bob Mitchell shared how they met a person during a SERVAS trip and introduced her to FFGM. She attended the October fifth at five.

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Doris Mueller reported all is going well.

LEADERSHIP: Dave Kalan

- After discussing all parts of the Strategic Plan 2020-2022 a **MOTION** was made by Dorothy Kelley and duly seconded to approve the Strategic Plan as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2020 Leadership Training, October 9-16 Milwaukee/Madison, There will be a maximum of 12 trainees.

CALENDAR 2019

November 7, 2019 Book Club, 1:30pm. Cieslak's home.

November 17, 2019 Annual Meeting/Dinner, Vino Cappuccino

CALENDAR 2020

May 21-28, 2020, Inbound International Wellington,NZ, Nancy Mitchell JC

July 16-22, 2020, Domestic Inbound Santa Barbara,CA

September, 18-20, 2020 FF Midwest Regional Conference, Minneapolis, Mn

October, 7-11, 2020, Open World

October, 9-16, 2020, Leadership Training

NEXT BOARD MEETING December 2, 2019, 6:30pm, St. Matthew's

NEWSLETTER DUE DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Louise Cieslak