

MINUTES OF FFGM BOARD MEETING, February 06, 2023

PRESENT: Nancy Mitchell, Bob Mitchell, Clarine Furey, Ann Line, Dave Kalan, Rosie Haas, Dorothy Krupa, Susan Feddersen, Chris Vogel, Susan Pack, Jack Bridich, Stephanie Frier, Gayle Best, Kathy Luglio, Dorothy Kelly

EXCUSED: Donna Baldwin-Haut, Barb Geck

President Chris Vogel called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Chris Vogel

Minutes were presented for to approval. Bob Mitchell made the motion to approve, seconded by Kathy Luglio. Minutes approved by board with a show of hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report, which was previously distributed to the board was reviewed. Total funds are \$29,227. Please refer to that report for account details. The report is now being generated in Quick books resulting in some formatting changes.

2023 BUDGET:

Currently there is \$850 included for a membership event in June. More money is available in the restricted funds if needed. Chris will be attending the international conference in fall. Up to \$500 is available to cover costs, per the by laws. Budget should be updated to include this amount.

Bob Mitchell made the motion to approve, seconded by Rosie Haas. Minutes approved by board with a show of hands.

MEMBERSHIP: Dorothy Kelley.

- We have 3 new members. New member orientation is needed in the near future. Possibly the 2nd week in April at Chris's house. Dorothy will be out of town.
- A membership recruitment event is being planned for 6/21 at the Kneeland-Walker House in Wauwatosa. Suggested time is 5 - 8pm
- The board will be reaching out to members for names and email addresses of new potential members. Invites will be via email to control expense. Still need to determine how to track responses and follow-up.
- A new member orientation will be held following this event.

ACTIVITIES: Ann Line and Gayle Best

- Activity committee met on Thursday, February 9th

ACTIVITY POSSIBILITIES:

- Lebni House serving Levantine cuisine for an ethic meal.
- WI Historical Society with lunch following at Turner Hall, the new Turning Tables restaurant. They work with black entrepreneurs.
- Snow Shoeing 2/28 assuming there is snow!
- Spring Fling in June at Bass Bay which still has the deposit from 2 years ago.
- Racine Art Museum for 'PEEPS' exhibit, with lunch following.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS - Dave Kalan

- PB&J effort proceeding, but only one slot available.
- Hope Ministries can use volunteers in multiple areas. Food pantries at multiple sites.
- Despensa winter coat drive.

JOURNEYS-2023

OUTBOUND

- Phoenix is happening in February. 15 folks in total are attending with 2 from Chicago and 2 from Madison.

INBOUND

- Toulouse incoming, end of September or beginning of October.- Ann Line
- Quad Cities mini journey- Bob Mitchell
- Asheville, NC - C. Flure. Still need to know dates and activities. Will be late July or early August. Interested in State Fair. Need to limit to 10 - 12 people.

JOURNEYS 2024

- Top three are Germany, Belgium and New Zealand. To FFI by February 12th.

REGIONAL NEWS

- FFI proposal for a super-regional conference in 2024. This would include all US regions and Canada. FFI organizing. Only for one year?
- Field representatives meeting being moved to every 2 months.
- Putting together the best method for gathering and disseminating information.
- HQ has only 3 paid staffers; not brick and mortar facility-working from home.

NEWSLETTER: Chris Vogel - Deadline is February 15, 2022

2023 BOARD MEETINGS: April 3, June 12, August 7, October 2, and December 4 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: Chris Vogel closed the meeting .

Respectfully submitted, Susan Feddersen