

## Minutes of FFGM Board Meeting October 2, 2017

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**Present:** Donna Baldwin- Haut , Dee Birschel, Mary Goek, Dale Harmelink, Sara Harmelink, Mary Hauser, Dave Kalan, Ed Kelley, Ann Line, Sue Pack

**Excused:** Rosie Haas, Doris Mueller, Joe Geck, Anne Szczygiel

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Sara Harmelink.

1. Minutes - **Motion** was made by Ann Line and duly seconded: To accept the minutes from the August 7, 2017 board meeting as emailed. Motion carried unanimously.
  
2. Treasurer – Dale Harmelink reported.
  - Cash Accounts: General Checking Account: \$8,695.21. General Restricted Account: \$10,000. Restricted Accounts: \$4,151.47. Total Cash: \$22,846.68.
  - Operationally, income and expenses: 2017 to date, actual income is \$4,063.80 and actual expenses are \$4,693.91 leaving \$630.11 excess expenses over income.
  - Membership: 2017 final- 104 members with 50 singles and 27 families. To date 15 new members have joined for 2018. 2018 dues are due Oct. 31 and a reminder will be sent to members. The pros and cons of adding an associate membership level for snow birds was discussed briefly. No decision was made.
  - Exchange/Journey Account balance: Global Themed Journey \$3,165.87. Open World \$3,780.00. 2017 total Exchange/Journey Account balance is \$8,945.87.
  - The 2017 projected vs. actual income and expenses were reviewed.
  - The advantage of opening a separate bank account to handle the restricted funds to simplify accounting was discussed. After discussion, **Motion** was made by Donna Haut and duly seconded: To open an additional bank account to include the general restricted and restricted account monies. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion** was made by Mary Goek and duly seconded: To accept the Treasurer’s Report subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.
  
3. President – Sara Harmelink
  - Nominating Committee – The Nominating Committee (Rosie Haas, Doris Small and Iva Richards) report was presented. Louise Cieslak has agreed to run for secretary and Dale Harmelink has agreed to run for treasurer. The election will be held at the annual meeting.
  - Dale indicated that this would be his last term. The pros and cons of adding a co or assistant treasurer position to have someone in training was discussed. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.
  - Domestic Outbound and Inbound in 2018-2019. Santa Barbara, CA has requested to host us in late October-early November 2018. They have requested an inbound journey with our club in 2019. Clearwater, FL has requested an inbound 2018.
  - Adult Spelling Bee – Sept. 9 with Adult Literacy Center of Ozaukee County. Volunteer spellers were Gary Drescher, Marisue Zillig and Carol Loomis. Joe Geck is the alternate. Rosie Haas and Bob Blazich were coordinators. The event went very well and the club name was in the program.
  - 2019 Inbound and Outbound Hosting Availability Form – The inbound form was submitted on August 15 and we agreed to accept one inbound international journey with a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20 ambassadors. January – March and Late November – December are months to avoid. The Outbound Request Form is due November 1. Our requests were given to the regional rep. on September 20. After polling we agree to request 1. Canada (Montreal area) 2. Chile. The request was for 2 one week visits to clubs in the area.
  - Hardcopy vs. electronic newsletters were discussed. Including the costs for printing and mailing of hard copies and some members’ reluctance to either read on line or print out the newsletter. Various options were discussed and we will discuss further at the December meeting.
  - Overview of currently healthy clubs document. Several items on list were discussed. Ideas included possibility of co-hosting for future exchanges. Alternating breakfast, lunch and dinner activities for the club. Scheduling ethnic restaurant lunches or dinners. Holding meetings where members are given a topic to discuss among themselves instead of a speaker. No decisions were made on these items and discussion will continue.

#### 4. 2017 Schedule

- 5th at 5 social gatherings– Dale Harmelink reported.  
October 5 – Laurene Harschutz  
November 5 – none as it's the day of our annual meeting  
December 5 – Sara and Dale Harmelink  
January and beyond – volunteers are needed
- World Conference in Manchester, England, August 25-28, 2017. Sara and Dale Harmelink, Dave Kalan and Gary Drescher attended. Over 300 people attended and several of the sessions were described.
- Inbound Global Themed Journey – The Best of Milwaukee, September 14-21, 2017. Dave Kalan was facilitator and co-Host Coordinator (HC). Sue Pack was co-HC. The program went very well and many club members participated.
- Open World October 13-21. Delegates are from Ukraine and the subject is improved English education in secondary schools. Five delegates. Mary Hauser and Bob Blazich coordinated the program.
- November 5 – Annual meeting, North Star Bistro, Brookfield, 2 P.M.

#### 5. 2018 Schedule

- Outbound Mexico City and Tuxtla Gutierrez, mid- January 2018 Donna Haut and Ann Line are co- AC's. Up to 20 can participate; 10-11 are currently interested. A possible extension to the Yucatan is being planned. The Mexican clubs are being contacted to see if the recent earthquakes have impacted their ability to host this exchange. A final decision will be made after hearing from them.
- Outbound Dayton OH, April 16-20. No new information has been received.
- Regional Super Conference, Cincinnati, OH, April 20-22, 2018. Representatives from the Midwest, Great Lakes and Southwest regions will attend. All members are encouraged to consider attending.
- Inbound Alajuela, Costa Rica, September, 2018. Rosie Haas is Co-HC. Another HC is needed.
- Inbound English Language with Japan, Mid-July, 2019. Dave Kalan will serve as the facilitator with FFI and Northern Illinois and co-HC. Gary Drescher is co-HC. Note that is exchange is now in 2019.

#### 6. Activities – Mary Hauser and Ann Line reported on recent and upcoming events.

- Book Club - The next meeting is 1:30 November 2 at Mary Goek's home. Book is Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Carol White will host the January meeting.
- Annual Meeting - Nov. 5 at North Star Bistro, Brookfield. 2PM. Possible activities were discussed

#### 7. Fund Raising - Donna Baldwin-Haut & Ed Kelley. May be a fund raising event at the annual mtg.

#### 8. Membership – Rosie Haas. Several new members have joined as a result of our potential member event. The membership committee is discussing mentor guidelines for those who might mentor new members.

- International Institute dues of \$50 were discussed. After discussion, **Motion** was made by Donna Haut and duly seconded to continue our membership in the International Institute. Motion carried.

#### 9. Community Outreach- Sue Pack. No report.

#### 10. Vice President – Ann Line. No report.

#### 11. Communications/Website/Newsletter. Doris Mueller. The deadline for the next newsletter is October 15.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, Dec. 4 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, **6:30 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Birschel, Secretary