

Minutes of FFGM Board Meeting December 4, 2017

Present: Donna Baldwin- Haut , Dee Birschel, Mary Goeks, Dale Harmelink, Sara Harmelink, Rosie Haas, Dave Kalan, Ed Kelley, Ann Line, and Doris Mueller

Excused: Mary Hauser, Joe Geck, Sue Pack, and Anne Szczygiel. **Also in attendance:** Louise Cieslak.

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

1. Minutes - **Motion** was made by Donna Baldwin-Haut and duly seconded: To accept the minutes from the October 2, 2017 board meeting as emailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Donna Baldwin-Haut and duly seconded: To accept the minutes of the November 5, 2017 annual meeting as emailed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer – Dale Harmelink reported.

- Cash Accounts: General Checking Account: \$10,705.74. Restricted Account: \$8,151.47. Wellington Fund \$6,000. Total cash: \$24,857.47
- Operationally, income and expenses: 2017 to date, actual income is \$4,071.05 and actual expenses are \$4,787.08 leaving \$716.03 excess expenses over income. Expected December adjustments total a projected \$818.87 income over expenses
- Exchange/Journey Account balance: Global Themed Journey \$389.87. Open World \$1,145.03. 2018 Mexico outbound \$12,880.00. Total Exchange/Journey Account balance is \$16,414.90.
- The 2017 projected vs. actual income and expenses were reviewed. The proposed 2018 budget was presented for further review at the next meeting.
- There was a discussion of possible uses of the \$10,000 in general checking to benefit the mission of the club. A subcommittee to discuss the issue and bring back recommendations was formed. Dale Harmelink will chair and Dave Kalan, Donna Baldwin-Haut and Doris Mueller will serve on the committee. They and others are encouraged to email Dale with ideas.
- **Motion** was made by Doris Mueller and duly seconded: To accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Membership – Rosie Haas

- 2017 final- 104 members with 50 singles and 27 families. To date 21 new members have joined for 2018 and there are 64 renewals for a total of 85. 2018 dues were due Oct. 31 and an invoice will be sent to nonrenewals. Rosie reported that new members have been assigned a mentor and mentor guidelines had been developed. A new member handout has also been written. There was a gathering of new members held on Nov. 13 and it was well attended.

4. President – Sara Harmelink

- The next Board meeting will start at 2:30 instead of 6:30 so there is no conflict with the 5th at 5 that night.
- Domestic Outbound and Inbound in 2018-2019.
- Santa Barbara, CA has requested to host us in late October-early November 2018. It was agreed fall was a better time than spring. They have requested an inbound journey with our club in 2019.
- Clearwater, FL domestic inbound July 18-24, 2018. Host coordinators are needed.
- 2019 Inbound and Outbound Hosting Availability Form – The inbound form was submitted on August 15. The Outbound Request Form was submitted before November 1. We requested a mutual outbound journey to Montreal after coming to an agreement with the Montreal club. FFI will make assignments in March 2018.
- Request from Regional Rep for a \$40 donation to pool together with the other Midwest Clubs for the 40th Anniversary Campaign to go toward FFI technology. After a lengthy discussion,
- **Motion** was made by Doris Mueller and duly seconded: To donate \$40 to be pooled with donations from other Midwest clubs for the 40th Anniversary Campaign. Motion carried.
- Strategic Plan – Our strategic plan notes the need to develop new leaders. After discussion it was agreed that Dave Kalan will chair a leadership development committee. Donna Baldwin-Haut and Sara Harmelink will serve on the committee.

5. 2017 Schedule

- October 13-21 – Open World went very well
- 5th at 5 social gatherings– Dale Harmelink reported.
December 5 – Harmelinks. A soup tasting contest
January 5 – need a host
February 5 – Doris Mueller
March thru May – volunteers are needed
June 5 – Joyce and Carl Stelzer
- December 13 FFGM Board Christmas party, 5:00 at the Harmelinks

6. 2018 Schedule

- Outbound Mexico City and Tuxtla Gutierrez, Jan 18- Feb 1 Donna Haut and Ann Line are co- AC's. 17 ambassadors including 6 from our club.
- 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.

7. 2019 Schedule

- TBD Inbound – Santa Barbara
- TBD – request for mutual match with Montreal
- Mid-July - Inbound English Language with Japan. Dave Kalan will serve as the facilitator with FFI and Northern Illinois . Gary Drescher is co-HC. Another co-HC is needed.

8. Activities –Ann Line reported on recent and upcoming events.

- Book Club - The next meeting is 1:30 January 4 at Carol White's home.
- Spring Gathering – Tentatively a brunch or dinner at the Clarke House in Waukesha. Possibly April 8. More information soon.
- Ethnic lunches and outings – suggestions were a Venezuelan restaurant in Waukesha. Hmong American Friendship Assn, Laotian church in Brookfield, Amish store, New Glarus, Andersonville, IL (Swedish), Turkish American Society and/or Spring Green.

9. Fund Raising - Donna Baldwin-Haut and Ed Kelley. No report.

10. Community Outreach- Sue Pack. No report.

11. Vice President – Ann Line. No additional report.

12. Communications/Website/Newsletter. Doris Mueller. The deadline for the next newsletter is December 15. volunteers are needed for "telling our story" in the newsletter. Ann Line volunteered to write something for the next issue.

13. Next Board Meeting: **Monday, February 5** at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, **2:30 p.m.**

NOTE TIME CHANGE

Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted, Dee Birschel, Secretary999