

Minutes of FFGM Board Meeting, April 2, 2018

(draft emailed 4/7/18)

Present: Donna Baldwin-Haut, Gary Drescher, Rosie Haas, Dale Harmelink, Sara Harmelink, Mary Hauser, Dave Kalan, Ann Line, Doris Mueller, Sue Pack, Cris Reischl, Nancy Rubly, Anne Szygiel, Chris Vogel

Excused: Louise Cieslak, Ed Kelley, Dorothy Kelley

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

1. **Minutes – Motion** was made by Donna Baldwin-Haut, seconded & carried: To accept the minutes of the February 5, 2018 board meeting as emailed.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Dale Harmelink
 - Cash Accounts: General Checking Acct. \$12,958.10
Restricted Accts. \$8,151.47
Exchange Accts. \$2,000.00 (all 2017 exchanges completed & settled)
Wellington Fund \$7,580.23 (book value, \$6,000.00)
 - Dale reviewed financial statements that he developed to help the board track our income & establish budgets.
 - Dale pointed out on the actual projected income statement that we need to raise only \$592 to meet our fundraising goal for 2018. However, we have sufficient fund coverages from prior years to cover shortages.
 - Since the last board meeting, committee chairs submitted a list of possible uses for the excess funds which was included in the report handed out at the February board meeting. Journey coordinators will consider (1) subsidizing the costs to home hosts and perhaps day hosts when the hosts attend an expensive event with their ambassadors or (2) enhancing a programs. Instead of setting a specific dollar-amount for some of these requests, the board will evaluate the requests on a case-by-case basis.
Motion was made by Doris Mueller, seconded & carried: To approve the treasurer's report.
3. **Membership** – Rosie Haas
 - 2017 Membership – 104 members with 50 singles & 27 families
 - 2018 Membership – 111 members with 57 singles and 27 families
 - 2018 Renewals –86 renewals with 44 singles & 21 families
 - 2018 NEW Members –25 with 13 singles and 6 families
 - 2018 Non-renewals -- 18
 - Comm. Report – Planning a new member orientation for 2018.
4. **President's Report** –Sara Harmelink
 - Dorothy Kelley is looking for a volunteer (preferably an inexperienced or new member) to be Co-Coordinator in Sept. 2019 for our Outbound to Montreal, Canada.
 - **Motion** was made by Cris Reichl, seconded & carried: Since the President nor any other board officer cannot attend the Super Regional FFI Convention in Cincinnati, the board should appoint Dave Kalan and Gary Drescher to be our club's representatives and that they split a \$125 fee for acting in that capacity.
 - Sara will be asking journey coordinators from 2017 and for upcoming journeys in 2018 to bring photos, brochures, or memorabilia to entice members to sign up for our outbound journeys and stimulate members to join in on activities during inbound journeys. The photos, etc. will be used at a table with our display board at our upcoming brunch on April 29.
 - For planning purposes, the FFI international convention will be held July 21-18 in the U.S. in 2019.
5. **2018 Schedule** – Host Coordinators spoke about tentative plans
 - Jan. 18- Feb. 1 Outbound Mexico – Donna Baldwin Haut (great trip, all financial matters completed)
 - April 16-20 Outbound to Dayton, Ohio prior to the Super Regional FFI Conference (2018 is continued on the next page)

5. 2018 Schedule Continued

- July 18-24 Inbound Clearwater FL – Ann Line & Cris Reischl
- Sept. 4-11 Inbound Alajuela, Costa Rica – Rosie Haas & Nancy Rubly
- Oct. 20-24 Open World (Ukraine) – Mary Hauser – Theme: Economic Development
- Nov. 8-15 Outbound Santa Barbara CA – Dorothy Kelley & Sara Harmelink

6. Fifth at Five

- Apr. 5 – Milwaukee Public Museum – Dawn Scher Thomae May 5 – Nancy Rubly (at her home)
- June 5 – Joyce & Carl Stelzer July 4 -- Jerry Randall (9 a.m., parade)
- Aug. 5 – Need a volunteer
- Sept. 5 – South Shore Park Beer Garden outside of South Shore Park Pavilion, part of Costa Rica

7. 2019 Schedule

- TBD Inbound Santa Barbara CA – need Co-HCs (host coordinators)
- TBD Outbound Montreal, Canada in Sept. 2019 HC Dorothy Kelley needs a Co-AC (ambassador coord.)
- Mid-July Inbound Japan – English Practice – facilitator, Dave Kalan Co- HCs Gary Drescher, Joe Geck

8. Activities for our club members

- Book Club, May 3rd, 1 p.m., Louise Cieslak's home
- Spring Gathering – Brunch 12 noon, Clarke Hotel, downtown Waukesha, sign-up sheet in Apr. newsletter
- Had board discussion as to whether our events (e.g., the brunch) should be purely social or have some entertainment. Unresolved. Perhaps tap our members' connections with entertainers/speakers

9. Fundraising – Donna Baldwin-Haut – no report

10. Leadership – Dave Kalan –A training program is being developed.

11. Community Outreach – Sue Pack – Working with FF member Nimmi Aurora on the possibility of volunteering to make and serve a luncheon or two for the homeless.

12. Vice President – Ann Line – no report.

13. Communications/Website/Newsletter – Doris Mueller –

- From money previously authorized, Doris is investigating file storage & conversion, flash drives, etc.

14. Public Relations – Chris Vogel

- The board welcomed Chris Vogel, our new Public Relations Comm. Chairman, to the meeting. Chris' former employment in the newspaper industry may help her find ways to publicize our events. Chris is encouraging others to join her on the committee.

15. **Motion** was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 4, 2018 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., St. Matthew's Church

Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, April 11th.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Drescher, Secretary Pro Tem