

Minutes of FFGM Board Meeting April 1, 2019

Present: Donna Baldwin-Haut, Gary Drescher, Rosie Haas, Mary Hauser, Dave Kalan, Ed Kelley, Dorothy Krupa, Ann Line, Doris Mueller, Nancy Mitchell, Bob Mitchell and Chris Vogel

Excused: Bob Blazich, Louise Cieslak, Joe Geck, Dale Harmelink, Sara Harmelink, Dorothy Kelly, and Sue Pack

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

Minutes: Motion was made by Dorothy Krupa and duly seconded to accept the February 4, 2018 minutes as emailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Assistant treasurer Dorothy Krupa reported: General Checking Account: \$12,615.91, Restricted Account: \$6,326.47, Exchange Account: \$17,403.35, Wellington Fund: book \$10,000. **Motion** was made by Bob Mitchell and duly seconded to approve the treasurer's report as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Dorothy indicated that in 2020 the FFI dues will go up to \$20 from \$15 per member. We may want to consider raising FFGM's 2020 dues to cover this. A **Motion** was made by Dorothy and duly seconded to raise the 2020 dues \$5.00 per person for members who pay after November 1st. (i.e. Single membership from \$35 to \$40 and family membership from \$65 to \$75). Those who pay before November 1st will pay the current amount. Motion carried. We should include a note about the increase in the upcoming newsletter.

Membership: Rosie Haas for Sara Harmelink

2018 Membership: 112- 58 singles- 27 families

2018 Non-renewals: 15

2019 Membership: 106 members with 58 singles and 24 families (note: 3 more renewals are expected)

2019 New Members: 11- 7 singles- 2 families

2019 Non renewals: 12

Rosie has distributed or mailed the 2019 directories.

President' Report: Ann Line

- Allocation of Bley memorial After discussion the board felt the money should be used for a large membership event in 2020 with possibly a speaker like John Gurda. Dave will contact Amy Bley about this idea.
- Baton Rouge journey is cancelled. It was decided not to pursue an inbound for 2019.
- 2020 International Journey Assignments: Inbound: Wellington, NZ to Greater Hamilton & Burlington, CA and Northeast Ohio and Greater Milwaukee; Outbound: Vogtland, Germany
 - FFI informed Ann this Journey Nr is 20191 and the contact person is Christoph Neumann.
- Journey Fees Increase: International Journey fees from \$165 to \$170; Domestic fees from \$10/night to \$15/night; Stopover fees from \$20 to \$25/night
- JC Earned Seat Policy Midwest Region: The Board felt they are comfortable with our current policy. Rosie noted an error in our policy under Exchanges- Domestic Outbound: which states "The FFI fee is discounted by FFI based on the number of ambassadors..." Only International Outbound journey FFI fees are discounted.
- 30th Anniversary of FFGM: There was discussion of when our club was founded and what we would like to do for our 30th anniversary. We will continue discussion at the next board meeting.
- FFGM Club Store: We discussed how to promote the club store. It was suggested to include the order form in the newsletter and in the directory. It was also suggested for all to watch for ideas of appropriate products to carry in the store.
- August board meeting date: move to the 2nd week - August 12th at 6:30pm
- Neighboring FF Club Joint Activity: Dave said North IL will not hold their International Dinner this year, but would be interested in a joint activity. Doing something jointly during the Japanese inbound was suggested. We will continue looking for a potential joint event. Dave will also check with the Madison club.

Journey Reports:

- **April 6-12-19 Outbound-** Tallahassee, FL.- Co ACs Nancy Mitchell, Rosie Haas. 14 ambassadors from Milwaukee and 1 ambassador from FF West Michigan will participate.

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- June 7-15, 2019 Open World – Bob Blazich and committee have met and have a packed schedule. They are waiting for delegate details and will be looking for home hosts.
- July 17-23-2019 English Language Inbound {Japan} ESL facilitator- Dave Kalan; Gary Drescher, Joe Geck Co-HCs. 17 ambassadors representing 3 clubs in Japan are registered. They will spend the first 7 days with FF North IL. A Motion was made by Dave and duly seconded to subsidize the Japan Inbound by \$300 to help reduce home host fees and \$200 for enhancing the program. Motion carried with one opposed.
- September 4-11-2019- Montreal Outbound- Dorothy Kelly AC. 20 are registered and 17 are going on the extension to Quebec City. The extension schedule to Quebec looks good.

Committee Reports:

- Book club- May 2, 2019 - Cris Reischl's
- Activities- Feb 20 – Jewish Museum: 18 attended
March 2 – Celtic Nights, 13 attended
March 18 – Lunch at Damascus Gate – 24 attended
May 19 – Spring Fling Brunch at Fox & Hounds – plan to set up carpooling
July 19 – Club picnic at Thiensville City Park during the Japanese Inbound
- Fundraising- Donna Baldwin-Haut, Ed Kelley- no report
- Leadership- Dave Kalan reported on plans for a Strategic Goals Review. They feel we can do it in house without an outside presenter. It probably will be one full day, either during the week or a Saturday. Late June is the preferred timing. Meeting would include Strategic goals review and a session on Innovation. 2020 Leadership Conference approved by FFI. We need to find a date.
- Community Outreach- Sue Pack- No Report
- Public Relations: Chris Vogel – Chris contacted 50/50 paper without response. Dave submitted request for FFGM presentation with Osher LLI, with no response.

Vice-President-Nancy & Bob Mitchell – Nancy had 500 generic business cards printed for use by our members.

Communications/Website/Newsletter-Doris Mueller- Carol DeRoche is helping with the newsletter and Jack Bridich may help with the website.

Next Newsletter Deadline: April. 15, 2019

Calendar 2019

- April 5th at 5 at Humitz's
- April 6-12 Outbound Tallahassee, Fl.
- May 19 Spring Fling – Fox & Hounds
- June 7-15 Open World (Ukraine)
- July 17-23 Inbound ESL Japan
- July 19 – Club Picnic – Thiensville Park
- July 23-25 FF World Conference, Boulder, CO
- September 4-11 Outbound Montreal

Calendar 2020

- TBD - Santa Barbarbra Inbound
- May? – Wellington, NZ Inbound
- September? – Vogtland, Germany Outbound

Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 3, 2019 6:30 pm-8pm, St. Matthew's.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rosie Haas for Louise Cieslak