

## MINUTES OF FFGM BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 12, 2019

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**PRESENT:** Rosie Haas, Sara Harmelink, Dale Harmelink, Donna Baldwin-Haut, Dave Kalan, Ed Kelley, Ann Line, Bob Mitchell, Nancy Mitchell, Doris Mueller, Sue Pack, Chris Vogel, Louise Cieslak, Dale Moore.

**EXCUSED:** Dorothy Kelley, Mary Hauser.

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

**Ann Line welcomed and introduced Dale Moore from Iowa, the FFI Regional Representative**, to the board members. Dale Moore stated the Boulder International Conference was great and that his goal was to meet with all the Midwest clubs. Donna Baldwin-Haut presented Dale with a welcome gift of honey produced by her bees.

**MINUTES:** Motion was made by Bob Mitchell and duly seconded to accept the June 3, 2019 minutes as e-mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Dale Harmelink reported:**

General Checking \$12,008.99, Restricted Account \$6,801.47, Exchange Account \$17,716.66, Wellington Fund (book \$10,000) MKT \$12,869.38. **Motion** was made by Doris Mueller and duly seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEMBERSHIP: Sara Harmelink**

- 2018 Membership: 112 members with 58 singles, 27 families and 15 non-renewals.
- 2019 Membership: 111 members with 61 singles, 25 families and 12 non-renewals.
- 2019 New Members: 13 new members
- 2020 Membership: 42 members with 35 renewals, 9 family and 17 singles. Included in that number are 7 new members- 2 families and 3 singles.
- Sara reported that the Geiger Company in Waukesha will be producing FFGM name badges. The badges will range in price from \$18.00 to \$19.60 including postage. The price depends on the style of the badge.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ANN LINE**

- FFGM Library Display: A discussion was held on increasing the awareness of FFGM through displays in libraries and/or advertising with flyers. Membership and publicity committees will further research this idea.
- FFI Boulder International Conference Report: Nine FFGM members were in attendance. A total of 435 delegates from 24 countries were in attendance. Sessions were well received and ideas were brought to FFGM board meeting.. A discussion followed on how ideas could be implemented.
- FFI has invested in technology to reach people through social media.
- 2021 World Conference will be held in Taiwan.
- 2020 Journey assignments: Vogtland ,Germany Outbound International plans and discussions are on going.
- Wellington,NZ Inbound International Memorial Day request accepted. May 21-28, 2020.

**JOURNEY POLICY:**

Ambassador Selection Process. Ed Kelley explained the policy and after further discussion revisions will be added. The completed policy to be presented at the next board meeting.

**JOURNEY REPORTS:**

- June 7-15, 2019 Open World (Ukraine) Bob Mitchell reported that all went well and good time was had by all.

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- July 17-23, 2019 English Language Inbound (Japan) Dave Kalan reported all went very well despite several days of extremely hot weather. Comments by Japanese ambassadors included: Wonderful, very rich, thank you teachers, enjoyed boat ride, hayride and singing. The cooking lesson and farewell party were also well received. Dale Moore congratulated FFGM.
- September 4-11, 2019 Montreal Outbound. Dorothy Kelley, AC: All set and ready to go.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**ACTIVITIES:** Ann Line reported:

- July 19, 2019 Annual picnic attended by 95 persons
- September 26, 2019 Book club, 1:30pm at Pat Graham's home
- October 9, 2019 Sanfilippo Music Palace trip with Mary's Tours. Cost is \$85 per person includes lunch.
- October 26, 2019-Plankinton Presentation 2-4 pm at the Milwaukee Public Library, downtown. Rare book room, \$5 donation.
- November 17, 2019 Annual Meeting

**FUNDRAISING:** Donna Baldwin-Haut, Ed Kelley no report

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** Sue Pack: A core group attends the Open Door Café every other month.

**Public Relations:** Chris Vogel suggested a committee of speakers be formed to present the FFGM program to other groups.

**VICE PRESIDENTS:** Nancy and Bob Mitchell

- Interest was created at the SERVAS convention about FFI when a presentation was made by Bob Mitchell.

**COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER:** Doris Mueller No report.

**LEADERSHIP:** Dave Kalan

- Strategic goal update: meeting August 21, 2019 to reshape and then present plan to next board meeting.
- 2020 Leadership training: Journey coordinator training session in Fall 2019.
- New Club Leadership training as in 2014/16 with Madison home hospitality is being planned. The week long session should be attended by approximately 12 people.

**CALENDAR 2019:**

- September 4-11 Montreal Outbound International
- November 17 Annual Meeting

**CALENDAR 2020:**

- May 21-28 Wellington, NZ Inbound International
- July ?? Santa Barbara, CA Inbound Domestic
- September/October Vogtland, Germany Outbound International
- September 18-20 FF Midwest Regional Conference, Minneapolis, MN

**NEXT BOARD MEETING : Monday October 7, 2019 -6:30pm -8pm St. Matthews**

**NEWSLETTER due date August 15, 2019**

**MOTION** by Rosie Haas and duly seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Louise Cieslak