

MINUTES OF FFGM BOARD MEETING, August 11, 2020

PRESENT: Ann Line, Nancy Mitchell, Bob Mitchell, Dorothy Krupa, Sue Pack, Chris Vogel, Cindy Hum, Clarine Furey, Dave Kalan, Rosie Haas, Mary Hauser, Sara Harmelink, Carole DeRoche

EXCUSED: Doris Mueller, Donna Baldwin-Haut, Ed Kelley

President Ann Line called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

MINUTES: Ann Line

Motion: The motion to approve was made by Rosie Haas and seconded. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Dorothy Krupa

Accounts: General Checking Account	\$ 8,733.29
Exchange Account	2,000.00
Restricted Account	6,177.47
Wellington Fund	\$10,000.00 (Book Value)
Total	\$26,910.76

Motion: Rosie Haas motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report; Sara Harmelink seconded; the motion was approved by unanimous hand vote.

Discussion: D. Krupa will send billing notices via email in September to all members with instructions as to how payments can be made. The notices will be sent to the Board earlier to test the system process before mailing to all members. Payment will be due October 1. The market value of the Wellington Fund is \$14247.00.

MEMBERSHIP: Sara Harmelink

2019 Membership: 111 members with 61 singles and 25 families

2020 Membership: 116 members (16 new) with 64 singles and 26 families

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Ann Line

Joint FF Madison and Milwaukee Meeting: The proposed meeting is on hold awaiting further developments of the ability to meet due to Covid-19.

FFI New Mailing Address: FFI, 279 West Crogan St., Lawrenceville, GA 30046

FFI Blog: Virtual Journeys, Learning Spaces and Members Connect. Those who have participated have enjoyed the event. The Board was encouraged to sign-up for them.

5th at 5’s: July meetings were hosted locally: Dave Kalan, Sara and Dale Harmelink, and Barbara and Joe Geck. A good time was had by those who attended - Kalan 7 persons, Harmelink 4 persons, and Geck 8 persons.

FFGM Annual Meeting: The tentative November meeting is on hold awaiting further developments of the ability to meet due to Covid-19.

FFGM Dues: There was an active discussion of reducing the annual FFGM dues as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Bob Mitchell motioned “that the dues be reduced to \$20/person and a \$10 charge for those requesting mail delivery of the Newsletter”. Mary Hauser seconded the motion. The motion passed by 12 affirmative hand votes and no dissenting votes.

VP/President Nominations: The committee is conducting discussions with individuals. At this time, nothing has been finalized.

Newsletter: Rosie Haas and Carole DeRoche will prepare the newsletter in Doris Mueller’s absence.

Sunshine Chair: Following discussion, it was agreed that Ann would ask for volunteers to perform this function in the upcoming Newsletter.

By-laws Change: It is necessary that a revision to the By-laws be made to accommodate the process for conducting virtual meetings. Bob Mitchell agree to review the draft proposal provided by Ann Line with a goal of revised copy available for consideration at the October Board Meeting.

Membership Chair: A discussion was held regarding the Membership Chair position in place of the previous President's 2-year commitment. This issue was tabled and will be considered at the October Board Meeting.

Member Phone Calls: Board members agreed to make follow-up phone calls to members. Ann Line will distribute the list of persons to call to all Board Members who agree to participate.

Keep in Touch: It was agreed that the weekly emails are informative and probably helpful in member retention.

JOURNEY UPDATE AND DISCUSSION:

Journeys: FF International has suggested moving the 2020 Journeys to 2022. 2021 Outbound Journeys for FFGM are Tucson and Turkey. No further details are available at this time.

Inbound Connecticut: Concern was expressed regarding whether members will be willing to host and/or travel, especially in the first half of 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Mary Hauser and Ann Line: The Annual Picnic is Aug. 11 at Wirth Park in Brookfield, Area 6. Twenty-two (22) members have signed up for the picnic and will bring their own food. Treats and beverages will be provided by the club. We are aware of the need for masks and there is plenty of room for social distancing.

Fundraising: Donna Baldwin-Haut and Ed Kelley: No report.

Public Relations: Chris Vogel: No report.

Community Outreach: Sue Pack: No report.

Community Connections: Clarine Furey: Clarine has participated in a variety of Vagabond Club activities and enjoyed them. She encourages Board members to participate if interested and she will provide information on Vagabond biking trips.

LEADERSHIP: Dave Kalan

All activities have been cancelled. A lack of leadership development opportunities may be an issue in the nomination process for VP/President.

CALENDAR 2020

All Journeys and Open World Cancelled

August 11, 2020 Annual Picnic at Wirth Park, Area 6, in Brookfield.

5th at 5 September 5, 2020, Nancy Rubly will host.

Book Club September 9, 2020, 1:30; Nancy Rubly will host.

September 18-20, 2020 FF Midwest Regional Conference cancelled

November, 2020 Annual Meeting, to be determined

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 5, 2020, 6:30 pm, location to be determined

NEWSLETTER DUE DATE: No later than August 20, 2020

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carole DeRoche