

MINUTES OF FFGM BOARD MEETING, October 6, 2020

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

EXCUSED: Doris Mueller, Ed Kelley

President Ann Line called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

MINUTES: Ann Line

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dorothy Krupa

Accounts: General Checking Account	\$ 8,737.39
Exchange Account	2,000.00
Restricted Account	6,177.43
Wellington Fund	\$10,000.00 (Book Value)

Motion: Donna Baldwin-Haut motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; Mary Hauser seconded; the motion was approved by unanimous hand vote.

Discussion: D. Krupa, S. Harmelink and Rosie Haas analyzed the procedures and tasks of the Treasurer and Membership and Directory Committees to eliminate duplication of tasks and improve efficiency of the committees. A draft SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) has been drafted to document the changes that are recommended.

Notices of the new billing procedure will be sent to the Board to test the system process before mailing to all members. Payment will be due October 31. Renewing members will no longer be asked to complete a "renewal" application regarding interest in participating in FFGM activities.

MEMBERSHIP: Sara Harmelink

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

Discussion: D. Kelley, S. Harmelink and R. Haas prepared a listing of duties of the Membership Committee. Dorothy Kelley will chair the Membership Committee effective January 2021. Two (2) additional members will be added to the committee to manage the tasks efficiently.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ann Line

FFI Blog: Work to improve the participation in Virtual Journeys, Pen Pals, Coffee Chat and Phoning current members continues.

5th at 5's: Dual November and December events will be held as on-line Zoom meetings for those who prefer that menu and in-person gatherings for those who prefer that venue.

Archival Storage: Boxes of historical files are held by several members. Some members also have electronic files. It is assumed that these contain duplicated files. An inventory of the files was suggested. D. Kalan volunteered to store all files in one location.

Budget: Committee chairs will be asked to submit budget requests in December.

Google Docs Survey: A survey may be conducted to determine the members interest in various activities. SW Field Rep, is offering training in how to use this survey document.

Diversity in FFI: Chuck Goldfarb: chucklesgold@verizon.net

Sunshine Chair: Cris Reischl has volunteered to serve as chairperson. Please send Cris information of members who need follow-up.

Openings: FFGM Store and Assistant Treasurer openings remain. Ann Line will continue to follow-up.

VP/President Nominations: The committee has conducted discussions with several individuals who have declined to be nominated. Board members are encouraged to submit names of members who might be interested.

By-laws change: Bob Mitchell reported on his research regarding the change to accommodate electronic meetings. The proposed change follows:

The Board of Directors, standing committees and special committees are authorized to meet by telephone, web conference or other electronic communications media so long as all members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meetings. The annual meeting may be conducted in such a virtual setting if seemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

It was agreed that a process using a combination of Email to member, optional Zoom meeting to discuss the change in By-laws, follow-up letter with voting via postal return of hard-copy vote would be used in lieu of an in-person meeting. A majority of a quorum of 23 members will be required to vote for acceptance of the change to the By-laws. B. Mitchell motioned to conduct this procedure, M. Hauser seconded and motioned passed by unanimous vote. B. Mitchell and A. Line will follow-up to implement the procedure.

FFGM Annual Meeting: The meeting will be held at a date to be determined in November or December if possible. Bass Bay in Muskego has agreed to apply the deposit for this meeting to the Spring Fling meeting which will be scheduled at a later date.

Keep-in-touch: Weekly emails are important.

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. Potential 2021 Inbound Journeys include Connecticut and Toulouse, France. Concern was expressed regarding whether members will be willing to host and/or travel, especially in the first half of 2021. Outbound request forms for 2022 will be sent by FFI in mid-October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Ann Line and Mary Hauser: Trivia Night and Book Club continue. There was a discussion of various outdoor activities, e.g. biking and hiking, was discussed.

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

Public Relations: Chris Vogel: No report.

Vice Presidents: Nancy and Bob Mitchell: 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: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Doris Mueller, Carole DeRoche, Rosie Haas: Carole and Rosie will coordinate preparation of the Newsletter as Doris continues to recover. Information will be due October 20.

CALENDAR 2020

All Journeys and Open World	Cancelled
October TBD	Trivia Night
November 5, 2020	5 th at 5 In-person and Zoom meetings TBD
November 11, 2020	Book Club at the Brookfield Library
November 2020	Annual Meeting, to be determined
December 5, 2020	5 th at 5 In-person and Zoom meetings TBD

NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 7, 2020, 6:30 pm, Zoom meeting

NEWSLETTER DUE DATE: No later than October 20, 2020

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

Respectfully submitted, Carole DeRoche