

MINUTES OF FFGM BOARD MEETING, December 7, 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, Dorothy Kelley, Ed Kelley, Carole DeRoche

EXCUSED: Doris Mueller

President Ann Line called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

MINUTES: Ann Line

Motion: The motion to approve was made by Donna Baldwin-Haut and seconded by Mary Hauser. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dorothy Krupa

Accounts: General Checking Account	\$ 10,200.53
Wellington Fund	10,000.00 (cost basis); \$15,122 (market value)
Restricted Account	6,177.47
Exchange Account	2,000.00

Discussion: Dorothy Krupa reported that 52% of members paid their 2021 dues online through the new billing system. The membership committee will determine the best way(s) to follow-up with those who have not yet paid the 2021 dues.

Budget: Committee chairpersons are asked to submit their budgets to Dorothy Krupa no later than December 27, 2020.

MEMBERSHIP: Sara Harmelink

2021 Membership: 87 members have renewed their membership; 2 new members have joined FFGM.

Committee: Dorothy Kelley will serve as Chairperson in 2021. The membership committee will be expanded from 3 to 5 persons.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ann Line

FFI Blog: Members are encouraged to participate in the Virtual Journeys. Ann will suggest Language Buddies at the next Midwest Leaders Friendship Force meeting.

Milwaukee Public Museum: Dawn Scher-Thomae, Curator of Anthropology, will present "Chocolate" for FFGM on January 8, 2021, at 6:30. More information will follow in the Newsletter.

Annual Business Meeting: The FFGM Annual Meeting was held on Zoom with 33 attendees. After the Business Meeting, a Show and Tell from previous journeys was held which was followed by Surprises and Prizes with 15 prizes donated by FFGM members.

5th at 5's: Until further notice, all 5th at 5's will be held as Zoom Meetings. Specific information will be in the Newsletters.

Bylaws: Thank you to Bob and Nancy Mitchell for managing the change to the FFGM Bylaws. Please see minutes of the Annual Meeting for more information.

Openings: Chris Vogel had agreed to serve as Vice-President for 2021 and 2022. FFGM Store and Assistant Treasurer openings remain.

FFGM Zoom Account: A motion for the purchase of a Zoom account for FFGM was made by Dave Kalan; Mary Hauser seconded; the motion passed by unanimous voice and hand vote. Bob Mitchell will investigate the specific type of account and costs to be discussed at the February Board Meeting.

FFGM Governance Options: Mary Hauser outlined a “Council” form of governance for FFGM as an alternative to the present “Board” governance. There was a brief discussion and the conversation will continue at a later date.

Emeritus Status: The Board decided to leave the topic tabled. Mary Hauser and Ann Line will develop a Certificate of Appreciation to be used in this situation.

Audit: Ed Kelley volunteered to audit the bank account records for the years 2020 and 2021. It was determined that a formal audit is not necessary at this time.

JOURNEY UPDATE AND DISCUSSION: Ann Line

All journeys are tentative based on Covid-19 conditions at the various Club locations.

Inbound journey from Connecticut is tentatively planned for Summer 2021.

Outbound journey to Turkey is tentatively planned for September 2021.

Inbound journey from Toulouse, France, is tentatively planned for October 2021.

Outbound journey to Tucson is tentatively planned for November 2021.

2022: Lake Simcoe, Ontario is the first-choice request plus an additional international journey possibility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Ann Line

5th at 5’s, Trivia Night and Book Club continue. The “Chocolate” presentation will be held via Zoom. There was a discussion of various other outdoor activities as well as other potential activities via Zoom.

Fundraising: Donna Baldwin-Haut and Ed Kelley: There is no present need for fund-raising activities.

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 reported on Vagabond Club hiking opportunities that are open for others to attend. Anyone interested should contact Clarine for details.

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 December 15. We will need a long-term solution for both preparation of the Newsletter and management of the FFGM website.

CALENDAR 2020

January 5, 2021	5 th at 5 via Zoom meeting
January 13, 2021	FFGM Book Club on Zoom
January 18, 2021	Trivia Evening #7 on Zoom
February 5, 2020	5 th at 5 via Zoom meeting
Summer 2021	Inbound journey from Connecticut, tentative
September 2021	Outbound journey to Turkey, tentative
October 2021	Inbound journey from Toulouse, France, tentative
November 2021	Outbound journey to Tucson, tentative

BRAINSTORMING: Ann Line

An inter-active discussion of a variety of different club activities was held. Possible activities discussed included outdoor activities such as hiking and snowshoeing, having members share their hobbies on Zoom, poetry, art or short story discussions, and a presentation on Covid-19.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 1, 2021, 6:30 pm, Zoom meeting

NEWSLETTER DUE DATE: No later than December 15, 2020

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carole DeRoche