

## MINUTES OF FFGM BOARD MEETING, February 1, 2021

**PRESENT:** Nancy Mitchell, Bob Mitchell, Dorothy Krupa, Ann Line, Sue Pack, Chris Vogel, Clarine Furey, Dave Kalan, Rosie Haas, Mary Hauser, Dorothy Kelley, Jack Bridich, Carole DeRoche

**EXCUSED:** Donna Baldwin-Haut

Co-President Bob Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Doris Mueller and Suzan Hezter, who have recently passed away were remembered for their contributions to FFGM.

Chris Reischl had notified Bob Mitchell that it was very difficult to make donations to FFGM using the website. A solution to the issue is being investigated.

**MINUTES:** Bob Mitchell

**Motion:** The motion to approve the minutes was made by Ann Line and seconded by Mary Hauser. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dorothy Krupa

<b>Accounts:</b> General Checking Account	\$ 10,325.16
Wellington Fund	10,000.00 (cost basis); \$15,551 (market value)
Restricted Checking	6,177.47
Total	\$ 26,502.63

The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

**Motion:** Dorothy Krupa recommend that FFGM obtain a debit card. Following discussion of the issue, Rosie Hass motioned to obtain the card, Dorothy Krupa seconded it and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Budget:** Dorothy Krupa presented the 2021 Budget after thanking all the persons who had contributed to its preparation.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dorothy Kelley

**2021 Membership:** We currently have 101 members, including 2 new members, of whom 55 are single members and 46 are family members. There were 4 non-renewals and one is pending.

**ACTIVITIES:** Ann Line and Mary Hauser

- Book Club will be held on March 10.
- Share your Hobby: several ideas were suggested for members to share a hobby or passion via Zoom with other members.
- Zoom presentation by Bob Mitchell on controversial sculptures, March 12
- Snow-shoeing – a discussion of opportunities at various locations where snowshoes could be rented. No date was scheduled; Ann Line will investigate locations and potential dates.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:** Ann Line

The text and format of the Certificate was discussed and accepted. A discussion of the qualifications for the certificate was brief and there will be future follow-up of the issue.

**OPEN WORLD REPORT:** Chris Vogel

There may be travel in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2021 but there are no definitive plans for that.

There are options to arrange for Virtual Reunions of prior trip participants.

A new pre-meeting with delegates from both visiting and hosting groups will be initiated to establish the type of experiences that will be arranged.

Open World will follow CDC and other health organization travel guidelines when arranging visits. Bob and Nancy Mitchell volunteered to assess and recommend FFGM-specific guidelines for visitors and hosts so that all participants will be knowledgeable about various safety precautions.

**NEWSLETTER:** Rosie Haas and Carole DeRoche

Rosie and Carole have agreed to continue publishing the Newsletter through the end of 2021. They recommend that a new Editor/Publisher be on-board in the fall for a smooth transition. Chris Vogel volunteered to help with the Newsletter since she has prior experience with newsletters.

**FFGM WEBSITE REPORT:** Rosie Haas and Jack Bridich

Jack has volunteered to manage the FFGM website and has it “up” again following a brief interruption. There was also discussion of the Facebook page; we will need a person with knowledge of Facebook to manage that.

**PRESIDENTS’ AGENDA:** Bob Mitchell

- Renewal of membership in the International Institute was approved by acclamation following discussion of experiences during prior membership periods.
- Report of attendance at Midwest Region Leaders Zoom meeting in January.
  - FFI encourages clubs or individuals to be presenters via FFI Virtual Experience Page.
  - “Faces and Places Ohio” presented on February 12 would be good to look at for ideas.
  - “Coffee Chats” will be conversational Spanish or French; details to be worked out.
  - Participants engaged in a long discussion with examples of vetting processes and policies for vetting of ambassadors and hosts. Dale Moore reminded us there is useful information in the Member Resources area of the FFI website.
- It has been suggested that FFGM invite another club to participate in Trivia Night. Bob Mitchell will make the initial contact with either the Madison Club or the Northern Illinois Club to determine if they are interested.
- Dave Kalan suggested that a Study Group be convened to explore the best way of opening our club to travel and hosting. It was agreed that this is a good idea. Rosie Haas and Chris Vogel volunteered to work with Dave.
- Bob and Nancy Mitchell volunteered to review FFGM By-laws and recommend updates to the Board.

**JOURNEYS**

- Inbound: Connecticut, Summer 2021?
- Inbound: Toulouse, France, Early October 2021?
- Outbound: Turkey, September 2021?
- Outbound: Tucson, November 2022

**CALENDAR 2021**

March 5, 2021	5 <sup>th</sup> at 5 via Zoom meeting
March 10, 2021	Book Club: Forty Autumns by Nina Willner (Germany)
March 12, 2021	LIR: Controversies over public sculpture by a COP via Zoom
April 5, 2021	5 <sup>th</sup> at 5 via Zoom meeting
April 12, 2021	Board Meeting

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** April 12, 2021, 6:30 pm, Zoom meeting

**NEWSLETTER DUE DATE:** No later than February 15, 2021

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carole DeRoche