Minutes of FFGM Board Meeting August 8, 2016

Present: Donna Baldwin- Haut, Dee Birschel, Joe Geck, Mary Goeks, Rosie Haas, Dale Harmelink, Sara Harmelink, Mary Hauser, Dave Kalan, Ed Kelley, Ann Line, Doris Mueller, Sue Pack, Cris Reischl

Excused: Bob Blazich, Anne Szcygiel

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Rosie Haas.

1. Minutes - **Motion** was made by Donna Baldwin-Haut and duly seconded: To accept the minutes from the June 6, 2016 board meeting as emailed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer – Dale Harmelink reported.

Cash Accounts: General Checking Account: $7,207.34. General Restricted Account: $10,000. Restricted Accounts: $4,949.87. Total Cash: $22,157.21.

Operationally: income and expenses. 2016 actual income is $3,974.50 and actual expenses are $3378.67 leaving $595.83 excess income over expenses for 2016 to date..

Membership: 2016 to date, 105 members with 49 singles and 28 families.

Exchange Account: Leadership Exchange $360.59. Greece Exchange $9,500. 2016 total exchange account balance is $11,894.47.

Motion was made by Doris Mueller and duly seconded: To accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Rosie Haas reported that the club will now be billed $15 per member by FFI. A $5 increase due to FFI eliminating family memberships. After discussion about recovering this cost,

Motion was made by Donna Baldwin-Haut and duly seconded: To increase the family dues to $65 for the 2017 membership year. Single dues will remain at $35. Motion carried.

It was agreed that a renewal notice will be emailed to members before September 1, giving members the new rate and noting the October 1 deadline for submitting 2017 dues. Any non-renewals after that date will receive a letter or phone call follow-up.

3. 2016 Schedule

5th at 5 social gatherings– Dale Harmelink reported.

September – Cancelled due to Labor Day
October – Laurene Harschutz hosting
November – Dave Kalan hosting. Will be held on the 10th and include Open World delegates.
December – Rosie Haas hosting
2017 dates are open

Leadership Exchange – June 7-14, 2016. EDs Dave Kalan and Donna Baldwin-Haut reported. We've received very positive comments from FFI and several thank you notes from ambassadors.

World Conference – September 15-18, 2016, Marrakesh, Morocco. Dave Kalan, Gary Drescher and Anne Szcygiel will attend and report at a future meeting.

Outbound Athens, Greece – September 22-October 5, 2016. EDs Mary Hauser and Joe Geck reported. Planning is going well. 14 ambassadors with 3 on the wait list. An extension to Crete has also been planned.

Inbound Montreal – October 13-18, 2016. EDs Donna Baldwin-Haut and Cris Reischl reported. Planning is going well. 20 ambassadors are registered. By email vote, the board approved an $850 payment for a bus to Horicon Marsh.

Open World – November 4-12, 2016. Bob Blazich, Rosie Haas and committee are working on the arrangements,

4. 2017 Schedule

Outbound Florianopolis, Brazil – April 2017. Joe Geck and Dale Harmelink are potential EDs. They will schedule a workshop in early September. 16-18 ambassadors can participate.

Inbound from FF Dayton, OH – June or July 2017. We have received a request to host a 5-day exchange. The ambassadors will also be visiting FF Quad Cities. After discussion,

Motion was made by Sara Harmelink and duly seconded: That we accept a 5-day inbound exchange from FF Dayton, OH to be held in June or July 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Inbound Global Themed Exchange – possibly September 2017. Facilitator Dave Kalan reported. This will replace the inbound Vietnam exchange and will be open to them and the world. EDs are still needed. Ambassadors will spend the 2nd week of the exchange with FF Northern Illinois.

Outbound Domestic Exchange. The possibility of requesting an exchange was discussed and will be given further consideration at a future meeting.

5. Membership – Dave Kalan.

he membership committee will meet to discuss an informal new member event and a potential member event. Mentors are being assigned to new members. FFI is developing a new member pack and FFGM may want to create something as well.

A coordinator is needed to plan the potential member event, possibly with a speaker and potentially in spring, 2017. Let Rosie know if you'd like to volunteer. Sara Harmelink and Donna Baldwin-Haut volunteered to assist.

6. Activities – Mary Hauser and Ann Line reported on recent and upcoming events.

Picnic – July 20th, Wirth Park Brookfield. 55 people attended. Very enjoyable food and entertainment. Excess food went to a food shelter in Waukesha.

The Landing Beer Garden, Hoyt Park, Wauwatosa – August 25, 5-8PM. No RSVP is needed. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

Annual meeting – Old Town Serbian Gourmet Restaurant – November 6, 2016, 12:30PM. Open World delegates will be invited and perhaps 4 local Serbian guests.

7. Fund Raising - Donna Baldwin-Haut reported that over $500 has been raised to date in 2016.

8. Community Outreach- Sue Pack reported that to date in 2016, members of the club have packed bins for Hunger Taskforce, gardened as part of the Leadership Exchange, delivered packages to the veterans at the VA, hosted about 12 MATC ESL students at a member's home and participated in the recent Sikh walk.

8. Vice President – Sara Harmelink had no report.

9. President – Rosie Haas reported.

2018 Inbound Hosting Availability Form. Rosie is completing the form noting that we can accept 10-20 ambassadors and that Dec, Jan, and Feb. are months to avoid.

The 2018 outbound form will be received soon. Board members were asked to email Rosie with 1-2 suggestions for possible locations to request.

Conference Attendance Policy. The proposed bylaws and board manual changes prepared by Doris Mueller and Mary Goeks were reviewed. After discussion,

Motion was made and duly seconded: To accept the recommended additions and changes to the Bylaws and Board Manual and provide a draft to the general membership for consideration at the 2016 Annual Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

October Board Meeting. Several members will be absent so the meeting was rescheduled to October 24, 6:30PM.

December Board Meeting. To avoid conflict with the 5th at 5 gathering, the December meeting will be held at 2:30PM at St. Matthews Lutheran Church or a location to be determined.

Future Board Meetings. Several Board members requested that we revert to evenings for the meetings. The Board agreed to hold meetings the first Monday of every other month at 6:30PM starting with the February, 2017 meeting.

11. Communication/Website/Newsletter – Doris Mueller reported the Newsletter deadline is August 20 for the Sept-Oct Newsletter and October 20 for the Nov-Dec Newsletter..

12. Next Board Meeting: **Monday, October 24, 2016** at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, **6:30 p.m**.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Birschel, Secretary