

Minutes of FFGM Board Meeting February 1, 2016

Present: Donna Baldwin- Haut, Dee Birschel, Joe Geck, Mary Goeks, Rosie Haas, Dale Harmelink, Sara Harmelink, Mary Hauser, Dave Kalan, Doris Mueller, Anne Szczygiel

Excused: Bob Blazich, Ed Kelley, Ann Line, Cris Reischl

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Rosie Haas.

1. Minutes -

Motion was made by Mary Hauser and duly seconded: To accept the minutes from the December 7, 2015 board meeting and December 6, 2015 annual meeting as emailed. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer – Dale Harmelink reported.

Cash Accounts: General Checking Account: \$7,691.51. General Restricted Account: \$10,000. Restricted Accounts: \$4,949.87. Total Cash: \$22,641.38.

Operationally: income and expenses. 2015 actual income is \$6,397.73 and actual expenses are \$5020.53 leaving \$1377.20 excess income over expense for 2015.

Membership: 2016 to date- 93 members with 43 singles and 25 families.

Exchange Account: 2015 Exchange accounts are closed with an account balance of \$2,000.

The projected 2016 budget was presented, but discussion was tabled until after the strategic planning meeting February, 17th.

Motion was made by Donna Baldwin-Haut and duly seconded: To accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion carried unanimously.

3. 2016 Schedule

5th at 5 social gatherings– Dale Harmelink reported

February - Gary Drescher hosting

March - Cris Reischl hosting

April – open

May – open

June - Sara and Dale Harmelink hosting

The purpose of these gatherings is to attract new members and have a regular social activity for members.

Regional Conference – April 28-May 1, FF Quad Cities hosting. Dave Kalan, Rosie Haas and Donna Baldwin-Haut are planning on attending. All members are encouraged to register. New CEO and President Jeremi Snook will attend.

Prior years FFGM expense reimbursement for this conference was discussed. Reimbursement for 2016 will be finalized at the April meeting.

Inbound Leadership Exchange –June 7-14, 2016. Dave Kalan and Donna Baldwin-Haut are ED's. We currently have 10 applications from all over the world. Home hosts will be needed.

Inbound New Plymouth, New Zealand - August 20-26, 2016. Donna Baldwin-Haut and Cris Reischl are ED's. Approximately 20 ambassadors are expected. They will also be visiting Oklahoma City, St. Louis and Chicago.

Outbound Athens, Greece – Mary Hauser and Joe Geck are EDs. Communication with the host club continues to be difficult. No date has been set, but Athens would ideally follow the International Conference being held September 15-18, 2016. A post Exchange extension is being discussed. Currently the Athens club can accommodate 12 ambassadors. It was suggested that it be clarified that we will cover all tour expenses and offer to do a service project while in the area.

World Conference – September 16-19, 2016, Marrakesh, Morocco. Registration is open.

4. 2017 Schedule FFGM matches from FFI are:

Outbound Florianopolis, Brazil – June 2017

Inbound Vietnam – September 2017

Other potential activities will be discussed, e.g. a domestic exchange and/or Open World.

5. Membership – Dave Kalan. There was a discussion of reasons being given for nonrenewal. He has contacted several former members individually. Board members volunteered to assist with the contacts.

6. Activities – Mary Hauser reported that planning has begun for 2016.

7. Fund Raising - Donna Baldwin-Haut had no report.

8. Vice President – Sara Harmelink had no report.

9. President – Rosie Haas

ED's Term on the Board – The proposed Exchange Director Position Description was reviewed. After discussion,

Motion was made by Donna Baldwin-Haut and duly seconded: To accept the language as presented and include it in the Board Manual. Motion carried unanimously.

Board position opening - The Community Outreach position is currently vacant and a volunteer is needed.

Strategic Planning Meeting - A meeting to review and update our plan will be held February 17th, 12-3 pm. Rosie and Donna will draft an agenda.

11. Communication/Website/Newsletter – Doris Mueller reported the Newsletter deadline is February 20.

12. Next Board Meeting: **Monday, April 4, 2016** at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Birschel, Secretary