**MINUTES** **OF** **FFGM** **BOARD** **MEETING** **AUGUST** **6** **2018**

**PRESENT**: Dale Harmelink, Sara Harmelink, Mary Hauser, Donna Baldwin-Haut, Dave Kalan, Dorothy Kelly, Doris Mueller, Sue Pack, Cris Reischl, Anne Szcygiel, Chris Vogel, Louise Cieslak, Dorothy Krupa, Nancy Mitchell.

**EXCUSED:** Ann Line, Nancy Rubly, Rosie Haas, and Ed Kelly.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Sara Harmelink.

**1.** **JUNE**  **MINUTES:** **Motion** was made by Donna Baldwin-Haut and duly seconded to accept the minutes from June 4, 2018 Board meeting as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

**2.**  **TREASURER:** Dale Harmelink reported financial condition as excellent.

* Cash accounts: General Checking Account:: $12,0032.46. General Restricted Account: $3,326.47. Exchange Account checking: $7,446.97
* Operationally income and expenses : 2018 to date actual income is $5,836.93 and actual expenses are $3,156.99 leaving $2,679.94 profit to date.
  + Wellington Fund [book $10,000] MRT $11,981.56
  + FFGM is signed up to use Square app for charge transactions.

**MOTION** : After discussion on use of Square App and its 2.75% service fee per transaction, .a motion was made by Dale Harmelink that the organization will assume the fee on membership dues for the current year. Motion duly seconded and carried unanimously

**MOTION** : made by Mary Hauser and duly seconded to accept treasurers report. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. MEMBERSHIP:** Rosie Haas not present. 2018 membership as reported in June minutes Three new members for 2019.

* MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT : Dorothy Kelly reported a successful June new member gathering. Each new member was assigned a mentor for one year. A Fall gathering is also being planned.
* Doris Mueller presented changes to membership application form. After discussion of form changes a **MOTION** by Mary Hauser was made to finalize these changes at the next board meeting October 1, 2018. and duly seconded. Motion carried unanimously

**4.** **PRESIDENT’S** **REPORT:** Sara Harmelink. The following items were discussed:

**MOTION** made by Donna Baldwin-Haut to make $100 donation to St. Matthews Church instead of towards advertising in their bulletin and duly seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

* Chris Vogel checked into info from Regional Rep Dale Moore and Webinars.
* Hosting months – April thru October. The club will accept same number of International Inbounds as in previous years.
* After discussion of formation of nominating committee Dave Kalan will be the board member on the committee and will make appointments for two non-board members. That committee will present the candidates for Vice President, President and Assistant Treasurer at the Annual board meeting. Work was already done by the leadership committee to identify those candidates willing to take on this responsibility. They will request bios from the candidates prior to the Annual Board meeting.
* 2019 Domestic Outbound discussion held and decisions to be made at October board meeting. Sara Harmelink and Dave Kalan will explore options with Southwestern US clubs for possibilities within the winter months and if that cannot be worked out also connect with Tallahassee Florida club which has availability April 6.
* Some ideas- Encourage journey committee to make journeys more interesting. Plan within budget and use funds to enhance program. Compensate Home Host with possible discounts on events.

**5. 2018** **SCHEDULE**

* July 18-24 Inbound Clearwater, Fl. Cris Reischl, Ann Line
* Clearwater reported that they had a great time. All enjoyed their Home Hosts. Six of the ten home hosts were new members and first time hosts.
* A request for use of excess funds was made by coordinator Ann Line for the use of an honorarium of $25 per home host or $50 per home host couple. There was a discussion of this idea. Board members were not in agreement with the precedent or the fact that it was a request that did not come in advance of the journey. It was not approved. The discussion on uses for excess funds to continue at the October board meeting.
* Clearwater posted a video of their wonderful time in Milwaukee. The link will be shared.
* SEPTEMBER 4-11 Inbound Alajuela, Costa Rica Rosie Haas, Nancy Rubly HCs.

**MOTION** by Donna Baldwin - Haut and duly seconded to approve $50.For snacks and water on bus trip Sept, 6 to Green Bay, Wi. Motion carried.

* September 5 Fifth at Five Nancy Rubly.
* September 22 Lao Dinner , Brookfield cost $ 15.
* October 5 FIFTH AT FIVE – Barbara Barrett. Need hosts through the rest of the year.
* October 11, first meeting for outbound Montreal 2019, Wauwatosa Library, 6:15 PM.
* October 20-24 Rumsfeld delegation Mary Hauser, Coordinator. Theme: Economic Development
* October 29 Indian Food Demo, Sue Pack , at Laurene Harschutz home
* November 4 - Annual Meeting
* November 8-15 Santa Barbara CA Domestic Outbound Dorothy Kelly , Sara Harmelink , Co ACs. Plans going very well. 15 people committed

**6.** **2019** **SCHEDULE:**

* TBD Inbound – Santa Barbara CA April – May.
* July 18 – 23 English Language Inbound [Japan] ESL Facilitator: Dave Kalan. Gary Dresher and Joe Geck - Co – HCs.
* July 23 – 25 FF International Conference ,Boulder, CO.
* September 4 – 11 Montreal Canada Outbound - Dorothy Kelly , Chris Vogel , Co ACs

0CT0BER 11 , 2018 first meeting for outbound Montreal 2019 , Wauwatosa Library 6:15 PM

**7.**  **ACTIVITIES:** - Mary Hauser , Ann Line

* Book Club: September 20th at Nancy Bowen’s “Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah.
* Annual Meeting will be November 4, 2018

MOTION made by Doris Mueller and duly seconded for Max Allowance of $300 if needed from excess fund toward annual meeting . Motion carried.

**8.**  **FUND** **RAISING:** No report

**9.**  **LEADERSHIP:** - Dave Kalan “Friendship Force 101” August 29, 2018 - Six people to attend .

**10.**  **COMMUNITY** **OUTREACH:** Sue Pack Open Door Café at Weakland Center. Good membership turn out in June .

**11.** **VICE** **PRESIDENT:** Ann Line no report (excused).

**12.** **PUBLIC** **RELATIONS:** Chris Vogel No report although did Webinars. Asked for brain storming committee Mary Hauser , Doris Mueller volunteered to join Chris Vogel.

**13.** **COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER** Doris Mueller Newsletter deadline: August 15 , 2018.

**NEXT** **BOARD** **MEETING** Monday October 1, 2018 6:30 PM – 8 PM St Matthews

**MOTION** made by Mary Hauser, seconded and carried to adjourn meeting at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Cieslak, Secretary.