

MINUTES OF FFGM BOARD MEETING, April 3rd, 2023

PRESENT: Nancy Mitchell, Bob Mitchell, Clarine Furey, Ann Line, Dave Kalan, Rosie Haas, Susan Feddersen, Chris Vogel, Susan Pack, Stephanie Frier, Gayle Best, Kathy Luglio, Nancy Rubly, Barb Geck, Donna Baldwin-Hunt, Chris Vogel

EXCUSED: Dorothy Krupa, Jack Bridich, Dorothy Kelly, Cindy Hum

President Chris Vogel called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: Chris Vogel

Minutes were presented for approval. Bob Mitchell made the motion to approve, seconded by ???. Minutes approved by board with a show of hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The treasurer's report, which was previously distributed to the board, was presented by Stephanie Frier in Dorothy's absence. The format has changed to Quick Books and the conversion is still in process.
- Here is Dorothy's report from her email submission:
"The Statement of Financial Position report replaces the first page of the Treasurers report received in the past. The report shows the bank balances of \$16660.72. This does not include the Investment account of an additional \$10,000. I will add that into the financials for the next board meeting. This report has the most changes. I will talk more about this report at the next board meeting.
The Budget vs Actual report replaces the income and expense report and is pretty much the same format.
The main income and expense items for January and February:
Member dues income of \$3115
Member Dues expense \$2050 paid to FFI.
Website annual fee expense \$144."
• Please refer to that report for account details.
- Dave Kalan noted that there are somethings that were not in the new format, including the reserved accounts, including membership and journey fees. Stephanie will talk to Dorothy about including these.
- Ann Line moved to accept the report and Nancy Rubly seconded.
- **PNC account access: The board approves Dorothy Krupa and Stephanie Freier as authorized signers for PNC bank. Dave Harmelink and Ann Line should be taken off as authorized signors.**

Email approval was received from the following Board members:

Ann Line, Chris Vogel, Bob Mitchell, Nancy Rubly, Dorothy Krupa, Rosie Haas, Dave Kalan, Gayle Best, Dorothy Kelley, Clarine Furey, Kathy Luglio and Susan Feddersen, granting approval for changes.

MEMBERSHIP: Dorothy Kelley.

- Currently have 87 members and 5 new members.
- Rosie is working on an updated directory, but still needs new member info. Also working on getting photos for those that are missing.
- April 17th new member gathering at Chris Vogels house. 17 invitations have been sent. Still need to wok on detailed format. Chris is coordinating.

- A membership recruitment event is being planned for 6/21 at the Kneeland-Walker House in Wauwatosa. Facility has been reserved and paid for. Suggested time is 5 - 8pm . Only 3 folks have responded with names. Reminder to be included in the newsletter.
- A new member orientation will be held following this event.

ACTIVITIES: Ann Line and Gayle Best

- April 5th, Racine Art Museum for 'PEEPS' exhibit, with lunch following at the Maple Table. 19 people signed up.
- April 22nd trip to Venerable fire collection in slinger from 11:30 - 1:00pm There is a \$10 fee. Lunch is still being scheduled.
- Milwaukee County Historical Society with lunch following at the new Turning Tables restaurant at Turner Hall. The restaurant works with black entrepreneurs.
- May 5th @ 5 at Nancy Rubly's
- May 10th Book Club
- Spring Fling May 24th at Bass Bay on Muskego Lake. They are honoring the \$200 deposit. Room is reserved from 3 - 8pm; event will start at 4:30. We are having the Little Italy Menu, approximate cost is \$24.
- June 7th - Pewaukee day. Clark house museum at 1pm. Lunch at clock club @ 2:30. Donation to Historical society \$3
- June 5th @ 5 at Chris Vogels house
- July 10th - Picnic at Mitchell Park Pavilion
- July 12th - Book Club
- July 16th - Manitowoc day, Sand Sculpting Festival
- WHET activities will be starting up again.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS - Dave Kalan

- Currently a group is working the food pantry every Saturday morning. Communicating out to members; looking for more volunteers.
- PBJ is booking out into July, but only one slot is available to FFGM each month.
- Would like to get other volunteer projects, but want someone else to lead. May get involved with Hope ministries project.
- We are looking to collect Sendiks bags, for the food pantry work. Bring to 5th at 5. Bags are almost as expensive as some of the food.

Report on Field Representatives meeting – R. Mitchell

- Bob Mitchell will take concerns to Field Representatives meeting.
- FFI hired two new part-time staff, one to handle Open World/Alex and the other accounting, both working from home.
- FFI eventually going to a "rolling renewal" of memberships with payments made to FFI and to local club. Individual pays rather than club.
- Eventual shutting down of FFI public website. There will be one website for both public and members, with security.
- Will have technology mentors available for future.
- New FFI Handbook for 2023
- Individual journeys: Members will be able to travel or Host as an individual. An individual traveler will need to apply to be accepted by a Host and cannot request housing. Guidelines for this process will be posted on the 'myfriendshipforce.com' website. There will be a \$25 processing fee for each journey request plus \$25 per night for stays.

- New Global Members will not be attached to a club.
- Application processes for both an individual traveler or Host are still being developed.
- A vetting process is needed for individual travelers. Who will do this?
- FFI has new part time hires who will be responsible for Open World.

JOURNEYS-2023

OUTBOUND

- Journey to Friendship Force of Central Arizona in the Phoenix area was Feb. 18-25. A total of 15 ambassadors went, including two from Chicago, two from Madison, and one from California. Ambassador coordinator is Chris Vogel. Great journey-trouble free.

INBOUND

- Toulouse incoming, end of September 28th - October 5th. Host coordinator is Ann Line.
- Quad Cities mini-journey April 18-21. Host coordinator is Bob Mitchell. Checks received and submitted. Bob Mitchell will send checks to Stephanie for depositing. Planned activities include Art in Bloom, the Black Holocaust museum and a welcome lunch at Bob's house.
- Asheville, NC - 7/28 - 8/4 - Clarine Furey coordinating. Activities may include Wisconsin State Fair, a downtown day, tour of the Basilica, Edelweiss cruise and a welcome party on Saturday night. Need to limit to 10 - 12 ambassadors. Host coordinator is Clarine Furey. We will need 8 houses.

INTERNATIONAL JOURNEYS 2024

- Top three choices of board members are Germany, Belgium and New Zealand. Requests submitted. Assignments will be out later this month.

NEWSLETTER: Chris Vogel - Deadline is April 12, 2023

2023 BOARD MEETINGS: June 12 (To avoid conflict with 5th @5), August 7, October 9 (Moved due to Toulouse inbound), and December 4 at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: Chris Vogel closed the meeting .

Respectfully submitted, Susan Feddersen