

Friendship Force of Central Iowa (FFCI)

Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 31, 2021

(replaces regularly scheduled July 10, 2021, meeting)

Present: Corry Bertelsen (Activities Co-Chair), Alta and Jerry Byg (Co-Treasurers), Sedahlia Crase (President), Robert Strahan (Past Co-President)

1. **Call to order** (President Crase, 9:50 a.m.)

2. **Approval of Agenda**

3. **Approve May 8, 2021 Board Meeting minutes**

Strahan **moved approval**, Bertelsen **seconded**; **motion carried**.

4. **Acknowledgments, Crase**

Crase expressed appreciation to the Activities Committee and other helpers for the well-attended June picnic and to other club members for the work in their areas.

5. **Reports**

a. **Treasurer's Report, Alta/Jerry Byg**

No transactions in the Journey Account (\$250 balance). Picnic transactions and membership renewals bring the General Account balance to \$4,819.07.

b. **Membership, Joan Mathews**

Three previous members have now paid dues for this year.

c. **Communications**

Open position

i. **Historian**

Open position

ii. **Information Technology, Epplin**

No report

iii. **Newsletter**

Open position

iv. **Publicity**

Open position

d. **Activities, C. Bertelsen/Charene Starcevic**

Thirty-six members attended the Ada Hayden Heritage Park Picnic on June 23. Another outdoor eating event (LEO--Let's Eat Out) is in the plans.

e. **Nominations, Crase**

No report

f. **Information via Regional Representative Dale Moore, Crase**

Clubs will not be pressed to donate again to FFI. FFCI was the only Midwest Region club not yet to ask for journey matches, though others may take this in the future.

6. **Old Business**

a. **Newsletters, Guest Editors**

No current activity

b. **Journeys (in- and out-bound) status, 2022 and ongoing**

No current plans

c. **Website, Margaret Epplin**

No report

d. **Member sign-in to new FFI portal**

Strahan suggested that a direct route to this portal is by entering my.friendshipforce.org to get to the Member Login page, then clicking on the **NEW TO THIS SITE? Click here...**link. A member user name and password along with other information is then requested. Some members, however, have encountered difficulty with this. Crase is offering to go to group places like Northcrest and Green Hills to assist members having trouble logging on.

7. **New Business, mixed with ongoing business**

a. **Be the Bridge: Future plans: Do we want to volunteer to be a test site for the **Be the Bridge** for FFI?**

After some background from Crase, and Crase's suggestion that Diane Oppedal would be an effective leader for this project,

A. Byg **moved** and Strahan **seconded** that Crase inquire whether Oppedal would be willing to lead FFCI in this endeavor. **Motion carried.**

b. **Anything budget 2021 or 2022**

No action

8. **Other business and/or concerns**

Regarding the future viability of FFCI, Strahan noted that we need to be prepared for the October Annual Meeting in which officers for the next year are selected. He noted the need for willing volunteers for open offices if the club is to remain viable and suggested that the membership be reminded of this need. He further suggested that measures be considered to ascertain commitment both for office holding and for engaging in inbound and outbound journeys once they are resumed.

9. **Adjournment (11:23 a.m.): Next Board meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 11, via Zoom**

Board meetings remaining in 2021: September 11, November 13

Bob Strahan

Acting Secretary