

The Annual Meeting of Friendship Force of Central Iowa was called to order by President Sedahlia Crase at 10:00 am.

Alta Byg, Substitute Secretary, called of the names of the members to determine attendance. Those in attendance were: Bob Strahan, Kueier Chung, Roger Bertelsen, Cornelia Bertelsen, Joan Mathews, Judith Mongin, Cheryl Binzen, Jerry Byg, Alta Byg, Virginia Molgaard, Leeland Molgaard, Virginia Huntington, Stuart Huntington, Dorothy Dake, Dennis Dake, Margaret (Peggy) Faden, Sedahlia Crase, Lynn Van Valin, Barbara Schwarte, and Carol Magilton.

There were 20 members present and with 46 paid members, a 25% quorum was met.

Bob Strahan pointed out several small errors in the agenda. Point 4. Annual Meeting, was 2021, not 2020; 6. B. b. the word shuttled should be scuttled; d. Received placement for 2022 should be 2023; 6. C. a. 3, should be group not groupf. Also pointed out that we should add discussing a return trip from Brandon, Manitoba to our incoming list of journeys.

Joan Mathews made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected and Bob Strahan seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The board of officers have been given permission to approve the minutes for 2021.

Treasurers report: Journey checking account is \$250, the General checking account is \$5483.75. There was a report of 47 members after double checking on the checks received, it was determined that there are 46 members.

Margaret Epplin, who was unable to attend, Margaret has kept our website up-to-date

Dennis Dake has produced 3 newsletters with the 4th on to be sent out soon. If you have information which should be

added, the deadline for the current newsletter is October 12. The Meet the Member section needs people to write a short description about themselves, their travel, and anything else they would like to talk about to be added to this section. Please send a picture to add to the newsletter as well. There are still 2 more newsletters to send out, so please send information to help keep these newsletters interesting and viable.

The Activities Committee reported that the year has been very active, with picnics, boat tours, speakers, wildflower presentation and scavenger hunt just to name a few. The next one will be the FFCI Fall Fun Olympics on Tuesday, October 18 from 4 to 6. The Holiday potluck and gift exchange will be December 3rd, watch for more information.

Officers for next year are needed. There is currently no nomination for President & President elect. The current Treasurers, Alta & Jerry Byg and Secretary, Margaret Epplin have agreed to serve again. Joan Mathews made a motion to accept these officers as proposed. It was seconded by Bob Strahan, the vote was unanimous. The current activities chairs, Corry Bertelsen, Charene Starcevic have agreed to serve again for next year and Dorothy Dake will be joining their team. Dennis Dake has agreed to again prepare the Newsletter for next year. There was a motion by Judy Mongin and seconded by Joan Mathews to allow the current officers to fill the empty positions in the slate of officers, the vote was unanimous.

Review of 2022, Covid 19 is still preventing many activities from being held. FFCI was able to fill enough positions to have a successful year. FFCI & FFGDM were organizing an

incoming journey from a SE Mexico Club, although through lack of communication that fell through.

We have requested and been given an outbound journey to Missoula, Montana. That club is suggesting an early fall arrival date. Sedahlia will be sending out an email to request information about who is interested in going and what time of the year they would like to go. Please respond to that email as soon as possible.

Information from FFI;

Be the Bridge - not much is going on in that area. Locally, if anyone in this club belongs to other clubs in the area, such as Kiwanis, there may be people from FFCI who would be willing to give presentation talking about FFI.

If you haven't logged into the FFI Portal please do so soon. Login at my.friendshipforce.org; go to Member Login; sign up. Once you go there, follow the instructions to log in. NOTE: If you have a question about logging in, please contact FFI at support@friendshipforce.org

Once you have signed up, you need to login to see what is happening at FFI. Traveling via cruises through FFI are also available.

A drawing was held for door prizes of brownies. The winners were Roger Bertelsen, Stuart Huntington and Dennis Dake.

Joan Mathews made a motion to adjourn and Stu Huntington seconded that motion, the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59.