FFCI Board Meeting - Final Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Present: Alta Byg, Jerry Byg, Corry Bertlesen, Marcia Thompson, Cheryl Binzen

Present on zoom: Carole Magilton

The meeting was called to order by President Alta Byg at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of the March 19, 2024, Board meeting was accepted as sent.

Newsletter: Information to be included is to be sent to Dennis Dake no later than July 1.

Jerry Byg presented the Treasurer's Report.

The balance in the journey account on March 18 was \$250.00. The Missoula Friendship Force reimbursed \$410 for the Missoula exchange and this was deposited into the account. Ten checks in the amount of \$41.00 were issued to Ron Mowers, Margaret Epplin, Sedahlia Crase, Joan Matthews, Judy Mongin, Diane Oppedal, Carol Grimm, Claude Jean Holcomb, Sharon Bowers and Marty Novak for their share of the reimbursement. The ending balance in the exchange account as of June 18, 2024 is \$250.00. As of March 18, 2024, the General account check book balance was \$5,490.42. Judy Mongin purchased four FFCI pins for \$10.00 which was deposited in the General Account making the balance in the General Account \$5500.42.

We have 35 paid members to date.

An audit of the General Account for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023 and for the Exchange Account for the Long Island, NY and the Missoula, MT was completed on May 10, 2024, by Carole Magilton and Cheryl Binzen. Both accounts are in balance and in good order.

Activity Committee: Corry reviewed suggestions for the July Clear Lake trip which is tentatively scheduled for July 17. The August activity will be chair yoga on the 27th. Cheryl Binzen moved that the beverages for the July and August activities be a FFCI club expense. Marcia Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Journeys: Thanks to Dorothy Dake (Ames, IA) and Lori McBeth (Brandon, Manitoba) the incoming Brandon journey has been scheduled for September 2025. A Journey Coordinator is to be chosen.

FFI North American Conference: The Conference will be held on October 7-10, 2024, in Milwaukee, WI. Marcia Thompson moved that the full Registration Fee for the FFCI President be a club expense and that reimbursements of \$100 be each be awarded for the first five club members who register for this Conference. Cheryl Binzen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Alta Byg has already communicated this to the full membership in an email sent Wednesday, June 19, 2024, with the subject "FFI North American Conference.

Public Outreach:

- OLLI Alta and Jerry Byg will present an OLLI offering on October 23 and 30.
- World Friendship Day March 1, 2025. This had been an annual and much attended event until COVID. ISUWC Culture Sharing has co-hosted this event in the past and may be willing to help again. Someone from FFCI is needed to organize this event. Please contact Alta to volunteer or with questions.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:25 p.m

Next Meeting: September 17, 2024. Contact Alta Byg if you have something you would like to have added to the agenda.