

Friendship Force CR-IC Annual Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2022 at 9:30 AM – Ronneburg Inn

1. Welcome by Connie Williams.
 2. Christine Allen gave a financial report.
 3. Committee Reports:
 - A. Journeys

Mary Stull commented on the Dallas Trip. Very good trip.
Connie Williams commented on the ALEX Trip – It was a delightful group.
Larry Nelson commented on the Sarasota Trip.
Judy Frascht-Miner added a Big Thank You to all that helped to make these trips successful.
Judy reported on upcoming trips. Outbound to Australia and New Zealand in March/April 2023, Inbound from Edmonton, Canada maybe in September/October 2023, Inbound from Taipei, Taiwan in late June 2023 and Croatia in October 2023.
Connie Williams talked about OPEN World-Kosovo December 9-17, 2022. December 11th will be a dinner at 3PM and on December 16th is a trip to the Paramount.
 - B. Communications

Mary Stull talked about the Sponsorship program.
 - C. Shirley Rosencrans reported that the Orange City Trip was a great time. Also the ALEX Trip to the Field of Dreams was a lot of fun.
 - D. Jean Thomas reported on the hikes: Cascade in April and Rochester Cemetery in May.
 - E. Carol & Jerry Burke reported 73 members.
 - F. Talked about continuing the monthly Zoom board meetings.
 - G. Trivia nights mentioned.
 4. Board Nominations

Nominations for 2023 Board Officers were Nancy York – President Elect, Marilyn Bengé – Secretary, and Christine Allen – Treasurer. Judy Frascht-Miner moved to accept nominations for the election of officers for 2023 and was seconded by Mary Stull. Motion carried.
 5. Patty Potter – President Elect made a few comments about the upcoming year.
 6. Adjourn
- (Annual Meeting Agenda attached)

Special Thanks

2022 Board

Connie Williams – President
Jerry Burke – Past President
Patty Potter – President Elect
Marilyn Bengé – Secretary
Christine Allen – Treasurer
Mary Stull – Communications
Shirley Rosencrans – Activities
Judy Frascht-Miner – Journey Chair
Carol Burke - Membership
Carol Malichky – Director at Large
Jean Thomas – Director at Large

2023 Board Nominations

Nancy York - President Elect
Marilyn Bengé – Secretary
Christine Allen - Treasurer

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Annual Meeting 2022

Agenda

Welcome

Breakfast

Financial Report

Committee Reports

2022 President's Message

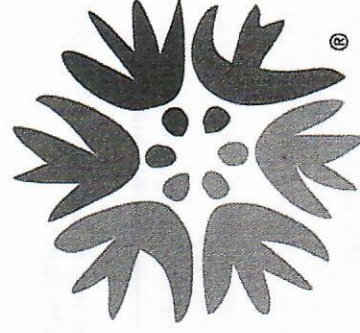
Election of Officers

2023 President's Message

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Ronneburg Restaurant

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Iowa State Fair
LEO-Let's Eat Out
Zoom Trivia Nights
Hikes to Area Trails
Orange City Tulip Festival
World Friendship Day Zoom
All Iowa Picnic in Davenport
Outbound Journey to Dallas
Inbound Journey from Peru
Orchestra Iowa @ Paramount
ALEX Students from Albania
Picnic at Jones Co Central Park
Inbound Journey from Sarasota
Outbound Journey to Albuquerque
Open World Delegates from Kosovo

**Highlights
of 2022**

Treasurer's Summary

Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids-Iowa City financial condition has been strong due to the continued interest of membership and the strong support of members volunteering their services.

General Account Balance at beginning of fiscal year 12/1/2021 = \$11,009.36
General Account Balance on 10/31/2022 = \$9,083.77
It should be noted that dues are collected beginning November 1 making November a month where income increases.

Journey Account Balance at beginning of fiscal year 12/1/2021 = \$5,263.61
Journey Account Balance on 10/31/2022 = \$8,191.20

Please contact Christine Allen if you have questions calleniv@gmail.com

Afghan Sponsorship

The Friendship Cedar Rapids Sponsor Circle was formed earlier this year to welcome Afghan refugees to our community. On July 6, we welcomed Idris and Abdullah to Cedar Rapids. The sponsor circle found an apartment near Kirkwood and furnished it thanks to many Friendship Force members and their friends. The circle also assisted them in getting full-time employment at Whirlpool, provided tutoring in English, found access to medical and dental care and other social services, arranged legal services to begin their path to immigration and helped them get acquainted with their new community. Our role has now evolved to providing friendship, mentoring and guidance to them. Our major funding came from the Tiffany Ann Earl Endowed Donor-Advised Fund, Zylstra and Earl Family Fund of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. Additional financial support came from our Friendship Force club and Lovely Lane UMC.

We could not have done this without the support of the Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids-Iowa City. Thank you for all you did to make Abdullah and Idris part of our community. They are grateful for all we have done for them.

Friendship Cedar Rapids Sponsor Circle Members:
Connie Williams, Jean and Dean Thomas, Barb and Jim Steggall, Nancy York, Mary and Frank Stull