

Friendship Force of Lethbridge Executive Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Location: home of Dave & Barb Clarke, 3303 North Parkside Dr. S.

Time: 2:30 PM.

In attendance: Barb Clarke, Barb Beatty, Erika Hilz, Herman Gom, Stan & Beth Weiss, Don Becklund, Ken Lievers

1. **Call to Order:** @ 2:40 by chair Barb Clarke
2. **Approval of Agenda:** motion Don Becklund/ Stan Weiss; carried
3. **Adoption of Minutes of Feb.17/10:** motion Barb Beatty/Erika Hilz; carried.

4. **Correspondence:**

- a) Seattle/Tacoma – home hosting is set up; exchange will be informal.
- b) Spokane NRRC - 10 attending, more information after their meeting today

5. **Reports:**

a) President...Barb Clarke

- review of manuals in progress (in-bound ED and outbound ED); still to check bylaws, new-member's kit, fact sheets, etc.

- 3 to 5 potential new members as a result of advertising.

b) **Financial... Barb Beatty**

- general account as of feb.28th is \$2,872.46; exchange accounts at zero.

- motion to approve report Barb Beatty/Stan Weiss; carried.

-Stan volunteered to audit the 2009 financial records as Barb the suggested auditor has not responded to Barb's calls

c) **Communications...** Geoff Bradshaw via Barb Clarke

- our ad was renewed for the April issue of LSCO Senior Times; information submitted to Lethbridge Herald's Community Events.

- Herman Gom reported our website is down at the moment.

d) **Activities...** Erika Hilz

- everything set for March 26 General Meeting; Luke Mouthaan providing the travelogue.

- LEO April 14th at Cheesecake; Juanita Chipman & Joyce Johnson doing the phone reminders.

e) **Exchanges**

i) **Melbourne, Australia** inbound, Aug.11-18 – Beth Weiss

- currently at 10 but hoping for some from Gold Coast to join

- will be taking a tour bus from Vancouver to Calgary

- following the exchange, will spend a few days at Glacier, then on to Spokane

- discussed travel options getting ambassadors to Glacier.

iii) Mexico City/Comitan, **Mexico** outbound Nov.8-22 – Don Becklund

- air fare of \$910 (quote for at least 15 people) Calgary-Mexico City-Tuxtla; bus (extra) to Comitan

- Mexico City Nov.8-15, maximum of 20 people, will shuttle us from/to the airport

- Comitan Nov.15-22 maximum of 20 people

- currently 16 of our club expressing interest

- ballpark total cost estimate of \$1600-\$1700 per person.

iv) Cheyenne & Harrisburg, 2011 – Barb Clarke

- 3 travel options costed out for either May-June or September 2011

- possible add-ons for New York or Washington

- Harrisburg FF club has 120 members
- other ideas discussed: time separation of trips; drive to Cheyenne, Amtrak to Harrisburg
- ACTION: Stan Weiss to follow-up on costing
- Decision to accept the 2011 exchange must be made by the end of March 2010.

6. Business

- a) Committee for review of bylaws, manuals – objective is to complete work by April 2010; will get past & present ED's to review packages for completeness and usefulness.
- b) Membership Committee – Discussed increasing community presence through volunteering (e.g. Habitat for Humanity), booth at shopping centres, float at Whoop-Up Days parade. Some member profiles going to Geoff Bradshaw for inclusion in April newsletter.
- c) Travelogues – discussed future possibilities: Bob & Pat McNeil on their trip in Africa; Ron MacTavish on Kiva and microlending; discussion of Greg Mortenson's work as published in "Three Cups of Tea" and "Stones into Schools."
- d) June BBQ – ACTION: Solicit volunteer hosts at next General Meeting.
- e) Guest nametags – to include "Guest", website, and contact number. ACTION: Ken Lievers to prepare. ACTION: Stan Weiss to bring nametag holders, application forms and brochures to each meeting.
- f) Information booth at NRR Conference – ACTION: Ask Lethbridge Travel Centre.
- g) Barb attempted to contact Missoula club offering stopover hospitality. Their dates in Edmonton are July 27 – Aug 3

7. **General Meeting:** March 26, 2010, LSCO; 7:00 PM Travelogue: Luke Mouthaan on Germany inbound & outbound exchanges.

8. **Next executive meeting** – April 21, 2010, 7:00 – 9:00 pm., Clarke's house – to be confirmed

9. Adjournment ... 4:20 PM