

Lethbridge Friendship Force General Meeting January 29, 2010 @ LSCO 7:15 PM

1. Call to Order: Chair Barb Clarke
2. FF Pledge: read by Juanita Chipman
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of November 27, 2009: Erwin Fellner adopted the minutes. Seconded by Dave Clarke. Carried.
5. Correspondence
 - a. canffex.ca website is for under subscribed FF trips. i.e. Morocco ED Andrew Stirling from Ottawa club is on this website, plus others. Please visit.
 - b. Barbara Main: information on the World Friendship Force Day March 1, 2010. To be discussed later in evening.
 - c. George Brown: information on the World Conference to be held in Washington, DC USA in October 2010. Home stays to be included. Also from George Brown was the 15th anniversary certificate.
 - d. NRRC: April 23 – 25, 2010 Seattle/Tacoma. Possible interest of 6 members. To be followed up at a later meeting.
 - e. Sympathy was extended to Terri deMerchant on the death of her father.
 - f. FFI – 2011 proposed exchanges:
 1. **Inbound:** March – Wellington & Napier, New Zealand to Lethbridge and Eastern Washington-Northern Idaho, USA
 2. **Inbound:** July -Lincoln, USA to Lethbridge.

Acceptance must be made prior to making changes to dates. Discussion followed. Geoff Bradshaw made a motion to accept New Zealand and negotiate the date. Fran Cofell seconded. Carried. Joyce Johnson made a motion to accept Lincoln, USA in July. Bus West seconded. Carried.

1. **Outbound:** October – Lethbridge to Cheyenne, Wyoming and Greater Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Don Becklund made a motion to gather further information on these outbounds. June Crighton seconded. Carried.

6. Reports
 - a. President: Barb Clarke and Stan Weiss, Vice President (absent), would like to form a committee to update by-law and procedure manuals. Members volunteering are Erwin Fellner & Ann Bradshaw.
 - b. Financial – Barb Beatty
 - General account - \$2577.42
 - Exchange accounts -\$ 0.00Barb Beatty moved her report as read. Erika Hilz seconded. Carried.

As per suggestion from Executive meeting of January 20, 2010, Barb Beatty presented a draft of the 2010 proposed budget for expenses:

News Letter, Office Supplies, etc.	\$ 75.00
FFI charter Renewal	\$325.00
LSCO Rental	\$325.00
Regional, National & International Conference (President & Designated Representative)	\$500.00
Social Activities	\$400.00
National Web Site & Presidents Meetings	\$150.00
Exchanges	\$200.00
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Barb Beatty moved this report as read. Erwin Fellner seconded . Carried.

One correction made by Geoff Bradshaw. 4th item down should read - Regional, National & International Conference (President **OR** Designated Representative).

Two websites – Canadian and Lethbridge at total cost \$150.00.

Current membership is approximately 48. (Approx is due to vacationers, etc.)

c. Communications – Geoff Bradshaw, Chair of Communications Committee

1. A newsletter will be published every second month beginning in February. The Lethbridge newsletter is currently exchanged with other clubs. Geoff asked that contributions to the newsletter be forwarded to him in a timely manner.

Thanks to Juanita Chipman, Joyce Johnson and Beth Weiss for being our phoning committee this year.

The local newspapers featured an article on the Lethbridge Friendship Force.

Geoff moved his report. Juanita Chipman seconded. Carried.

d. Activities – Isobel Schuler/Ericka Hilz

- a. Feb LEO – is booked for February 10, 2010 at East Side Marios. Please call Isobel Schuler this month for your reservation. Carol Knox will begin this duty in March. Please forward suggestions regarding restaurants etc.
- b. Assumption Hall is booked for February 26, 2010 for a FF World Friendship Day social event. Theme is “Friendship on six Continents”. Suggested was potluck ethnic food. Suggestion made by Ann Bradshaw to hold this event in a cozier place such as LSCO. Ericka will confirm if outside food is allowed in. Barb Beatty moved the ethnic dinner be held as a FF World Friendship Day celebration and will replace the monthly meeting of February 26, 2010. Trudy Williams seconded. Carried.
- c. Travelogues – volunteers and/or suggestions welcome - reply to Barb Clarke, Isobel Schuler and Erika Hilz.
- d. LSCO – is booked for all monthly meetings.

e. Exchanges 2010

1. **INBOUND** Jundiai, Brazil – Barb Beatty reported that there are approximately 15 members interested. Currently air travel plans are in process. Date is July, 2010. See sign-up sheet for hosting.
2. **INBOUND** Melbourne, Australia – Barb Clarke for Beth Weiss – 10 members only as per email from Beth Weiss. Could they join with Brazil or another club? Discussion followed as to when is it not feasible to host small exchanges. Date is August 11 -18. See sign-up sheet for hosting.
3. **OUTBOUND** Mexico City and Comitan – Don Becklund presented information on the Mexico City club, on travel costs, on places of interest and more. See Don's excellent handout.
Date is: Mexico City November 7 - 14, 2010.
Comitan November 14 -21, 2010.
See sign-up sheet for travelling

7. Business:

- a. Committee for Review of by-laws etc. was addressed in the President's report.
 - b. Trudy Williams – displayed vests with Canadian Emblem and other printing, as well as samples. Are we interested as a group or as individuals. To be discussed at the March 26, 2010 meeting.
 - c. Geoff Bradshaw spoke on behalf of the committee of Geoff and Ann Bradshaw, Herman and Enid Gom & Stan and Beth Weiss regarding the success of the Lethbridge FF 15th anniversary party held on January 12, 2010. A thanks was given to all who participated. Total cost of event \$177.90.
 - d. Barb Clarke welcomed guest Susan Campbell. Guest of Ruth Chell.
8. Next Business Meeting is March 26, 2010.
Watch for announcements on February 26, 2010.
9. Geoff adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm
10. Refreshments followed.
11. Travelogue was presented by Amy Dodic of her European vacation. An interesting version of journaling your vacation by sketching your subjects.