

FRIENDSHIP FORCE SWFL MEETING

MINUTES OF December 14 2014

PLACE : Colonial Country Club, FT Myers

Call to Order 11:50

Remarks from the President

Joanne Collins reported that membership increased from 38 to 52 members and our goal for next year will be to increase membership.

Joanne thanked her present board for their hard work.

New members present introduced themselves and told everyone a little about themselves.

The new members present included:

**Carol Nasby
Diane Van Beel
Bob & Eleanor Hill
Beverly Harmon
Kevin Janiak
Bob Kissinger**

The club welcomed a visitor from Osaka Japan, who as a youngman, had been an exchange student who spent time with the Linehans and is visiting them.

Old Business

Joanne reviewed programs that were accomplished last year to include pot luck for World Friendship Day, Costa Rica and Nebraska exchanges, ice cream social and cultural talks on Isreal, Brazil and Japan.

New Business

Joanne reported that the overall goal for coming 2015 is to continue to recruit new members and maintain the current membership by sponsoring relevant programs, preferably featuring a country that FF members hosted or visited.

Specifics to achieve this goal

- **Countries of Germany, Belgium, western Australia, Guatemala**

and within our country, Denver – targeted talks

- **Talk by TSA, Fort Myers International Airport**
- **Dinners in ethnic restaurants**

A copy of the proposed 2015 Calendar was handed out to members. Our club will host the All Florida Conference possibly in October. Dennis Yemma and Sue Linehan will spearhead the committee and will need help from all club members.

The World Conference is in Vancouver, August 28-31, if anyone is interested in attending.

Club Exchange Director policy for International and Outbound Trips.

Joanne reported that at the recent board meeting a motion was approved to reimburse the international and domestic outbound ED's for their home stay fee. The fee would be divided by 20 ambassadors and reimbursed to the ED by each ambassador. If the 20 ambassadors number is not reached, the ED will make up the difference in the home stay fee. This will give incentive to the ED to try to fill the exchange (by contacting other clubs and posting the exchange on the FF International Club website). The fees would be paid to the treasurer of our club and posted to the exchange account to help keep accurate records.

Jody Harmon stated it needed to be voted on by all club members. The motion was tabled until the January meeting.

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Rob Linehan reported \$6,245.23 is available and dues are now being accepted. Dues are \$25 per person, \$10 for associate members.

Exchanges/ED Info – Cecelia Bridge reported on the Denver Exchange, February 2-7. The welcome will be at Cheryl Phelps' and Lou Rizk's. The farewell will be at Lake Fairways, N. Fort Myers. Hosts need to send a bio and picture to Cecelia for the exchange booklet that is given to the ambassadors.

More updates will be given at the general meeting in January.

Lou Rizk reported on the outgoing exchange to Schwerrin Germany and Brugge Belgium May 12-26. He has 12 applications for 15 slots. Contact him if you are interested in the exchange

Membership – Sue Linehan

Sue would like to develop a mentorship program to help with new

members. It may include a volunteer from each of the clubs three geographical areas (Ft Myers, Punta Gorda and Naples).

Sue reported that Pam La Fontaine suggested having cards made with our club information, such as a POC for questions, the web site and also the international web site. Some members shared cards they had and the club agreed it was a good idea. Club members can then carry some in their purse or wallet and hand them to prospective members.

Sue will work on an orientation booklet; modifying ideas taken from the recent Denver exchange.

Fund raising – None planned for 2015

Web Site, Facebook, sunshine report – Cheryle Phelps

Richard Collins would like to work on improving our web site

Newsletter – Joanne Collins

Joanne will continue to use Constant Contact to develop our newsletter. Please be sure to read it when you receive it via email.

Club Store – Pam LaFontaine

Pam reported she has FF pins and pens for \$1 each. If you are interested in buying some let her know. They are good gifts to bring when you go on an outgoing exchange. Incoming ambassadors receive one in their goody bag. You can also order nametags, shirts and lanyards through Pam.

Joanne had a Tervis mug designed with the FF logo to give to her hosts for outgoing exchange. Some interest was shown however the cost and the size of the order needed to keep the cost down needs to be investigated.

Election of officers for 2015

Jody Harmon submitted the slate of officers as proposed by the election committee as follows:

President – Joanne Collins

VP – Dennis Yemma

2nd VP – Sibby Yemma

Treasurer – Rob Linehan

Secretary – Jule Yemma

Membership and overall club ED (incoming coordinator)- Sue Linehan

Newsletter- Joanne Collins

Fund Raising- none for 2015

Publicity and Activities- Lou Rizk

Website- Richard Collins

Club roster and club emails- Cheryle Phleps

Historian- Carla Harms

Parliamentarian- Jody Garmon

Sunshine- Cheryle Phleps

Jody asked for any changes or nominations from the floor. There were none.

Dennis Yemma proposed that the secretary cast a single vote for the new officers.

Lou Rizk seconded the motion.

Jule Yemma cast a Yes vote to approve the new slate of officers.

Adjourn 12:40

Members enjoyed the Christmas party and gift exchange.

Respectfully submitted

Jule Yemma

Secretary

FRIENDSHIP FORCE SWFL MEETING

Board Meeting
MINUTES OF December 6 2014
PLACE Joanne Collins home
Call to Order 1:00 PM

The board approved the minutes from previous meeting, September 19 2014.

Remarks from the President

Thanked the board for their hard work and commitment this past year.

Old Business:

Holiday Brunch will take place Sunday 14 December at which time a new board will be elected.

The election slate submitted by Jody Garmon as proposed by the election committee follows:

President –	Joanne Collins
VP -	Dennis Yemma
2nd VP –	Sibby Yemma
Treasurer –	Rob Linehan
Secretary-	Jule Yemma

Membership and overall club ED (incoming) coordinator –	Sue Linehan
Newsletter –	Joanne Collins
Fund Raising-	none for 2015
Publicity (PR) and Activities-	new Board
Website-	Richard Collins
Club roster and club emails-	Cheryle Phelps
Historian-	Carla Harms
Parliamentarian-	Jody Garmon
Sunshine-	Cheryle Phelps

New Business:

Calendar for next year – Joanne would like to continue presenting relevant programs, preferably featuring a country that our Friendship Force (FF) members hosted or visited.

The tentative schedule follows:

January- Board Meeting January 7, Dennis and Jule’s house 1:30 PM. Also Cecelia Bridge, ED for incoming Denver exchange, will probably schedule a meeting to confirm plans for the exchange

February- Board would like to have someone from Denver give a talk on their area and club, possibly at the farewell. Joanne will discuss with Cecelia.

March 8- World Friendship Day- Board will ask someone from Naples to host.

April- Board will find a good restaurant in Ft Myers where we could enjoy fellowship and possibly have someone from TSA at SWFL International Airport talk to the members. Probable date is April 10

May- German/Belgium exchange - no meeting

June- A Lunch meeting at a German restaurant and a presentation about the exchange by ambassadors who participate in the exchange May Exchange. Probable date is June 19

July- no activity – Summer Break

August 9 ice cream social, Aug 28-31 Board will recruit member to host this. Friendship Force World conference is in Vancouver if anyone is interested in attending.

September- Sue Linehan will give a presentation on the Guatemala exchange that she will participate in. Probable date is Sept 18, location to be determined

October 10- Our club is responsible for hosting the All FI Conference. Dennis has agreed to chair the committee, Sue and Pam volunteered to assist. Dennis requested the itinerary from the one held in Orlando so he could have a plan to go by.

November 13- Program on Western Australia Exchange (presented by Joanne and Richard Collins)
Location to be determined

December 13 – Holiday Brunch, location to be determined

Club Exchange Director (ED) Policy for International and Domestic Outbound Trips - Joanne asked that the Board formulate a ED Reimbursement Policy for club outbound trips.

She stated that most other clubs reimburse their ED based upon Atlanta's optimal participant number of

20 ambassadors per trip. After much discussion a Motion was made that our club will reimburse the international out bound EDs for their home stay fee. The fee will be divided by 20 ambassadors and reimbursed to the ED by each ambassador. If the 20 ambassador number is not reached, the ED will make up the difference in the home stay fee. This will give incentive to the ED to try to fill the exchange (by contacting other clubs and posting the exchange on the FF International Club website). Pam and Rob suggested it should also pertain to domestic outgoing EDs. The motion was amended to include both international and domestic exchanges. After it was seconded, the motion passed unanimously. (The fees would be paid to the treasurer of our club and posted to the Exchange Account to help keep accurate records).

Duties and expectations of the board members- Joanne reiterated that all board members should make every effort to attend and participate in all meetings and club activities. This year everyone on the board will help the President especially with Publicity and Programs (finding venues, recruiting members to host the Ice Cream Social and World Friendship Day, etc.)

New members involvement and Orientation into our Club

Pam suggested getting cards made to hand to prospective members. The cards would include information on who to contact for more questions.

Pam offered to have an information session for attracting new members to be held at her club in her development Brandywine in FT Myers). As Membership Chair, Sue would help. Pam will check into club availability and let the board know. She suggested we serve wine and cheese to attract attendees. Joanne expressed concern about serving alcohol. The Board would have to have a proposal of costs that would need approval before proceeding.

A new member booklet made by the Denver club was sent to the board. All agreed FFSWFL needed one and Sue will work on it using the ideas from Denver.

The board discussed having a POC in our three areas willing to help with new member orientation. One would be needed for Naples, Punta Gorda and Ft Myers.

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Rob Linehan

Board approved Rob and Sue's expense report for the Nebraska exchange.

The Nebraska exchange report was shared with the board.

The present exchange account balance is \$2000.

The present general checking account is \$4,430.43.

There was discussion as to whether dues should be raised because Atlanta has raised their fee to \$15 for individual and \$25 for family. Currently our club fee is \$25 per person. The board unanimously decided to keep the fees for another year then reevaluate. Motion to pass by Rob, 2nd by Jule.

The board unanimously agreed the club could give a \$200 donation to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Motion to approve by Dennis, 2nd Pam.

Exchanges/ED Info –Joanne reported that we have an excellent change of getting our international outbound to Costa Rica in 2016.

Membership – Joanne reported we have 52 members. She will be calling a few who have not attended meetings or participated in club activities to see if they want to remain members. Dues are due 1/31/15. A notice will be sent to all members through Constant Contact.

Newsletter – Joanne will continue doing the newsletter. She would like to continue using Constant Contact, and the annual fee is approximately \$200.

Club Store – Pam advised that she would like to continue to run the club store.

The board discussed obtaining lanyards, luggage tags, and hats. Some of these items may be able to be ordered directly from FF international. Joanne will bring a Tervis tumbler to the Christmas party. (She had ordered the mug with the SWFL FF name on it for her own needs). The board liked the idea of having Tervis tumblers as gifts for ambassadors to bring to their host families, but the cost may be prohibitive. Further investigation into the costs of the above items is needed.

Adjournment 3:10PM

Jule Yemma, Secretary

FRIENDSHIP FORCE SWFL MEETING

MINUTES OF September 19 2014

PLACE Robb & Stuckey Fort Myers

Call to Order 11:00

Remarks from the President

Welcome and had members introduce themselves

Approval of Previous Minutes of Meeting – Jule Yemma reminded members that the minutes can be read on our website

Committee Reports

Exchanges:

1. Lou Rizk, ED for outgoing May 12-26 2015

Confirmed exchanges with Schwerin Germany (12-18) and Brugge Belgium (20-26); Travel day possible on 19 May to go to Amsterdam

Estimated cost \$3000; airline travel options discussed; members to make their own travel arrangements.

Ambassador applications can be found on the web site; only 15 spots allotted for the trip; 12 possible SWFL members already showing interest; it is also being offered to other Florida clubs .

2. Nebraska, Sue Linehan ED November 16-22 One more home host is needed for one ambassador.

Small dinners have been arranged by Phyllis Becker. Jody Garmon suggested \$25 be reimbursed to those driving to the Everglades. The members present asked about the possibility of renting two vans, as was done for the Costa Rica exchange. Joanne will discuss with Sue.

Friendship Force International Headquarters

3. Denver, Cecelia Bridge & Jonnie Sprimont ED, incoming January 28 2015-February 2 2015- Information will be forthcoming when Cecelia returns to SWFL.

4. Wish list for 2016 outgoing

Board had discussed Costa Rica, Brazil or any S American club.

Members liked the idea and also suggested Canada. The

president of the Costa Rica club has indicated they would be glad to host us in 2016.

5. Wish list incoming 2015

Possibly the German club we are visiting.

There was a request for August from a club Ravk (?spelling & location);but that was turned down due to weather concerns.

Treasurer – Rob Linehan (reported by Joanne)

General account - \$4797

Exchange account- \$4857 (\$2975 is from the Nebraska exchange)

Newsletter – Joanne Collins

Posted on the web site; members like the format; Joanne is able to see who actually reads it

Club Store – Pam LaFontaine will be ordering Aqua colored shirts from Sullivan shirts; \$20/shirt. Joanne is taking orders today. Make checks payable to Sullivan shirts.

Old Business

Joanne, Richard, Lou and Cheryle attended All Florida Conference in Orlando. They reported it was an informative day and came back with ideas for collaboration with other Florida clubs.

New Business

1. Japanese Culture Program – Dennis Yemma has arranged to give a presentation October 2, from 2-4PM at the Fort Myers Library in one of the conference rooms. He will present some facts about the areas the club visited in 2013; have some pictures available from the trip and ask members who were ambassadors to tell about their experiences. Light Japanese treats will be shared. The club has arranged these cultural talks as a way of keeping interest by current members and attracting new members.

Bring a friend with you when you come.

Dennis has sent an information blurb to the Florida Weekly to try to get the word out and the library will post the event on their web site.

2. Holiday Brunch:

Two choices were presented

7 December- Isles Yacht Club, Punta Gorda, \$19.00 brunch 14 December- Colonial Country Club, Fort Myers, \$21.08. Members chose 14 DEC; the club offers a private room and it is more centrally located. Cheryle will reserve the room.

3. December elections- A committee consisting of Dennis & Jule Yemma, Sibby Yemma, Jody Harmon and Reta Lanning will present potential candidates at the December event. If you are interested in running for a position on the board contact one of these members.

4. Sibby gave an update about the ambassador she hosted from the Ukraine. Her last contact indicated that the situation there was bad and she had to leave her home.

5. Members will go to lunch at the Blu Pointe in Bell Tower shops.

Adjourn- 12:00

Respectfully submitted

Jule Yemma
Secretary

FRIENDSHIP FORCE SWFL MEETING

Board Meeting

June 19, 2014

PLACE : Joanne Collins' Home Punta Gorda, FL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President – Joanne Collins

1st Vice President – Pam LaFontaine (by speaker phone)

Treasurer – Robert Linehan

Membership – Sue Linehan

Call to Order by Joanne 9:30 AM

Approval of Previous Minutes of March 2014 – Members approved

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Rob Linehan

1. Rob distributed a written report and read the pertinent details as follows:

General Account \$5,182.85
Exchange Account 2,000.00
Total Cash \$7,182.85

2. He received and distributed our new Florida Consumers Certificate of Sales Tax Exemption, which is good until 8/31/2019. Copies of the old certificate that expires 8/31/2014 should be destroyed and replaced by a copy of this new certificate. He agreed to email it to Pam and the other board members not present.

Exchanges/ED Info – Joanne Collins, Sue Linehan

1. Incoming Exchange from Nebraska November 2014 – Sue discussed the plans that are well under way. Her greatest concern is having enough beds for the group. Coincidentally, she and Rob are vacationing in Nebraska and next week, she will meet with their ED to discuss what activities they would like and sites they want to visit. Sue detailed what she researched and discussed costs. The board agreed unanimously that \$175 was the amount to charge to cover visits to Edison Ford, airboat ride, swamp buggy with alligator experience in Everglade City area, Echo tour with possibly 6-mile slough or winery visit, catamaran sailboat excursion, welcome lunch at Edison and farewell dinner

in Punta Gorda at her home. She also mentioned that we (Linehans and Collins) would research Barefoot Beach in Bonita Springs, which recently received publicity as the second most beautiful beach in the US.

2. Incoming Exchange from Denver February 2015- Joanne reported that Cecilia Bridge and Jonnie Sprimont are working on the dates and details. We will monitor that the Farewell Party will be successful.

3. Outbound Exchange to Belgium May 2015 – The Board Members unanimously decided that Lou Rizk would be the ED for this Exchange.

4. Inbound Exchange from New Zealand – Joanne reported that she had emailed Baton Rouge that we could not do another exchange in April 2015 and would prefer October/November 2015. She has not heard anything more from the clubs involved.

Membership – Sue Linehan

1. Sue reported that we have 2 potential new couples who will join in the fall. They are “snowbirds” living in Punta Gorda and have promised to join.

2. Tomorrow we are planning a wonderful program on Brazil and have publicized it heavily. We are making Brazilian treats and coffee for everyone. Sue will have club literature for all those who attend. There will be a follow-up dinner at a local restaurant, Jack's.

Newsletter – Joanne Collins

1. Joanne reported good comments about the newsletter and enjoys using Constant Contact. She asked for funding for another 6 months. The Board unanimously approved \$108 for the next 6 months.

Club Store – Pam LaFontaine

1. Rob reported finding some more Florida pins. Pam intends to order pens.

2. We discussed having turquoise colored shirts as the club color and Pam will order them from each member once she receives the money from them.

Old Business – Joanne Collins

1. Joanne reported that she already has sent in her \$20 registration to attend the All Florida FF Conference, September 6 in Orlando.

2. Pam may attend if she can carpool. Joanne agreed to take her if she can get to Punta Gorda and will send her the registration material via email.

3. We have not heard that any other members plan to attend.

New Business – Joanne Collins

1. We need a place to have the Ice Cream Social in August. Pam volunteered her home. Joanne mentioned that she hoped the Naples group would host this event. We will see if there is any response in this regard.

FRIENDSHIP FORCE SWFL MEETING

MINUTES OF 2 March 2014

PLACE Sibby Yemma's home Fort Myers

Call to Order : 4:15

Remarks from the President :

1. Welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves; tell how long they have been in the club and explain why they chose the international dish they brought to share for World Friendship Day.

2. Heartfelt thanks to Wendy and all those who participated and helped at the garage sale. Proceeds were \$284.75.

Approval of Previous Minutes of January 17 2014 Meeting – Dennis and Pam

Minutes are posted on the web site.

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Rob Linehan

- 1. Dues change proposal was presented to members and will be voted on the next meeting. Dues proposed as \$50 couples, \$25 singles and \$10 for associate members. The new proposal, if approved, will start with new members and January 2015 for existing members who have already paid.**
- 2. Rob explained the expense request form ,which must be submitted when funds are needed. The form will be posted on the web site.**
- 3. Rob explained that per the bylaws a separate account has been opened for exchange funds. Current balance is \$2000 for the exchange account and \$5755.71 in the general account.**

Exchanges/ED Info – John Jensen: Costa Rica, Pam La Fontaine:

- 1. John Jensen gave an update on the Costa Rican exchange. Thirteen ambassadors will be coming. He listed the schedule and**

- it can be found on the web site. He needs day hosts. Two vans will be rented to drive to the Everglades.*
- 2. Cecelia is in charge of the farewell dinner but will be away so Judy Carson will take charge that day. Meat, wine and pop will be provided. Contact Cecelia to sign up for providing a side dish. Set up and clean up members also needed.*
 - 3. 2015 Exchanges International; The Netherlands Club NORD. The time for the exchange is not set. Dennis volunteered to be the ED but guidelines for choosing the outgoing ED need to be followed. Joanne will check with Atlanta.*
 - 4. 2015 Domestic requests from Huntsville AL and Denver CO.*
 - 5. 2015 outgoing New Zealand.*

Membership – Sue Linehan

- 1. Sue stated that in order to obtain more members, she would like to give a Friendship Force Presentation to any interested group (e.g. singles groups or new Florida residents' groups). If you know of any group that may need a speaker and would like to know more about our travel/exchange club please do not hesitate to contact her or Joanne.*
- 2. Sue presented the members with the idea of hosting Foreign Exchange students from the University. It would not involve a lot of time; would foster friendships and would be a learning experience for both members and the international students. Inviting them for dinner or involving them in a family activity is all that might be required. The members agreed it would be a good idea. Sue will make contacts.*

Web Site, Facebook, Sunshine report – Cheryle Phelps

- 1. Joanne thanked Cheryle for her efforts in compiling the membership directory. There are 43 active paid members at present.*
- 2. A motion was approved to send a \$50 gift card to the Dragonettes who graciously allowed the club to use their home for the garage sale.*

Newsletter – Joanne Collins

- 1. Joanne asked that all members read the newsletter which is posted on the web site.*
- 2. Members who read the newsletter and send comments to Joanne will have their name put into a raffle for a prize provided by Joanne.*
- 3. Sue Linehan won the raffle.*

Club Store – Pam LaFontaine

1. **Pam suggested our club should have all the same color shirts. Send your choice of a color for new shirts to Pam.**
2. **Suggested a revamp of badges with bigger lettering for easier reading of names.**

Historian – Carla Harms

No new business

Old Business

1. **Joanne asked members to sign up if they are interested in a hurricane threat exchange. It would involve hosting or being hosted for up to five days by another Florida club member during hurricane evacuations. Sandy the regional rep is working with other clubs.**
2. **Joanne asked if there would be an interest in weekend exchanges with other clubs. Let her know.**
3. **September 6th is the All Florida Conference with an emphasis on leadership if anyone plans to attend.**
4. **On the Horizon: Joanne will go to Sarasota to talk on Australia. Sarasota speaker collaboration in June on Brazil in Punta Gorda-details will follow.**

New Business

Members and guests enjoyed many International dishes and friendship.

Adjourn- 5:05

Respectfully submitted

Jule Yemma

Secretary

MINUTES OF 17 January 20, 2014

PLACE Robb & Stucky Meeting Room

Call to Order 1100

Remarks from the President

- 1. Introduction by all members to tell how long they have been with friendship force and what they like about the organization.**
- 2. Joanne gave a brief overview of what friendship force is all about and other members also had input. A potential new member had some questions which were answered.**
- 3. Joanne explained to the members the new concept for the club. This involves general meetings every other month with cultural events planned for the alternate months. The cultural events will hopefully be a means of recruiting new members and will be held in the three areas where most members reside. The first program is scheduled for Fort Myers, and other programs will be planned for Naples and Punta Gorda area. Lou Rizk will give members information on the first event during new business.**

Approval of Previous Minutes of 12/8/13 Meeting – Jule Yemma

Committee Reports

Treasurer – Rob Linehan

- 1. Members were reminded to pay dues by January 31st, couples \$50, individual \$35.**
- 2. Current bank balance is \$6936.**

Exchanges/ED Info – John Jensen: Costa Rica, Pam La Fontaine:

- 1. John Jansen sent a report thru Joanne. The upcoming inbound exchange the end of March is coming together. Twelve Costa**

Rican ambassadors have obtained Visas. Each ambassador will be asked for \$140 to cover expenses, which will include a trip to the Everglades. A meeting will be held in early February. He would like to have an interpreter available if any members know of someone who speaks Spanish.

- 2. Pam –Incoming exchange from Nebraska in November- Members prefer later in the month. Sue will be in Nebraska in ?July and will contact the club there. More plans to come.**
- 3. Joanne is waiting for Atlanta to send information for 2015 exchanges.**

Membership – Sue Linehan

- 1. Sue requested that members think of potential groups of people who would be willing for her to address their members so she can try to recruit more members for SWFL.**
- 2. Sue asked all members to bring one potential new members to our cultural events and or general meeting.**
- 3. A current list of names and contact information was sent around so members could make sure the information is correct.**

Publicity/Activities – Lou Rizk, Pam LaFontaine, Dennis Yemma

Dennis and Pam will work on ways to get the publicity out for the upcoming cultural event.

Fund raising – Wendy Henko

- 1. A sign up sheet for the garage sale 15 February was passed around.**
- 2. Garage sale is at the home of the Dragonettes and the address is on the web site.**
- 3. A lot of help is needed for set up, sorting, pricing, sales and cleanup.**
- 4. Bring any items you would like to contribute for sale to the Dragonettes by Wednesday February 12th.**

Web Site, Facebook, Sunshine report – Cheryle Phelps

- 1. Please send information to Cheryle to post on the web site or facebook.**
- 2. Also she needs to be informed of any members who are ill, have surgery, etc so a card can be sent.**
- 3. Cheryle suggested that it would be a nice idea to recognize members who have birthdays during the month at the meetings. Everyone agreed this was a nice idea.**

Newsletter – Joanne Collins

Will be on the web site

Club Store – Pam LaFontaine

1. **Anyone wanting to order shirts need to let Pam know.**
2. **Pam explained that new badges with larger font for the names and SWFL Friendship Force will be looked into ordering.**

Historian – Carla Harms

The club has been in existence since 1990 and she is working on getting information together.

Old Business

Reminder again about the garage sale February 15th - Check the web site for the address. Please bring any items you want to get rid of for this major fundraiser. Last year the club made \$1000. Contact Wendy Hanko to help.

New Business

1. **Lou Rizk handed out some flyers for the talk on Israel , March 5th at Fort Myers Public Library Meeting room. Everyone should bring a guest with them; get the word out.**
2. **Information is on our web site**
3. **Carla had some concerns about parking but Cheryle said there is parking by the meeting room.**
4. **February 1st- Presidents Meeting in Clearwater – Joanne will be attending.**
5. **March 3rd- World Friendship Day- Suggestions for how the club could celebrate were discussed. Sibby Yemma offered her home on March 2nd for a potluck where members can bring international dishes of their choice. Members agreed.**
6. **September 6th – All Florida Conference Orlando**
7. **October 14-16 World Conference- Auckland Australia – Joanne may be attending.**
8. **No other new business was brought up.**

Adjournment – 1100

Respectfully submitted

Jule Yemma

Secretary