

Friendship Force Knoxville
Board Meeting
February 4, 2020

Present: Kaye Bultemeier, Janis Robinson, Bruce Robinson,
Ron Meyer, Don Dougall, Betsy Tonkin for Open World, Jonathan Hash,
Sandy Kehne, Barbara Elder

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the January 3, 2020 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was approved.

We have 56 dues paying members and three honorary members.
To expedite payment of fees, the budget for Des Moines inbound in April was approved as a provisional vote on January 15 via email. The budget was formally approved at today's Board meeting.

Programs:

Janis Robinson distributed copies of the recent member survey. Results indicated that we keep the meetings in the evening and drinks and light snacks were thought necessary.

Program preferences centered around members' travels and other cultures. Sandy Kehne and Janis will be working together coordinating programs and refreshments.

Journeys:

Australia

Ron Meyer reported that 8 ambassadors have submitted applications and paid their fees. There is room for 4 more with maximum being 12. We need an itinerary from each club.

Des Moines visit to Knoxville

We have 10 single females from the Greater Des Moines and Nebraska Friendship Force Clubs. Currently we have host applications that can house 7 ambassadors. Article will be placed in Newsletter to secure hosts for 3 more. Most are flying in, so we will meet them at the airport.

Napa Sonoma

The dates for the outgoing visit are September 8-13, 2020, with a cost of \$125-150.

Open World

Betsy Tonkin will chair an Open World Judicial program for Uzbekistan on location from June 13-20, 2020. She will contact some sources from Knox Judiciary to find possible hosts.

There was discussion on the location of historical records of applications for Open World and other club programs and the importance of having them.

There was discussion about approving a bottom working amount for journey coordinators to use as \$150.00. This addendum would be reflected in future hosting budgets. The motion passed by 7-1. FFK has as goals, 2 incoming visits and 1 international visit per year.

The President again brought up the need for guidelines for the dispersing of monies in our exchange account.

Publicity:

Jonathan Hash reminded the Board about the upcoming 40th Anniversary of FFK on May 6, 2021. He stated the need for a Committee to look into a celebration. There was also a suggestion for the website to have a visual which showed places where ambassadors have travelled.

Caring:

Renee Ioannides asked about sending emails instead of cards. The Board thought that permissible but with card sent later, since it is more personal.

The President has five volunteers to be on a financial committee to explore guidelines, past problems, monies not used,, what to buy, and catering holiday party. A proposal for a financial advisory committee was introduced and will be discussed at the next Board.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Elder