

Friendship Force Knoxville
Virtual Board Meeting
May 5, 2020

Present via Zoom: Kaye Bultemeier, Diana Lopez, Bruce Robinson, Janis Robinson, Ray Simko, Don Dougall, Ron Mayer, Betsy Tonkin, Barbara Elder, Sandy Kehne

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the March 10, 2020 Board Meeting were approved. There was no Board Meeting in April, 2020 because of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was approved.

The projected balance does not include FFI affiliation fees for this year.

Since our budget will be underspent this year, the Board should perhaps evaluate in August or September what the 2021 dues should be.

Open World:

Since the Open World Judicial program from Uzbekistan has been postponed due to the pandemic, Betsy Tonkin has been exploring with FFI any opportunity for a virtual Journey.

This could be used as a precursor for the trip hopefully scheduled the next year.

Another suggestion was to have virtual meetings with past reunion groups which FFK would do on its own and not through FFI.

Journeys:

Ron Mayer reported that all Journeys are postponed for this year. Australia is unable to reschedule for 2021, but perhaps the following year.

The domestic Journey to Napa-Sonoma has been postponed, but hopefully will be rescheduled for 2021. FFK has been assigned 3 trips in 2021: two domestic and one international plus the Open World International, FFI, has indicated to our President, that we should focus on domestic Journeys and try to negotiate details ourselves.

Programs:

Since we are not having General Meetings during the pandemic, Janis Robinson has postponed the programs hoping that she can reschedule by fall, 2020. The December Holiday Luncheon is also not a certainty at this time.

Betsy Tonkin suggested we have a virtual General Meeting on May 26, 2020.

Social:

Suggestions from Sandy Kehne and others for summer events for FFK included small member dinners, a picnic, or a virtual wine and cheese party.

Newsletter:

Don Dougall wants articles for the Newsletter today, if possible, with the Newsletter being printed by May 15.

Communication:

Ray Simko has 10 people participating in the phone tree; they have gotten positive feedback. Calls will be made and received only once a month for members and volunteers.

40th Anniversary FFK:

Currently, there is one volunteer to work on the 40th Anniversary Part in 2021. More assistance is needed and one other couple are considering working on this event.

Old Business:

Treasurer, Bruce Robinson, reminded the Board of the large time commitment given by the Financial Advisory Committee to give the Board guidance on how to use excess funds and to keep a recommended minimum balance. He requested that these members be thanked and named in our monthly Newsletter.

Motion: The Board approved the guidelines made by the Financial Advisory Committee to be used as guidance, but not mandated, when utilizing FFK Journey funds. The Board would maintain a \$2500 minimal balance in the Journey fund. Motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:34pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Elder