

Friendship Force of Knoxville

Board Meeting via Zoom

April 12, 2022

Present: Jayne Raparelli, Betsy Tonkin, Mike McDonough, Leslie Badaines, Marsha Mitchell, Sandy Kehne, Diana Lopez, Ray Simko.

President: Jayne Raparelli called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Secretary Report: Mike McDonough. Members approved the March 8, 2022 Board minutes as amended and the March 22, 2022 General Membership Event minutes.

Treasurer Report: Bruce Robinson. In the Operating account for the period Mar. 1 through Mar. 31, 2022 there were \$135 of receipts from members' dues and there were expenses of \$79.95 for the web calendar and rental of the Suttree Landing pavilion. In the Exchange (Journey) account for the same period there were receipts for the Des Moines club inbound journey, Lower Columbia journey application fee and payments for the farewell dinner. There were expenses for tote bags and rental/cleanup of the clubhouse at Cherokee Bluff although we should get \$250 back if the clubhouse is left in good condition.

Vice President/Membership Committee Chair: Betsy Tonkin. We have three potential new members. Two were referred by FFI, and one is Leslie's friend.

Journey Coordinator Report: Leslie Badaines reported the following.

Des Moines Journey #22509 – Plans are well underway for this visit from 10 Ambassadors from Des Moines, Iowa. Gift bags have been put together by Barbara Elder and Leslie Badaines. Ambassadors and Hosts must submit proof of vaccination to Mike McDonough. Sandy Kehne needs more food side items for the Welcome dinner.

Lower Columbia #22637 - We have 9 Ambassadors. The cost has been lowered by \$50. Money should be sent to Bruce Robinson the first week of May.

St. Louis #22754 – Phyllis Driver is Host Coordinator for this journey which is now set to occur September 17-22, 2022.

Open World Uzbekistan will likely occur October 7-15, 2022. Details are still being worked out. Approximately 6-8 Judges will be visiting us. Betsy Tonkin is Coordinator for this program.

Australia #22408- Leslie indicated that she does not have more than 5 or 6 people interested. Diana suggested that an announcement go out to other clubs. Leslie will work on that.

Facebook Page- Leslie started a Facebook page “Friendship Force of Knoxville” and asked for Board approval to continue it. The Board approved.

Program Committee Chair—Marsha Mitchell.

Budget--Marsha noted that it would be easier if the Program Committee had a budget. Betsy suggested including money in next year’s budget for the program committee.

May 24 Picnic at Suttree Landing Park--Board approved a \$50 rental fee. Board also approved up to \$100 for the club to provide the main entrée.

June 22 Social at Shelton House and Gardens in Waynesville, NC with Western NC FF Club— Board approved \$25 for the harpsichordist. Board approved to pay \$10 per FFK member towards the \$30 package cost of the tour and lunch. This means FFK members pay \$20 per person for the tour and lunch.

Communications Committee—Ray Simko.

Newsletter deadlines: Send newsletter articles to Diana on or by Friday, April 15. Review copy to be sent April 16. Newsletter to be sent on April 17.

Facebook—Jayne to write announcement of FFK Facebook page for newsletter.

Website—Ray reported it is up to date.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McDonough

FFK Secretary