

Friendship Force of Knoxville Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

August 9, 2022

Present: Jayne Raparelli, Betsy Tonkin, Mike McDonough, Bruce Robinson, Marsha Mitchell, Leslie Badaines and Janis Robinson.

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

President's Report—None.

Secretary's Report: Mike McDonough. Minutes of July 12, 2022 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Robinson. Board approved the following report.

In the Operating account for the period July 1 through July 31, 2022 there were no receipts nor expenses. In the Exchange (Journey) account for the same period there were receipts of \$25 related to the Australia outbound journey. There were no expenses.

Open World Chair: Betsy Tonkin reported that Open World will take place Oct. 7-15. We are expecting five judges from Uzbekistan, as well as a facilitator and interpreter. The interpreter will stay in a hotel. Betsy said she would host the facilitator. She reviewed the Open World Covid policy.

Journey Coordinator: Leslie Badaines reported that 11 ambassadors are planning to journey to **Australia Oct. 19-Nov. 2. Western Colorado Outbound June 11-17, 2023**—Bruce and Janis are the co-coordinators. Western Colorado can host 14 to 16 ambassadors. The estimated cost is \$150 for five days. Ambassadors must be fully vaccinated and boosted. **Western Colorado Inbound Journey April 23-29, 2023**—we can host 10-12 ambassadors. We need a host coordinator.

Program Committee Chair: Marshall Mitchell reported the following:

August 23--- meeting will be at the Union Place Bar & Grill at lunch time. Topic— Ambassadors who went on outbound Lower Columbia Journey.

September 27—Betsy will present a program on Open World and Uzbekistan. It will be held at TVUUC that has Wi-Fi.

October—will be held at TVUUC when the Uzbekistan judges are here. It will replace the regular scheduled Oct. 25 meeting. No date has been set.

November 29—a special out of town event. Attend a luncheon and then a 2 p.m. performance at the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia. The new Hampton Inn will offer us a group rate. There are many activities in Abingdon, including biking the Virginia Creeper trail.

The **Annual Meeting** to elect officers will be held on **November 22** via Zoom.

Communications Committee Chair: Janis Robinson—newsletter articles due Friday, Aug. 12, review copy sent Aug. 13, and newsletter sent on Aug. 14.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McDonough

Secretary