

Friendship Force of Knoxville Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2022

Via Zoom

Present: Jayne Raparelli, Betsy Tonkin, Mike McDonough, Marsha Mitchell, Janis Robinson and Ray Simko.

President's Report: Jayne Raparelli called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. She thanked all Board members for their great service during the past year.

Secretary's Report: Mike McDonough presented the Minutes of the Oct. 5, 2022 Board Meeting, and the Oct. 12 Welcome Dinner for Uzbek Open World delegation report. The Welcome Dinner replaced the Oct. 25 General Membership Meeting. Both were approved.

Treasurer's Report: No report provided during the meeting. A report provided by Bill Cherry after the board meeting is reprinted below.

Friendship Force of Knoxville Treasurer's Report for October 2022

Prepared by Bill Cherry

Operating Account - There was no financial activity in October 2022 so the account balance is the same as at the end of September - \$1,011.49

Exchange Account - There were no deposits in October but there were expenses totaling \$3,706.01 related to the Open World exchange. The details of these have been previously reported by Bruce. The Exchange Account had a beginning balance of \$9,920.79 and an ending balance of \$6,124.78. Included in this balance are a number of checks totaling \$2,166.11 that had not cleared the bank as of October 31st.

Open World Report: Betsy Tonkin reported the Uzbek Open World visit concluded on Oct. 15, and the club made \$1000 plus.

Program Committee Report: Marsha Mitchell reported the Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 22 via Zoom beginning at 6:30 p.m. Business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. We need a quorum of at least 12 members to conduct business.

Marsha Mitchell reported we have 18 people planning to journey with the club to Abingdon, Virginia, for a special lunch, play at the Smith Theatre and dinner at the historic Tavern Inn.

2023 Programs: The January program could be a presentation from the FFK ambassadors on the Australian outbound journey, February could be about an around the world sailing trip, or a visit to the K-25 Museum in Oak Ridge and lunch.

Journey Coordinator: Leslie Badaines submitted a written report as she is on a post-Australian journey extension:

Open World Uzbekistan Judicial Officials arrived on Oct. 7, and spent a week visiting with local courts and engaging with Judicial officials.

Australian ambassadors have completed their Journey to FF Gold Coast and FF North Moreton clubs. Most have extended their stay past the end date of the Oct. 19-Nov. 2 journey. Leslie will return on Nov. 15 with several ideas poached from the host clubs.

FF Western Colorado is in the process of choosing Ambassadors for their April visit. Leslie and co-host coordinator Betsy Tonkin are still looking for home hosts and small dinner hosts.

Our reciprocal visit to FF Western Colorado is in June. Janis and Bruce Robinson are recruiting ambassadors for this journey.

FF of Eastern Washington-Northern Idaho (Spokane) will visit here Sept. 13-19, 2023. Host coordinator Diana Lopez would like to have assistance.

Tuzla-Gutierrez, Mexico—Leslie has heard from the Club President. Our Journey will be during the Dia de Los Muertos celebration November 1-8 (leaving on the 8th.) There is an optional 3-day post tour to the Palenque Mayan ruins. Palenque was a Mayan city state in southern Mexico that perished in the 8th century. The Palenque ruins date from ca. 226BC to ca. 799 AD.

Holiday Party-The FFK Holiday Party will be Sunday, Dec. 4, 2-4 p.m. at the Highland Point Clubhouse. Betsy Tonkin will reserve the Clubhouse. Club will provide appetizers and home-made eggnog. Attendees will be asked to bring holiday cookies to share. We will need RSVPs. 2023 Membership Dues can be paid at the party. Jayne Raparelli will write article for the newsletter.

Communications Committee- Janis Robinson reported the deadline to submit articles for the November newsletter is Friday, Nov. 11, review copy will be sent on Saturday, Nov. 12, and final newsletter will be sent Sunday, Nov. 13. December newsletter will be sent after the Dec. 4 holiday party and contain photos from the party.

Announcement- President Jayne Raparelli announced there will be no Board meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McDonough, FFK Secretary