

Friendship Force of Knoxville Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

October 5, 2022

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

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

Secretary's Report: The revised Board Meeting Minutes of Sept. 13 were approved.

Treasurer's Report. The October report prepared by Treasurer Bruce Robinson was approved: In the Operating account for the period September 1 through September 30, 2022, there were no receipts nor expenses. In the Exchange (Journey) account for the same period there were receipts from FFI for Open World and expenses of \$496 related to Open World.

A proposed 2023 Budget with dues at \$45 per member was approved with the understanding that there may be additional funds from the Exchange budget to add to the budget.

We need to know where members should send their membership dues. Ask members to update or verify their contact information when they pay their dues. Jayne Raparelli will ask Bill Cherry where he wants dues to be sent.

Members approved Bill Cherry to serve as interim treasurer effective Nov. 1, 2022, for November and December 2022. The election of officers takes place on Nov. 22. The elected officers begin their term on Jan. 1, 2023.

Open World Chair: Betsy Tonkin reported that everything is in place for the Open World Rule of Law program for the Uzbek judicial officials. The new FFK banner has arrived. We have a room at the airport Hilton for Covid testing.

Program Committee Chair: Marsha Mitchell reported:

October program-- the Welcome Dinner for the Uzbek delegation on Oct. 12 at TVUUC. This replaces the scheduled Oct. 25 meeting.

November program--trip to Abingdon, Virginia, to see a play at the Barter Theatre.

The Annual Meeting will be on Nov. 22 via Zoom to elect officers for 2023.

Journey Coordinator: Leslie Badaines reported:

Next week four of our members will depart for a pre-journey trip to Sydney, Australia, prior to the scheduled visits to FF Gold Coast and FF North Moreton clubs. Most of the ambassadors have extended their stays past the end date of the Oct. 19-Nov. 2 Journey.

Western Colorado ambassadors will be here April 23-29. Leslie Badaines and Betsy Tonkin are host coordinators.

Our reciprocal visit to FF Western Colorado is scheduled for June 11-17. Janis and Bruce Robinson are recruiting ambassadors for this Journey.

Spokane (FF of Eastern Washington-Northern Idaho) will be here Sept. 13-19. Diana Lopez is the host coordinator. She would like to have a co-coordinator.

Outbound 2023 journey to Tuzla-Gutierrez, Mexico—waiting to hear what dates they can host.

We were asked if we would like to host an Open World visit in 2023 and declined.

Holiday Party: Betsy Tonkin will look at possible open dates at the Highland Point Clubhouse, including Sunday, Dec. 4, and Monday, Dec. 5. We discussed serving hors d'oeuvres, and having a holiday cookie exchange.

Nominating Committee Chair Diana Lopez reported that a full slate of officers will be presented at the Zoom Annual Meeting on Nov. 22.

Communications Committee Chair: Janis Robinson—Deadline to submit: Oct. 18, review draft sent Oct. 19, final Newsletter sent Oct. 20.

Jayne Raparelli announced the *November Board* meeting will be *Mon., Nov. 7, 2 p.m. via Zoom.*

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McDonough, FFK Secretary

October 12, 2022 FFK Welcome Dinner
For Uzbek Open World delegation
(Replaced the October 25 General Membership Meeting)

The Welcome Dinner for the Uzbek Open World delegation was held on Oct. 12, 2022, in the Fellowship Hall at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church.

Total attendees: 28

FFK members: 19

Guests: 5 Uzbek delegates and 1 facilitator, and 3 others.