

Friendship Force Knoxville

Board Meeting

October 12, 2021

Present: Jayne Raparelli, Betsy Tonkin, Barbara Elder, Bruce Robinson, Janis Robinson, Kaye Bultemeier, Diana Lopez, Sandy Kehne, Helen Bachrach

President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the September 14 Board meeting were approved. Minutes from the September 28 General Membership Event were approved.

Treasurer's Report: In the Operating account for the period September 1 through September 30, 2021, there were no revenues and no expenses. In the Exchange (Journey) account for the same period, there was \$240 of revenue from an additional San Antonio inbound Journey fee and payments for the Farewell Dinner. There were expenses of \$75 for the Cherokee Bluff clubhouse rental for the San Antonio inbound Journey and a \$250 damage/cleaning deposit for the same. We should be able to recover the \$250 damage/cleaning deposit if we leave the clubhouse in the same condition as found.

FFI dues will increase from \$20 to \$25 effective January 1, 2022. Bruce moved we increase FFK dues from \$40 to \$45 effective January 1, 2022. Motion passed. Bruce presented a 2022 operating budget that has the \$45 per person membership dues. Budget was approved.

Program/Membership Co-Chair: Betsy Tonkin: Since TVUUC will not be allowing for the rental of its meeting space until at least 2022, the committee suggested holding the November meeting via ZOOM with the program being brief presentations (with a few photos) from the FFK ambassadors on the Outbound Journey to San Antonio and from the FFK hosts for the Inbound Journey from San Antonio. The committee also identified newest member, Susana Navarro-Valenti, for the member profile in the next Newsletter.

Journey Co-Coordinator: Diana Lopez: The Outbound Journey to San Antonio (October 1-6) was successful, and the ambassadors had a great time. Plans for the Inbound San Antonio Journey on October 22-27, coordinated by Mike McDonough and Jayne Raparelli, are being finalized at a meeting on October 13. The Welcome Dinner will be at the Cherokee Bluff Clubhouse and the Farewell Dinner at Calhoun's on the River. All members are invited to these events.

The other Journeys for 2022 are moving ahead with dates established for the Inbound Des Moines and the Outbound Australia. The Journeys to Romania and to Lower Columbia are still to be determined. Phyllis Driver has not yet begun to work on the Inbound St. Louis Journey, and no coordinator has been found for Lower Columbia.

The forms for requesting Journeys for 2023 will be forthcoming, and the committee will prepare the hosting form and devise a poll of the membership for the Outbound Journeys prior to the due dates.

Diana presented the findings from FFI and from other clubs on Journey credits, earned seat credits and other possible funding for coordinators. The information was sent to the Board at the last meeting. Since our policies are within the acceptable guidelines of FFI and are similar to the policies of other clubs, the Journey committee recommends no change in the policies at this time. Bruce had outlined his objections in an email to the Board members and reiterated his concerns. After some discussion, a motion was made to strike section VII. Journey Coordinators Credit.

Bruce Robinson moved that we delete Section VII. Journey Coordination Credit of the Journeys Policies of Friendship Force Knoxville document but will still honor all existing commitments made to host and Ambassador Coordinators as well as those who will be Coordinators in 2022.

Betsy Tonkin seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Communications: Janis stated that the deadline for the Newsletter is October 15.

Website: Ray indicated to Janis that everything was up to date with October events.

Old Business: Jayne announced the Nominating Committee naming Sandy Kehne and Jean Mayer. They will present the slate at the November General Membership Event.

Board meetings in 2022 will continue by ZOOM. Since Diana will not be on the Board next year, Betsy will host the ZOOM Board meetings.

December 11, 2021, Holiday Event/40th Anniversary Celebration: Coordinators are Sandy Kehne, Betsy Tonkin, and Janis Robinson. The Event will be at Highland Point Clubhouse featuring finger foods. It was decided the Event will not extend into Sandy's and Betsy's homes. The program will be about our club's 40th anniversary. An email invitation will be sent to the general membership in early November asking for a RSVP.

November General Membership Event will be held at Calhoun's on the River on Tuesday, October 26, and will be the Farewell dinner for the San Antonio Friendship Force.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Elder, Secretary