

Friendship Force Knoxville

Board Meeting

July 7, 2020

Present via ZOOM: Kaye Bultemeier, Jayne Raparelli, Bruce Robinson, Janis Robinson, Diana Lopez, Sandy Kehne, Ron Mayer, Barbara Elder, Ray Simko, Don Dougall.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 5, 2020 Board meeting were approved. There was no Board meeting in June, 2020 because of the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved. There were no expenses nor revenues for June, and so the financial position of FFK has not changed since the last report. Due to COVID, it is likely that FFK will have minimal expenses for the rest of the year, which means that our end of year balance in the operating account will be higher than planned. The Board should discuss in August and/or September what membership dues should be in 2021. President Kaye Bultemeier will contact FFI to see if we can get any reduction on affiliation fees due to the cancelling of journeys and other activities at the national and international level. Committee chairs and board members who had budget allocations for 2020 budget are asked to send Bruce Robinson their respective budget recommendations for 2021, assuming activities return to normal next year.

Programs: The Program Chair reported on the responses to a survey that she sent out in June, 2020, as to the interest in meeting in small groups. Replies were 13 yes and 3 no. Some members indicated that Zoom was difficult for them to use. Three speakers were interested in doing a virtual program such as a slide presentation of their trip. The date floated as a possible time was the end of August.

Journeys: Three documents have been produced to assist coordinators with Journeys. Two of the documents are checklists for inbound and outbound journeys, and the other one is a sample agenda for the initial meeting for an inbound journey. They are to be available on the FFK website.

The forms to request inbound and outbound journeys for 2022 will be forthcoming in August and September. Members should be thinking about places they want to visit.

Journeys for the next three years are:

2020 San Antonio, TX Inbound – Jayne. San Antonio wants to come for 5 days beginning October 20th or 21st. They think they will have 6-8 ambassadors. This may get cancelled if the virus doesn't slow down.

2021 St. Louis, MO Inbound – Kaye. A host coordinator is needed for this journey in April. There is no word from St. Louis about dates.

2021 Romania/Azerbaijan Outbound – Diana. The dates for Romania are June 14-21, 2021. Those interested will be deciding whether to go to Azerbaijan before or after and what activities or locations to visit.

2021 San Antonio, TX Outbound – Leslie. No confirmed date yet for our September 2021 trip to them.

2021 Napa-Sonoma, CA Outbound – Jayne. No date set yet. It should be just before or after San Antonio.

2022 Des Moines, IA Inbound – Diana. Des Moines will visit Knoxville in April, 2022. There is no decision yet as to go to Big Canoe or do two separate trips.

2022 Australia Outbound – Leslie. TBD. Australia is still very restricted, and no travelers are allowed in Queensland at this time.

It was suggested to wait until the end of July, 2020, to ask if hosts are still willing to host.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Elder