

Friendship Force of Knoxville Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023, 2 p.m. via Zoom

Present: Jayne Raparelli, Betsy Tonkin, Mike McDonough, Bill Cherry, Janis Robinson, Paulette Anderson, Leslie Badaines, Ray Simko and Barbara Elder.
Guest: Diana Lopez.

President: Jayne Raparelli reported that FFI is working on its 2023 strategic plan. First virtual workshop session: June 13.

Club Concerns: Paulette Anderson: Art Marshall's goddaughter passed. She will send a card.

Secretary's Report: Mike McDonough—Board approved the previously sent April 11 Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Cherry—Board approved the previously sent April 30 Financial Report. Bill complimented Western Colorado host coordinators Leslie Badaines and Betsy Tonkin for their work. He reported we lost \$56 on the Western Colorado inbound journey. The FFK tax exemption is automatically renewed, but we have to reapply for a new certificate in order to change our facility address.

Vice President/Membership Chair: Betsy Tonkin reported she is waiting on confirmation to have our October 24 meeting at the UT International House. The event will probably be held in late afternoon.

Journey Coordinator: Leslie Badaines reported the following:

Inbound Western Colorado—Leslie and Betsy discussed their evaluation of the recent inbound Western Colorado journey. The written evaluation was previously sent to board members. The journey was a success. Thanks to home hosts, day hosts, dinner hosts, activity leaders and others who worked on the journey.

Outbound Western Colorado—Janis Robinson updated the board on the June 11-17 outbound journey to Western Colorado. There are nine ambassadors (7 from FFK). All have been assigned hosts.

Inbound Spokane—Diana Lopez presented the budget for the inbound Spokane journey, Sept. 13-19. The board approved the budget.

International Outbound to Tuxtla-Gutierrez, Mexico—Leslie discussed the Nov. 1-8, 2023 journey with an optional post tour to Palenque. To date there are four applicants. Ten ambassadors are needed. Application deadline is May 30.

2024 journey assignments: FFK has been assigned an International Outbound journey to two clubs in Germany in August 2024. St. Louis inbound in October 2024.

Open World—Betsy said she will contact FFI to let them know we are interested in holding an Open World in 2024. Courtney Shea will be the coordinator.

FFK logo gift tote bags—Leslie gave information on a quote she received. The board decided to wait until after Board elections before going ahead with a purchase. We have enough to cover the Spokane inbound journey.

Program Committee: Jayne Raparelli reported for Marsha Mitchell:

Tuesday, May 23—Fourteen members have signed up for the UT Botanical Gardens tour. Most will have lunch at the Field House Social prior to the tour.

Tuesday, June 27—6:30 p.m. at TVUUC. FFK member Diana Lopez on her travels.

Tuesday, July 25—Jayne Raparelli and Mike McDonough on their 17-month tent camping journey of all 50 states. Location--Art and Marsha Mitchell's home. Arrive at 3:30 p.m. if you wish to enjoy the pool. Social time 4-4:30 p.m. Program 4:30-5:30 p.m. Cheese, wine and light refreshments will be provided.

Hospitality Chair: Barbara Elder mentioned replacing our dishes. No action is needed at this time.

Communications Committee Chair: Janis Robinson. Deadlines for the May newsletter: Send your articles ASAP after the board meeting because Janis leaves for a trip on Wed., May 10. She will try to get a review copy to all on Friday and send the newsletter out on Saturday.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mike McDonough, Secretary