

Friendship Force of Knoxville Board Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

September 13, 2022

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

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

President's Report—Jayne Raparelli. Due to Open World, the October Board meeting will be *Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m.* Due to Election Day, the November Board meeting will be *Monday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m.*

Secretary's Report: Mike McDonough. Minutes of August 9, Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce Robinson. Board approved the following report.

In the Operating account for the period August 1 through August 31, 2022 there were no receipts nor expenses. In the Exchange (Journey) account for the same period there were receipts of \$8,885 and expenses of nearly \$9,145 nearly all related to the Australia outbound journey.

One or more board members suggested using \$45 for the yearly membership dues. Treasurer to use \$45 as yearly membership dues in preparing the 2023 budget.

Nominating Committee: Chair Diana Lopez was able to develop a full slate of officers and committee chairs for next year.

Open World Chair: Betsy Tonkin reported that five judicial officers, one facilitator and one interpreter from Uzbekistan will be here from Oct. 7 to Oct. 15. We have the needed home hosts, but need small group dinner hosts.

Journey Coordinator: Leslie Badaines reported the ambassadors going to Australia are ready to leave next month. 2023 Inbound journeys: Western Colorado, April 23-29, host coordinators are Leslie and Betsy. Spokane, Sept. 13-

19, Diana is the host coordinator Outbound 2023 journey to Mexico—waiting to hear what dates they can host.

Program Committee Chair: Marshall Mitchell reported the following:

September 27—via Zoom. Betsy will provide updated information on the judicial officers from Uzbekistan who will be here via the Open World program. Special guest Greg Weddle, retired Assistant U.S. Attorney, will join us from Canada. Greg has just visited Uzbekistan this month for the third time. He spent over a year teaching prosecuting attorneys there from 2017-18 and again in early 2020.

October 12—The Welcome Reception for the Uzbek delegates will be held at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist (TVUUC) church at 5:30 p.m. All members are invited. This replaces the October 25 meeting.

November 22 via Zoom--the **Annual Meeting** to elect officers.

November 29—a special out of town event. Attend a luncheon and then a 2 p.m. performance at the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia. About 15 people have signed up so far.

Communications Committee Chair: Janis Robinson—Articles to Janis due Friday, Sept. 16, review copy sent to Board Saturday, Sept. 17, newsletter sent to members Sunday, Sept. 18.

December Holiday Lunch: Leslie and Jayne will work on finding a place and date.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike McDonough

Secretary