

Friendship Force Knoxville
Board Meeting
February 6, 2019

Present:

Kaye Bultemeier, Panos Ioannides, Renee Ioannides, Sandy Kehne, Jean Mayer, Ron Mayer, Jayne Raparelli, Bruce Robinson, Janis Robinson

Kaye called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Meeting location was the Egg and I in Bearden.

She gave updates and expressed concern for the Dougalls, Karen Setzfand, and Jim Dennis.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the January 9, 2019 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce presented a projected budget for the year 2019.

There was discussion concerning the budgeted amount for Activities/Hospitality. The board unanimously voted to increase the amount from \$100.00 to \$200.00 yearly.

Bruce purchased a world map for our club to display and use at general meeting. The cost of the map was \$25.00 which was charged to Miscellaneous Expenses. Thank you, Bruce.

Programs/Activities

Janis reported that there will be a luncheon meeting entitled "Concerns vs Reality" which will be held on Tuesday February 19th at the Clubhouse in Highland Point, 7914 High Heath. In order for us to become better hosts several of our members will share experiences of their past trips. Janis will provide questions which reflect concerns that people have with both home hosting and traveling. The board recommended that Jayne contact her hosts for the Cape of Good Hope Journey and encourage them to attend this meeting. The March meeting will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and a Chinese Auction.

There will be an Urban hike on April 16th. Details are forthcoming.

The regular meeting for May will be held on Tuesday May 21st at TVUUC.

Communications

The board recommended that there be communication monthly to our members. The regular newsletter will be sent every other month but in addition there needs to be a short information communication each month. The board agreed to have the minutes from both its meetings and the general meetings put on the website rather than including them in the newsletter.

Renee asked for updates on club concerns so that she can send cards and notes as needed. It was also suggested that we include a space in the newsletter for concerns.

Journeys

Jayne reported that the *Cape of Good Hope Journey* is in a holding pattern while participants are waiting on visa applications to be processed. No one is committed until they have made payment for the trip so there is a delay in filling out host matching forms. Jayne continues to have planning meetings with the hosts for this journey.

Jayne reported for Mike that dates are confirmed for the *Sonoma/Napa Valley Journey*. The group will be going to Memphis before coming to Knoxville. The communication is on-going.

There is still a need for someone to serve as an overall journey coordinator for our club.

Membership

Ron said that the year-end report of the 2018 membership drive is attached to the minutes from the January 9, 2019 board meeting and is available on request. It was written with the purpose of being a guide for future membership drives.

Open World

The board approved the appointment of Joanne Schuetz to serve as the coordinator for an *Open World Journey from Georgia* which will have an emphasis on education including University, High School, Middle School, and Elementary School.

New Business

There are several potential new members who may attend the February meeting.

The Friendship Force Knoxville Bylaws need to be examined and rewritten as necessary.

This can be done by a two-member committee to be chosen at a later date.

It was suggested that as we move forward a committee be formed to plan a standard monthly meeting calendar.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Jean Mayer
Secretary