

Friendship Force Knoxville

Board Meeting

January 12, 2021

Present via ZOOM: President Jayne Raparelli, Past President Kaye Bultemeier, Vice President Betsy Tonkin, Treasurer Bruce Robinson, Secretary Barbara Elder, Journey Coordinators Diana Lopez and Leslie Badaines, Communications Chair and Newsletter editor, Janis Robinson, Ray Simko, Website editor, Sandy Kehne, Hospitality Chair, and Jonathan Hash, Historian.

The meeting was opened at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 by the President, Jayne Raparelli.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the Board Meeting on October 26, 2020 were approved. Also, minutes from FFK Annual Meeting on November 24, 2020 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: In November 2020, FFK had no expenses and received \$160 in donations. In December 2020, FFK had no expenses and received \$40 in donations. FFI affiliation fees of \$1,120 for FFK members as of 6/30/2020 were paid January 10, 2021.

A financial audit report was submitted by Ray Simko on January 8, 2021. No issues were noted.

Vice President's Report: As acting **Program Committee** Chair, Betsy hosted a meeting of six out of the eight committee members on January 11, 2021. There was a general discussion of the nature of membership programs. Four programs were planned for the beginning of Y2021:

January 26 – Jeremi Snook, FFI International President and CEO.

February 23 – Presentation by FF Dallas member re trip to Romania.

March 23 – History of FFK Journey and Ambassador visits.

April 27 – Presentation on Trip to South Africa by Betsy Tonkin

No one participating was willing to take on the position of Program Committee Chair. Betsy agreed to host and attend monthly committee meeting on ZOOM.

As **Membership Chair**, Betsy will record names of new members and any sponsors from present membership at the FFK General meetings held once a month. These names and sponsors will appear in the Newsletter and in the next monthly Board meeting.

Presently we have had 42 membership renewals for Y2021. Board members volunteered to contact the remaining 14 people who were members in Y2020.

Journey Coordinators:

Inbound - St Louis was supposed to come in April 2021. It is too soon and will be postponed until September 2022.

Outbound - Romania is postponed until 2022, probably in June again. FFI has asked that we decide on mutual dates and let them know.

Outbound - Napa-Sonoma would like to wait until next month after they hear from FFI regarding their postponed international journeys before committing to a definite date. Proposed tentative date is the first week in September 2021.

Outbound - San Antonio suggested the dates of October 1-6, 2021 to visit them.

Inbound - San Antonio will visit Knoxville October 22-27, 2021.

Inbound - Des Moines is still expected to visit us in April 2022. We will need to find another coordinator since Diana will not be here.

Outbound - Australia has been requested again for October 2022 with the addition of another week in New Zealand. We will wait to see what FFI assigns us for 2022.

Inbound - Open World is holding a general meeting of OW hosts on January 13, 2021, and we will know more possibly after that time. We would still like to host Uzbekistan judicial delegation either later this year or sometime in 2022.

Communications: With FFK Board meetings remaining on the second Tuesday of the month, Janis would prefer that all articles be sent to her by the following Friday or Saturday at the very latest. The third Tuesday is the deadline for publishing Newsletter, and the fourth Tuesday will remain as our General meetings.

Hospitality: Since we are still not having public gatherings for General meetings, suggestions were made about incorporating recipes from selected countries coordinating with the programs.

Historian: Jonathan is sorting through boxes filled with the history of FFK and labeling for possible use at the 40th Anniversary celebration. Ray will help decide which things we can use. Suggestions will be sent to Jayne.

With no further business to come before the meeting, the President adjourned the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

,Barbara Elder, Secretary