

Friendship Force Knoxville Board Meeting January 3, 2020

Present: Kaye Bultemeier, Bruce Robinson, Janis Robinson, Jean Mayer, Ron Mayer, Jayne Raparelli, Diana Lopez, Don Dougall, Barbara Elder, Leslie Badaines

President Kaye Bultemeier called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm at First Presbyterian Church.

Secretary's Report Minutes from November 13, 2019 meeting were approved. There was no meeting in December.

Treasurer's Report Bruce Robinson reported that on December 31, 2019, FFK had \$2,390 in Operating Account and \$1297 after accounting for checks in transit and FFI affiliation fees which are due in January 2020. The exchange account had \$7,845 but \$6,038 after deducting outstanding reimbursement checks. For 2019, FFK had expenses of \$1,850.97 and revenue of \$2,295. As of December 31, 2019, forty-two members had paid dues for 2020, and twenty folks had not yet renewed. The fee for 2020 is \$40.00. Bruce initiated a discussion on possible uses of funds in Exchange Account. It was decided to not purchase pins. Some of his suggestions for discussion included FF conference fees, honorariums for speakers, new projector, refreshments at meetings, increase in activities budget, subsidies for activities budget, subsidize annual memberships.

Journeys Jayne Raparelli reported that we still don't have the dates for Knoxville's visit to Napa/Sonoma in August 2020, but she hopes to have them by January, 2020.

Leslie Badaines reported FFK will be going to North Moreton and The Gold Coast Club in Australia from October 19, 2020 to November 2, 2020; the final cost has not been set. There is a FFI fee of \$170 per week for outbound journeys. Your application and fee should be sent to Bruce Robinson prior to February 21, 2020. Diana Lopez will work with her committee next week to organize the Des Moines visit here from April 22-27, 2020.

Janis Robinson presented an outline of FFK 2020 monthly events. The Robinsons will be giving a program on Spain on January 28. Also at the January meeting, FFK Board members will be introducing seven new members who have joined FFK.

Communication Items for the newsletter need to be sent to Don Dougall by the 8th of each month. The monthly newsletter will be sent out on the 15th of each month.

Business: Kaye Bultemeier announced, with Board approval, that all Board meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon at TVUUC. The whole FFK event will be the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 with flexibility when needed also at TVUUC.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Elder

Secretary