

Friendship Force of Knoxville

Board Meeting via Zoom

July 12, 2022

Present: Jayne Raparelli, Betsy Tonkin, Bruce Robinson, Mike McDonough, Leslie Badaines, Janis Robinson.

Meeting began at 2:05 p.m.

President's Report: Jayne Raparelli

Rob Kilpatrick, FFI Southeast Field Representative, cannot attend the July 26 meeting. A family obligation prevents him from attending. He is very sorry to cancel. The June event at the Shelton House was a big success. Thanks to Marsha Mitchell for organizing.

Secretary's Report: Mike McDonough

Minutes of June 14, 2022 Board meeting were approved.

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

In the Operating account for the period June 1 through June 30, 2022 there were \$370 receipts and expenses of \$590 all related to the Shelton House event. In the Exchange (Journey) account for the same period there were receipts of \$75 related to the Australia outbound journey. There were no expenses.

Vice President/Membership Committee Chair: Betsy Tonkin

July 26 meeting: Betsy and Marsha Mitchell talked about the July 26 meeting. They recommend canceling the meeting because we cannot have food and drink indoors at TVUUC, and masks must be worn indoors due to the CDC rating Knox County Covid risk as medium. (It had been low.) The Board approved cancelling the meeting. Jayne will send an email to all members saying the meeting has been postponed, to be held at a later date. Bruce suggested considering using senior centers during the daytime for our monthly meetings. Other suggestions—do not serve food at meetings, start meeting earlier, and go out to dinner after the meeting. Have in-person meetings with Zoom access.

Open World: Due to unrest in a region of Uzbekistan and Covid rates, Betsy inquired whether those factors would impact the judges coming to Knoxville. As of this time, the answer is probably not. However, their final decision is not made until six weeks before they arrive.

Journey Coordinator: Leslie Badaines

- Lower Columbia Journey #22637 completed. 9 ambassadors from FFK just returned from a journey to the Lower Columbia FF club.
- Open World Uzbekistan Judges are still scheduled for October 7-15, 2022. There is a change of FFI staff. Britton Holmes is leaving. FFI Program Finance Manager, Dana Jackson, will be assuming Briton's duties for Alex and Open World.
- Australia Journey #22408 is now back to 10 Ambassadors. Allison Lindsay has featured our journey in this month's Journeys catalogue.
- Western Colorado to Knoxville and Shelby, NC Journey #23166. We received the it's a match form for Western Colorado to visit us. The visit is tentatively planned for April 23-29, 2023.
- Western Colorado Journey # 23192. Our mutual exchange to this Grand Junction area club is tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2023 to a departure date of June 17, 2023. FFWC can accommodate 15 Ambassadors, with a minimum of 10.
- Mexico- no word on the assignment that FFI indicated we were to be assigned.

Program Committee Chair: Marsha Mitchell

August 23—FFK ambassadors on outbound Lower Columbia journey.

September 27—If the Uzbek judges are coming in October, Betsy has a friend who can speak to us concerning their country and region. If not, an idea provided by Bruce and Janis—invite Trey Benefield who has sailed around the world in a 50-foot sailboat.

October 25—Uzbek judges?

November 22—Annual meeting.

December—Holiday party.

Communications Committee Chair: Janis Robinson

Friday, July 15—deadline for newsletter articles. Review copy sent Saturday; copy sent as a PDF to members on Sunday.

Website—up to date.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.