

## Friendship Force Knoxville

### Board Meeting

July 13, 2021

**Present:** Jayne Raparelli, Diana Lopez, Ray Simko, Bruce Robinson, Janis Robinson, Helen Bachrach, Betsy Tonkin, Leslie Badaines.

**President's Report:** President Jayne Raparelli opened the meeting at 2:05 P.M. She informed the Board that Paulette Anderson had surgery and was now back home. She noted that the next two Board meetings in July and August will be on ZOOM. Jayne asked if the Board wanted Board meetings to return to in-person or continue by ZOOM. Board members voted to continue holding Board meetings by ZOOM. The first in-person membership event on September 28 is expected to be at TVUUC. Per KKF policy, members should be fully vaccinated to attend in-person events.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Board meeting were approved. Minutes of the June 22, 2021 General Membership Event were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the Operating account for the period June 1 through July 3, 2021, there was no revenue and no expenses. In the Exchange (Journey) account for the same period there was \$500 of revenue from fees for the Napa-Sonoma Journey. There was an expense of \$150 to reserve the Spence Cabin for the Napa-Sonoma Journey.

**Vice President/Program/Membership Co-Chairs:** ZOOM programs are confirmed for July and August: Travel Photography by Sharon Swallowood for July and Living in the Czech Republic by John Schwartz for August. The September program is expected to be in-person at TVUUC. The October program will be the San Antonio Farewell Dinner at Calhoun's on the River. Tentatively, we expect to show the Rick Steves' film at the November meeting in connection with a recruitment effort.

We discussed ways to recruit new members: Write articles and submit to our neighborhood newsletters/Facebook pages, invite prospective members to our November program. It was noted that people often join FFK when they host

and/or travel on a journey. In April or May 2022, hold a large event as we did a few years ago. During the program, highlight the October-November 2022 Journey to Australia.

**Journey Co-Coordinator:** Diana presented the following information regarding upcoming 2021 Journeys.

Outbound Napa/Sonoma September 8-13, 2021: 10 individuals have signed up for this Journey. Travel arrangements are being made, and group will meet August 9 at Jayne and Mike's home.

Outbound San Antonio October 1-6, 2021: 3 individuals have signed up for the Journey, and more are being recruited in the Southeast by Leslie.

Inbound San Antonio October 22-27, 2021: Hosts are sufficient and the program is being planned. Jayne and Mike are following up on all activities. Ray would like to have any information to begin preparing the program.

The Board approved the appointment of Phyllis Driver as the Host Coordinator for the Inbound St. Louis Journey September 2022.

The committee began discussion of the Journey credit policy and are in contact with Ellen Gragg to understand better the Journey discount and earned seat thru FFI. A future recommendation will be made to the Board at a later meeting.

#### **Communications Committee:**

Newsletter deadline July 16.

#### **Old Business:** Small Dinners/Lunches/Appetizers/Cocktails

Diana and Jayne are meeting to assign members to hosts. The host will then be responsible for establishing a date that is amenable to all involved and will also decide what type of outing it will be. These activities will be held throughout August. Feedback will be appreciated as to when, what, and who, and photos would be welcomed.

FFK 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Holiday Event: The Clubhouse where Sandy Kehne, Janis and Bruce Robinson, and Betsy Tonkin live has been reserved for Saturday, December 11.

July 27, 7 P.M. General Membership Event

August 10, 2 P.M. FFK Board Meeting (ZOOM)

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Elder, Secretary