

**Friendship Force Knoxville**  
Board Meeting  
May 6, 2019

**Present:**

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

Kaye called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Meeting location was the Egg and I in Bearden.

**Secretary's Report**

Minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting were approved with the following amendment from Joanne Schuetz: Joanne will coordinate activities for the Georgia Open World Group through suggestions and contacts from board and club members.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bruce reported that as of April 30, 2019, there was \$1,433.93 in the operating account and \$3,284.74 in the exchange account which does not include \$450 of FFI journey fees deposited in May for the Des Moines journey. Nine persons have paid their FFI fees for this exchange. Payment will be sent to FFI when the three remaining participants have paid their fees. The projected end of year balance for the operating account is \$238 based on the approved budget expenditures.

**Programs**

Janis reported that the speaker scheduled for the May 21st meeting, Dr. Saral van Anselm on South Africa, has had to cancel since he will be teaching abroad during that date. Janis is in the process of finding another speaker for the May meeting.

Ron Ledbetter will speak at the September meeting on the topic of the Republic of Georgia.

**Activities**

Sandy reported that FFK will hold its Holiday Luncheon at noon on Saturday, December 7, 2019.

**Club Concerns**

Renee said that cards will be sent to Gus Roehrig and Jeana Johnson. All FFK members are encouraged to notify Renee if they are aware of any member who is having health or other concerns.

**Journeys**

Ron reported that Gus and Annalisa Roehrig are tentatively planning to return to Knoxville on May 23rd. A meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible after their return. They have not yet received ambassador cost data for the exchange from the Des Moines club.

Mike reported that everything is moving forward smoothly for the Napa/Sonoma journey. Five host families will be needed, three of which have already been identified. A planning meeting has been scheduled for May 14th.

There was no new information concerning the Open World or the Central Australia/Moreton journeys.

### **Old Business**

June Dinner: At the May meeting all the dinner hosts will draw member's names from a bowl to determine who they will be inviting to a June dinner at their homes. Each host will determine the number of guests they are able to invite and also select a preferred date for the dinner. The following members have agreed to host a dinner:

- Ron and Jean Mayer
- Ray Simko and Karen Setzfand
- Bruce and Janis Robinson
- LeRoy and Wanda Rogers
- Sandy Kehne
- Noel Kuck and Kaye Bultemeier

Janis reported on the FFK web page progress. After the April board meeting Janis sent an e-mail to GoDaddy to get, in writing, information about what the new service would provide the club and the exact price for this service. Their response was received and a copy sent to Ray Simko. Janis will also send a copy to Jonathan Hash. This project is still in progress.

### **New Business**

A motion was moved, seconded, and passed to approve Ron Mayer as Temporary Journey Coordinator.

Journey policies were reviewed and edited. Kaye will retype these with modifications and send them electronically to all board members for feedback and approval.

Bill Cherry states he has not been in the club long enough to fully evaluate our bylaws. They state that the policies be reviewed annually. We will need to accomplish this before the end of the year.

Kaye has signed up as a potential host with FFI.

Diana Lopez and Kaye Bultemeier will be attending the FFI World Conference in Boulder, Colorado from July 23-27, 2019.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Jean Mayer  
Secretary