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FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA

Minutes of Board Meeting, October 10, 2019

Piedmont Triad Regional Council, Kernersville, NC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Sylvester, Barbara North, Karla Shanahan, Ray Kiszely, Patti Gilmour, Woody Clinard (Member-at-Large), Ann Barefield (Journey Coordinator).

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of September 12, 2019 were approved by Ray Kiszely and seconded by Barbara North.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by Don Sylvester and seconded by Barbara North.

Ray confirmed that there will be an increase in membership fees (from \$25.00 to \$30.00). Membership will be told this at the Annual Meeting. Payments by members should be received by December 31, 2019. The fees to FFI are due by January 15.

Judy Greene informed Ray that the travel insurance offered through FFI may be more likely to reimburse losses related to Friendship Force charges in a claim than would some travel insurance policies offered outside of FFI. This may be useful for future journey coordinators to know.

JOURNEYS' UPDATES:

2020

- International Inbound - Sydney, Australia, May 7 - 13
Woody and Ann (Journey Coordinators) reported that there were no new developments. As yet the number of ambassadors coming is unknown but they may receive some information about this in 2-3 weeks.
- International Outbound - Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, 6 or 7/2020
There was no news regarding this outbound. Brenda and Judy are the journey coordinators.
- Domestic Outbound - Northern Colorado (early August, 2020)
Ray has not received any recent information. He will follow-up with

Ralph about the last contact with their club, in hopes of getting an update before the November Board meeting. He also noted that a Journey Coordinator is needed.

- Domestic Inbound - Oklahoma City, (mid - late Oct. 2020)
Barbara will check with Liz King in Oklahoma for an update before the next Board meeting. She also noted that a Journey Coordinator is needed.
- The area FFI coordinator Ellen Gragg had forwarded to us a request from a Milwaukee club for a 2020 outbound journey. We agreed that Don will respond that we will not be available due to our already scheduled journeys.

2021

- Domestic Inbound - Northern Colorado (mid Oct. 2021)
No new developments on the journey.

PLANNING FOR SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR:

- Nominating for 2020 Council. Woody reported that the committee was nominating 7 people for the Council: Ray, Mary, and Karla will continue and four new members have agreed to serve: Woody Clinard, Ann Barefield, Charles John, and Laura Graham. Woody reported that Laura Coker has agreed to be an At-Large Member on the Board. The Council thanked Woody and his team (Jane Cauthen and Nancy Peiffer) for the excellent work. The committee is now discharged. The proposed Council members will be voted on by the membership at the upcoming Annual Meeting.
- Annual Meeting - Saturday, October 12
Barbara North who is the organizer this year reported that at this time there are 43 confirmed reservations of members. She has added 4 extra places for last minute reservations.
Barbara and Don will share the presiding over the meeting.

Barbara and her team will provide sign-up sheets for: (1) members potentially interested in participating in the Lethbridge outbound trip, (2) members willing to be hosts for the Australian inbound trip and (3) members' input of desired international destinations for the FFI outbound journey matching process for trips in 2021. Membership

will vote on the leadership format and on the proposed 2020 Council members.

- FFI International Outbound Journey Matching Process
Barbara reported that to date she had received only 6 responses to our request for members' input regarding their preferred destinations to visit in 2021. She will ask for more input from membership at the Annual meeting. The final result will then be determined and Ray Kiszely will then submit the input to FFI by November 1.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Barbara reported that she and Crista have been working with a webmaster, Susan Tague, to design a new website for our club. She and Crista are very happy (and excited) about the outcome. They will unveil the new site at the Annual Meeting. The new site should make the use of the website very user friendly.

SOCIAL PROGRAM UPDATE:

- Karla reported on possible dates and venues for LEO's in 2020, for example:
 - late January: a visit to the new library in Winston-Salem with a possible lecture followed by BBQ at a restaurant across the street.
 - February: Valentine's celebration of chocolate, possibly organized by Lucy Kaplan.
 - March: a possible tour of Salemtowne.
- Karla will meet with her committee to decide on possible venues and whether a survey should be sent to the membership for input on future LEO events.

OTHER:

- A custodian is needed for our audiovisual equipment.
- The November (11/14) and the December (12/12) Board meetings will be held in the small conference room on the first floor.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Ray moved to adjourn the meeting; Don seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

