

Friendship Force Board Meeting, February 23, 2108

Location : Home of Beverly Harmon, 10845 Ari Circle, Esteor

Present : Sue Lenehan, Beverly Harmon, Virginia Dooley, Jill Cooley, Michelle Kemps, Linda

Supakoff

Treasurer' s Report, presented by Jill Cooley : assuming a \$200 bill for luncheon at the garden, total expenses for Michigan Inbound Journey are

3490		Total income	
	4495		Money
Remaining		1004	

Reports : Sue Lenehan sent a letter and an honorarium of \$100 to the Bird Sanctuary

Agenda Items :

Since we charged the Michigan group only \$150 per person for the entire week, the board voted not to give them a refund.

Areas to Improve: Need orientation for new hosts.

We need tp be very clear about what host responsibilities are. journey a/c's will stipulate that no animals can be accommodated Journey a/c's will stipulate that incoming ambassadors must be able to walk one mile without any help or accommodation, therefore eliminating wheelchairs. walkers, and service animals We need to arrange two small dinners to relieve hosts of cooking duties

Suggested changing itinerary program to printed 8 X 10 pages Eliminate group photo - don't need it and it saves \$50

Start farewell dinner earlier so we can finish earlier to accommodate departing guests

We need to practice with the Karoke machine to encourage participation Visiting Viet Nam wall: need to be aware of individual sensitivities

Eliminate confusion at airport - all waiting in different places

What we did right : We will continue the free day

Korishan , Rum Factory tour, visit to banyan tree very popular During Karoke, our guests enjoyed it when the guys came out in towels

mall dinners were popular, easier to become acquainted like the way we always had something planned for them

Guests

Outbound :

**Brazil** : orientation will take place after the meeting.

Indonesia - Bali in April 2019 with Sarasota club

Michigan in 2019. Need to plan an extension to it.

Inbound : Australia coming here in 2019, then proceeding to Arizona

General Business : We discussed budget for next year.

President Michelle Kemps wanted to confirm that we can run club on \$600 per year, assuming we have 40 paid members We discussed keeping file pictures of members .Will look into it.

We will ask Jack Cooley if he would create a manual for a/c's

Discussed staggered elections to ensure that the board always

has experienced people. Decided to leave as is.

Future Programs : Beverly Harmon will be planning some out & abouts

April-Peru

May - Barge trip , meeting will be run by Ginny and Bev

June - Luncheon, no meeting Location TBA

July - no meeting

August - Ice cream social

September - presentation on Brazil

October - Presentation on Indonesia

November TBA

December - Christmas Party

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Supakoff, secretary

Friendship Force Meeting, January 5, 2018

Police Station, Punta Gorda

Time : 10.30 A M

Number Attending: 36

The meeting was opened by president Michelle Kemps.

Guests : Maryanne and Norm from PGI Bike Club, President of Michigan Club Marci Ellis,

Ruth Carlson, Canadian members Bev and Denis Haggarty ,John and Mary Anderson

Treasurer's Report : General Account \$ 3429.72

Exchange Account \$ 22,220.

Newsletter : Joan Collins requested that members let her know where they traveled.

Social Committee : Maureen Butt - mural tour of Punta Gorda followed by luncheon

in Gilchrist Park. Carole Berry - tour of Octagon followed by luncheon  
at Babcock Ranch.

This month : Michelle Kemps is hosting a pot luck salad lunch and Shell painting on 1/9 .

Exchanges : Inbound : Issac from Ghana 1/5 - 1/10, AC is Sue Linehan

Grand Rapids, Michigan 2/1 -2/8, AC's are by Ginny Dooley and Sue  
Linehan

Outbound : Brazil, April - AC's are Michelle Kemps and Ginny Dooley. There are

13 attending, 11 from our club. April 7 - May1, 2018

Next Meeting : February 2 at the downtown (2nd St) Fort Myers Library with a program on  
Cross Cultures.

This Month's Program : Michelle Kemps presented an entertaining presentation on her

Bike and Barge Trip with the Montana Club to the Netherlands and Belgium.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Supaoff, Secretary

