

Friendship Force Meeting, May 4, 2018

Regional Library, Fort Myers

Time : 10.30 A M

The meeting was opened by Beverly Harmon.

Guests : Linda Bujean, Kathy Sahn

Treasurer's Report : General Account \$1,520.23

Inbound Account \$2431.37

Outbound Account 2,875.84

Newsletter : Joanne Collins won't attend the Conference in August - too pricey.

Social Committee : Lovey Kovacic - 5/18 Kayaking and Thrift Store Shopping

Carole Berry - recommended Snook Haven In Venice..

Facebook : Joanne Collins - Please post Brazil pictures. We are the Friendship Force of South West Florida Group

Exchanges : Inbound : Australia in 2019 , with Joanne Collins And Bev Harmon

Outbound : Indonesia , April 2019, Carole Nasby and Susan Baudray

Michigan, September Lovey and Linda Supakoff

Trip Summations : Lovey Kovaci - does not recommend our attending the Global Journey Ranch Rodeo Event, She said the Friendship Force people were nice, but the event was too expensive, and all the amenities were 30 miles away from the venue, making it difficult for attendees without cars to get to them.

Program - Orrinne Larson gave a talk and slide show on living aboard a cargo ship.

Lunch : After the meeting, we went to Bubbas in Cape Coral.

Next Meeting : No meeting. We will meet at 11:30for lunch at the Ginger Bistro,

4650 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers . RSVP Ginny Dooley or Bev Harmon

Next Program : no program in June

Next Meeting July, no meeting

August 7, Ice cream social . We wil be going to the Prado movie and then the

Tipsy Cow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Supaoff, Secretary

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 chargged 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 to 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.

Small dinners were popular, easier to become acquainted with guests like the way we always had something planned for them.

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 Kemp 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