

January 1, 2021 BOARD MEETING Via Zoom

The Board meeting for SW Florida Friendship Force was held on Zoom on January 5th at 3:00. Present were Maureen Butt, Carol Nasby, Richard Copeland, and Linda Supakoff. The conversation was about programming for the upcoming year mainly.

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> January 20th we will do an outdoor, bring your own lunch, meeting at a park in Estero. Luvvy will organize that for us.

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> February we will have a walking tour of murals in Punta Gorda and then we will have lunch on an outdoor patio in Punta Gorda. Date to be determined and Maureen will organize that.

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> March There will be a zoom cooking class led by Linda Suprakoff. She will determine the date, and will get us all a list of ingredients so we can cook along with her.

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> April We will meet at Bayfront Park in Port Charlotte, and there will be lunch provided by the Club. We will try to recruit new members here.

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> We discussed ways to keep the club vibrant and active in these times, so will try a variety of activities. We will ask Ginny to help us publicize the meetings on the Meetup website. And we will ask Sue Linahan and Joanne Collins to do a zoom meeting with an activity or discussion topic each month.

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> Members are still sending in checks for 2021, and that cost is \$20. If everyone who promised to will send in checks, we will have almost 40 members. We agreed that we need to attract new people, and to use our club monies to attract new members. Soon, by the end of the year, we will be able to travel, we hope!

> Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

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> Carol Nasby

> "Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still ...

> be calm in your heart."

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Carol Nasby

FFSWFL Board meeting was called to order on April 19, 2021 at 3 PM.

Those attending: Maureen Butt, Linda Supakoff, Carol Nasby, Sue Masters and Rich Copeland.

An update on our club international and domestic 2022 Journeys was discussed.

Tentatively, we are scheduled for:

February 2022 Domestic Inbound Journey from Detroit. - Judy Carson has been in contact with the Detroit club and is the JC (Journey Coordinator)

Mid May through mid June 2022 Domestic Outbound to Sacramento, Ca. club - Joanne Collins has volunteered to be JC.

Mid July 2022 International Outbound to two Alberta Canada clubs: Medicine Hat & Edmonton - Maureen Butt & Carol Nasby will both be JC

August 2022 FFI Global Journey to Brazil led by Vicki Vance of FF Baton Rouge, La. Five of our club members have applied and have been accepted: Linda Supakoff, Richard Copeland, Chris Nasby, Carol Nasby & Maureen Butt

We discussed the successful informative and interactive Zoom meeting which occurred April 13 between our club and Edmonton Canada. Both clubs introduced themselves and spoke of what life is like in Edmonton and southwest Florida, their FFI membership, how long that they have been members, what FFI means to them and what Journey's they have taken and/or Hosted. Carol Nasby will reach out to the Medicine Hat Canada club to see if a similar Zoom might be possible for our club and theirs so that we can meet and greet with some of their club members.

We brought up ideas for future months activities for FFSWFL. It was decided that we would aim for monthly Zoom get-togethers through October. Carol Nasby has offered to do a July Zoom presentation for a "genealogy sibling tour of England & Scotland that she took with her sister Connie Anderson and brother Dennis Meier. Both Connie and Dennis are FFSWFL members. They were able explore their family roots and visit many sites of ancestors.

On May 12 there will be a club luncheon and tour of Buckingham Farm in Ft. Myers. Cheryle Phelps is our "Out & About" club member and has organized this venue.

In August we will have our club's annual "Ice Cream Social". Michelle Kemps is planning this event with a date TBA.

Finishing touches have been added for our April 20th outdoor club picnic at Gilchrist Park, Punta Gorda. We will gather at 12 noon to celebrate our FFSWFL club 30th birthday. The club will provide a selection of tasty sub sandwiches as well as dessert in honor of our beloved friend and long standing member Bev Harmon. She will always be remembered for her enthusiasm and support for our club. Special Indonesia tablecloths will be provided by Carol in remembrance of Bev who was on that outbound FFIndonesia Journey in 2019. Bev was well travelled and, upon return, reported that it was the best Journey !

November may be a month to possibly resume in person monthly club meetings. This will be subject to Covid restrictions being lifted so that we can reserve a meeting rooms at Lee Co. libraries and/or the Punta Gorda Fire Department.

December, date and place TBA, for our annual club Holiday Party.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Butt (Co-President FFSWFL)