

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. >

> 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)

Nov 10, 2021

Board Meeting before general meeting Feb 11.2021

A FFSWFL Board meeting was called on November 10, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Attending the meeting were Maureen Butt, Linda Supakoff and Carol Nasby. The purpose of this meeting was to review our club strategies and to plan for future club meetings, discuss presentations and to obtain ideas for social events that would include all members and promote an opportunity for others who may be prospective members. We discussed upcoming FFI Journeys, 2022 Club Dues for members and associate members and the Board position of Treasurer.

Plans for our Club include:

December 12 2021 11 am Lake Fairways Clubhouse North Fort Myers Holiday Party and Gift exchange with pot luck brunch

December 27 at 5:30 pm PUNTA GORDA Botanical Gardens "Holiday Aglow" All members invited. FFSWFL will provide admission (for Members only). Guests are welcome. Following there will be an evening gathering hosted by Marci Ellis. Members will provide heavy horswill

January 7 2022 at 10am—Gilchrist Park, Punta Gorda. Club will provide lunch for attendees. Program TBA

January 23 at 1pm "Game Brunch" Estero at Luvvy Kovacik condo Clubhouse. Members will potluck to share. Followed by games to play.

February 4 at 10 am Cape Coral Library. Lunch at Rumrunners, Program TBA

March 4 at 10am PG Firestation. Presentation " Christmas in Germany" Linda Supakoff/ Rich Copeland will present their December Christmas travels and photos. A German lunch will be held at the home of Linda Supakoff.

April 3 at 10am Club meeting at Lake Fairways, North Fort Myers. Presentation by Joanne and Richard Collins "Viking Ocean Cruise South America. Followed by a "Spring Brunch, a potluck for all.

May 6 at 10am PUNTA GORDA Firehouse Program and Lunch plans TBA

Richard Collins has volunteered to be Club Treasurer. Rich Copeland's term ends in Dec.

FFI 2022 Journeys:

FF Greater Detroit to FFSWFL February 22-27. JC Judy Carson

FFSWFL to Sacramento June 1-7 JC Joanne Collins

FFSWFL to Medicine Hat & Edmonton Clubs Alberta Canada July 6-18 JC Carol Nasby & Maureen Butt

FFSWFL 2022 Dues, payable now, will be \$40. per member and \$20.associate member.

Our next Club Meeting will be held on November 12 10 am Fort Myers downtown Library. Presentation will be "International Travel during Covid Times"
Lunch to follow at Ford's Garage within walking distance.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Butt

The FFSWFL 11/12/21 meeting at the downtown Ft Myers Library was called to order at 10:15 by Co-President Maureen Butt as she welcomed us and we recited the FFI Pledge.

Richard Collins has agreed to take over as Treasurer. Our current treasures, Richard Copeland, will be stepping down as of 1/1/2022.

Marci Ellis has agreed to take over as Secretary, as our current Secretary, Sue Masters, will be stepping down as of 1/1/2022.

Membership: The annual Membership renewal checks for \$40 are due now for 2022.

And Carol Nasby reminded us all to keep inviting new guests to come check us out and JOIN our FFSWFL Club!

Our Holiday Party on Dec 12 will be a Pot Luck Outdoor Social from 10:30-2:30 at Lake Fairways Clubhouse, 19371 Tamiami Trail , N Fort Myers. Bring a \$10 wrapped gift for the Gift Exchange. RSVP with your Dish To Pass choice (entree or appetizer-salad) that will feed at least 8 - 10 people to Carol Nasby by 12/6/21. Christmas Wassail Punch, Water, Dessert and Place Settings will be provided. If you prefer a different drink you are welcome to bring it.

On Dec 27 at 6 PM come enjoy the Holiday Lighted Garden Tour at the Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens at 5827 Riverside Dr, Punta Gorda ... followed by an After Glow! party at Marcie Ellis' Home at 631 Andros Ct in Punta Gorda.

The Jan 7, 2022 Membership Meeting will include a picnic provided by the club at Gilchrist Park in Punta Gorda.

Jan 22, 2022 at 1:00 is a Game-Day Social at Luvvy Kovacic's clubhouse at The GENOVA Community in ESTERO. Luvvy's address is 21460 Strada Nuova Circle. Text/Call Luvvy (239-789-0879) for more INFO.

Judy Carson is the Journey Coordinator for our INCOMING JOURNEY DETROIT from Feb 22-28, 2022. About 20 guests will be with us. Hosts & Volunteers are needed. Contact Judy to help.

Joanne Collins is the Coordinator for our OUTBOUND JOURNEY SACRAMENTO from June 1-6, 2022. The \$100 deposit is due to reserve your spot. The full cost is being determined. Please see the Newsletter for other details.

The 2022 OUTBOUND CANADA to Edmonton & Medicine Hat was discussed, including Possible Travel Options and Dates. Details are being finalized and will be announced asap.

Today's PROGRAM on Current Travel Issues was presented by Maureen and Carol.

Maureen Butt explained her journey through Portugal with Viking and her drive thru Germany and specifically the requirements for entering countries, restaurants, etc.

Carol Nasby talked about necessary preps (masks, passport holder) for France and testing procedures they encountered.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 PM followed by Lunch at Doc Ford's Garage.

Respectively Submitted in Friendship,

Sue Masters
FFSWFL Secretary

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FFSWFL 12/12/2021 Holiday Lunch/Election Minutes

The FFSWFL 12/12/21 Annual Holiday Lunch and Elections was held at the lovely Lake Fairways Clubhouse in N. Fort Myers.

Co-President, Maureen Butt, called the meeting to order at 12:00 with the FFI Pledge.

Maureen thanked Judy Carson for securing this lovely facility for our Holiday gathering.

The Election of Officers was conducted with the following results:

Current Co-President, Maureen Butt received a unanimous vote of re-election to serve another term as our Co-President.

Richard Collins was nominated and unanimously elected to the office of Treasurer effective 1/1/2022.

Marci Ellis was nominated and unanimously elected Secretary effective 1/1/202.

The official Election Meeting was completed and the celebration of Holiday Cheer and the Gift Exchange followed.

A good time was had by all, as is ALWAYS the case at our FFSWFL Friendship gatherings!

Respectively submitted in Friendship,

Sue Masters,
Recording Secretary