

Friendship Force of Southwest Florida

Meeting Minutes for Jan. 7, 2022

Meeting was located at the pavilion at Gilcrest Park. A sandwich lunch was provided by FFSWFL.

23 members and 2 guests in attendance

1. Maureen opened the meeting with the FFI pledge.
2. Plans are proceeding for our next inbound journey Feb 22-27. We are hosting members of FF of Greater Detroit and several other clubs of the Midwestern Region. Judy Carson is the JC.
3. Our next journey is outbound to Sacramento June 1-7. Joanne Collins is the JC.
4. In July our club international outbound journey is to FF of Edmonton and FF of Medicine Hat, Canada. Maureen Butt is JC and Carol Nasby is her assistant. They are planning a pre-trip Vancouver to Edmonton train adventure through the Rocky Mountains. It begins on June 30, 7 days/6 nights, and costs approximately \$3,500 USD. If interested in taking this pre-trip contact Carol Nasby.
5. Maureen reminded us that every member needs to sign up with myffi.org. If anyone needs assistance with this they can contact any of the board members.
6. Bidding with FFI for 2023 will start soon. We will ask for one international and one domestic journey.
7. Luvvy Kovacik is organizing a Game Day Social on Saturday, Jan. 22. Bring snacks. We will need to RSVP if planning to attend. Watch for an email.
8. There will be a spring brunch in March. Watch the newsletter for details.
9. Ginny Dooley won 2 tickets donated by Joanne MacPeak to a production at the Florida Repertory Theater where Joanne volunteers..
10. Our next meeting will be Friday, Feb. 4 at Cape Coral Library at 10am. Lunch afterwards at the Rumrunners.

Members present:

Michelle Kemp

Sonja Higgins, Guest

Bill Kemp, Guest

Beverly Haggerty

Virginia Dooley

Linda Supakoff

Richard Copeland

Carol & Chris Nasby

Phyllis Steel

Barbara Robinson

Marge Kang

Hugh & Priscilla McShane

Jack & Jo Cooley

Cindy & Dwight Haldermon

Maureen & Hank Butt

Dennis & Norma Meier

Marcia Ellis

Judy Carson

Terese Libby

Minutes from General Meeting Feb 4, 2022

FFSWFL Meeting

2/4/2022

Present: Carol & Chris Nasby, Sue & Rob Linehan, Joanne and Richard Collins, Barbara Robinson, Maureen and Hank Butt, Luvvy Kovacek, Joanne MacPeek, Marcia Ellis, Roy Pearson, Jack & Jo Cooley, Michelle Kemps, Terese Libby, Judy Carson

Club Officers:

President: Maureen Butt

Vice President: Carol Nasby

Treasurer: Richard Collins

Secretary: Marcia Ellis

1. Maureen Butt stated it is time to fill out the FFI journey selection form. Discussion followed about different locations people would like to visit. It was the general consensus that we should journey to places in the USA and Europe. Richard suggested the board would send out an email to all members to ask for their input. A summary of responses will be discussed at our next meeting.
2. Judy Carson reviewed the activities of the upcoming inbound journey with FF Detroit. She asked people to sign up for the activities they plan to attend. Marcia Ellis will send everyone in the club the schedule and host/guest list as well as dinner assignments via email today. Marcia will make booklets and Carol Nasby will make up the gift bags.
3. Joanne Collins discussed our journey to FF Sacramento June 1-7. Cost is \$150. There are 14 members currently enrolled. Sign up for this journey is still open.
4. Maureen and Carol discussed the outbound journey to Canada in July. Pre-trip departs June 30 for Vancouver and arrives in Edmonton July 6. FF Edmonton hosts July 6-12. Medicine Hat hosts July 12-18. There are 11 members signed up for the journey. Joanne Collins advised us of volatile air fares. Anyone wishing to join this journey should contact Carol Nasby.
5. Richard and Joanne Collins gave a lively talk about their cruising experience in Dec & Jan in the Covid time.
6. Next meeting March 4 will be at Linda Supakoff's house. It will be a pot luck with an international theme. Please wear international clothing!
7. Meeting adjourned.

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Board Meeting

Feb 18, 2022

Present: Carol Nasby, Maureen Butt, Richard Collins, Linda Supakoff, Marcia Ellis

1. Maureen requested that Carol send an application to Jackie Engel who would like to rejoin.
2. Richard gave the treasurer's report. Regular members include 18 single and 8 couples. We have 7 associate members.
3. Richard asked for a motion to add an additional signer on our checks as a safety measure. Motion was carried to add Linda Supakoff, board member, as the additional signer.
4. Maureen discussed the email going out to members about our upcoming journey. She made the motion that the cost of the welcome party and farewell party should be covered by the club treasury from the general fund for FFSWFL members. The motion carried.
5. There was discussion about the journey budget.
6. Programming:

March 4-going to Linda's at 11am, dressing up in favorite costume from another country. Carol will organize the potluck.

April 3- meeting at Lake Fairways, from 2-5pm. Potluck. Will ask Michelle & Ginney to present their trip to Dubai.

May 6 – meet for lunch in Estero. Location TBA

Sept 9 – Linda Supakoff will host an ice cream social

Oct 7 – presentation on Sacramento journey, Ft. Myer library, 10:30am

Oct 30 – Halloween party at Linda Supakoff's, 6pm

Nov 18 – presentation on Canada journey by Maureen

Dec 14 – Christmas party, location TBA

Meeting adjourned 11:45.

Feb 21, 2022 Addendum to Minutes

April Spring Pot Luck

Program: jack Cooley will organize an

International trivia game that will involve our members. Prizes for winners.

FF SWFL Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2022

International Potluck at Linda Supakoff's home

There were 27 people attending. Maureen Butt gave a welcome.

Reading of FF pledge and singing of Let There Be Peace On Earth followed.

Journeys:

June, Sacramento: Sign up with Joanne Collins

July: Alberta, Canada with two homestays. Journey Coordinators are Carol Nasby & Maureen Butt. There is an add-on train trip pre-journey.

Aug: Brazil. Journey Coordinator is Vicki Vance from FFI.

Several members are going to Germany (4 with NE Ohio to Lubeck).

A gift of \$50 from FF Detroit will be given to the Peace River Wildlife Center.

There was a discussion of benefits of FFI and club membership for guests.

New members introduced themselves:

Kit and Deb Ferguson, Minnesota snowbirds

Meridy Moore, Wisconsin educator, vocal and educational music

After lunch of international foods there was “show and tell” of clothing worn.

Sue Linehan discussed assistance to 7 Afganistan refugees. Anyone wishing to help can contact her.

Carol Nasby discussed Ukraine refugee relief.

Next meeting will be March 16 at Myakka State Park. We will join the Sarasota club there.

Marcia Ellis

Secretary