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*Editor's note: As expected this issue of the newsletter is late. But everyone is now back from their journeys so hopefully future editions will be on time for the foreseeable future. We welcome your contributions to the newsletter as well. Please send them to walt.oconnell@gmail.com.*

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## **President's Message**

*Al Colville*

Well, we just completed a very successful Orientation Session for some of our new members and several folks who are considering joining our organization. We are very pleased with the results and some new member applications have already been received. Many thanks go to our Membership Chairman, Peggy Colville, and our Events Chairman, Petty Sclater for putting together this event for our Club.



Next, we have coming up two hosting sessions in late October. One for a group from Cornwall, UK, and the other for folks from Russia and Mexico. Please be on the lookout for information on how you can support these efforts.

## **Events Committee in Action**

*Patty Sclater, Chair*

The weather held, and the annual Labor Day picnic to honor our JAG students proved a great success. We had almost fifty in attendance, including FFCV members, guests and seven JAG students, one of whom brought his family. Three-month students came from Egypt, Jordan and Mali. Those in the ten-month curriculum hail from Afghanistan, Egypt, Israel and South Korea.

In addition to good food and lively conversations, there were boat rides on Lake Monticello and an informative presentation by our Jordanian student, Major Amer Daradkeh. When the technology gods refused to cooperate, he comfortably delivered his comments without the video presentation or notes. He also answered our numerous questions about his country.

We bid farewell to Rob and Elizabeth Beck, who are leaving the area to be nearer to children and grandchildren. Rob appreciated the special cake and cards and shared them with Elizabeth who, unfortunately, was unable to attend.

Special thanks go to Ulli and Ranny Reynolds, our hosts, who stepped up to the plate when a family medical emergency took Betsy and Wayne Brady out of town.

It's off to Staunton on November 9 to observe glass blowing or maybe even trying our hands at making an ornament. The year concludes with our annual Christmas party at Margaret and Mark Dryer's in Charlottesville on December 16. More information will follow on these events.

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## **Membership Chairman's Report**

*Peggy Smith Colville, Chair*

We had a great Membership Orientation meeting Friday, September 22 at the Nahor Village Clubhouse. There were twelve present, some members and some prospective members. Monica, Walter, Patty, Al and I talked about the different positions we all participate in. Laura and Bob Keeton joined and we have two other couples that are thinking about it. Sal came with Monica and said he was thinking about joining back up.

Please Welcome Laura and Bob into our club they will be sponsored by Patty Sclater.

FFI has changed their dues structure. Since a good share of your chapter dues gets sent to FFI, we have changed our dues for 2018 to \$30/person to be consistent with FFI.

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## **FFI World Conference in Manchester, UK**

*Al Colville*

Six of us from the Friendship Force of Central Virginia participated in this year's Friendship Force International World Conference held in Manchester, UK. It marked the 40th anniversary of this wonderful organization. The first FF exchange (now called journey) took place in 1977 when a planeload of folks flew from Atlanta, Georgia, to Manchester for the first home-stay opportunity. That was followed a few months later by a plane-load of Brits who flew to Atlanta for a similar experience.

The Burns, Colvilles and Hokansons enjoyed the Conference, learned a lot about our organization as well as Manchester and the surrounding area and reconnected with many of our friends from around the world who have hosted us or been hosted by us. All in all, a great experience.

Attached are two pictures showing us at one of the highlights of our visit. The farewell dinner was held at a small hanger at Manchester Airport, under the shadow of one of the few remaining Concorde Airliners. We got to chat with the main speaker for that evening and actually got to board the airliner and sit in one of its seats. Not something many folks can say anymore.







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Do you have plans yet for April and May? How about a Journey across the Atlantic with Friendship Force?



Current FFI Board of Directors Chair, Bob Duncan, of FF Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA, 2018 Board Chair, Jo Custead, FF Saskatoon, Canada, and FFI President, Jeremi Snook, each invite you to attend the **2018 Festival at Sea!** This voyage on Holland America's *Zuiderdam* departs on April 22 from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and concludes on May 10th in Copenhagen, Denmark! Current FFI Board of Directors Chair, Bob Duncan, of FF Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA, 2018 Board Chair, Jo Custead, FF Saskatoon, Canada, and FFI President, Jeremi Snook, each invite you to attend the **2018 Festival at Sea!** This voyage on Holland America's *Zuiderdam* departs on April 22 from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and concludes on May 10th in Copenhagen, Denmark!

Ports include:

Kings Wharf, Bermuda

Horta, Azores, Portugal

Ponta Delgada, Sao Miguel, Azores, Portugal

Southampton (London), England

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Zeebrugge (Brussels), Belgium

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Copenhagen, Denmark



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Friendship Force of Central Virginia

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### JAG School

*Linda Burns, Chair*

Graduation was Thursday September 7th at the JAG School for our departing JAG students. It was very well attended by our sponsors and I believe the departing students hope to return someday for the 10 month course.

Our next 10 month students arrived in August. We have a female from Korea, and three males, one from Israel, one from Afghanistan, and one from Egypt and sponsors for all of them. We met them, along with the 3-month students, at the picnic on September 4th.

I would like to thank my JAG committee, Monica Notaro, Patty Sclater, Peggy Birdsall, Betsy Brady, Linda Okun, and Dale Walden for all the work they have done for the picnic and coming events. Also, a special "Thank you" goes out to Ranny & Ulli Reynolds for stepping up to host the JAG picnic at their house because of medical reasons with the Brady's. Thank you all so very much. The picnic was a great success.



Dear Mrs. Burns,

Many thanks to you and the Friendship Force for inviting our international students to the picnic. Events such as this help us build strong ties with our partner nations. We enjoyed the time spent with everyone who attended and look forward to doing so again in the future.

Sincerely,

*TJ Barwell*  
Dean, US Army JAG School

*THANK YOU  
SO VERY  
MUCH! YOU  
ARE MAKING  
A HUGE DIFFERENCE  
IN OUR PROGRAM  
AND WITH OUR STUDENTS*

## **Journey Committee**

*Dave Burns*

**2017 Stopover: Cornwall, UK, Oct 2017:** The British are indeed coming and 13 of them will be arriving on Oct 17, spending that evening, the next day, and leaving on the 19th. All hosts have been notified and hopefully by now have contacted their respective ambassadors. That said, I will be working with each of the hosts to see if there are any day host requirements or other things needed to support the stopover. The plan is to have them spend the first evening with their hosts, the next day spent going to Monticello, a box lunch, followed by a guided tour of Charlottesville and the Mall provided by the Charlottesville Albemarle Historical Society. That evening they would like to take their hosts out for a group dinner (place to be determined), and will then leave on the 19th, early in the morning.

**2017 Inbound: Nizhny Novgorod and Kirov Oblast, Russia, October 2017:** This journey is officially cancelled as the Russian ambassadors have had a very difficult time getting visas to visit the U.S. That said, three or four of them still plan on coming to the U.S. and your club has invited them to still visit us even though this will not be a sanctioned or official Friendship Force journey. Those who can make it went through a very arduous and expensive effort to obtain their visas and we believe it would be a shame for them not to visit us even though it will not be a Friendship Force journey. Many of you volunteered to host these folks to begin with but we obviously only need a couple of members to get involved and if not already, those selected to host will be notified shortly. As this is not a sanctioned FF journey, we will not have the usual agenda, arrival and farewell dinners, and a lot of stuff we do during regular journeys. However, we want to show these folks what FFCV is all about and we may be asking you to help out some way or another. We'll be letting you know as we go along.

**2018 Outbound: Mie and Ota-Gunma, Japan, May 2018:** While Al Colville remains in contact with the hosts at both locations, nothing significant has transpired regarding the journeys. Al is waiting to hear from the EDs at both places to determine costs and other information regarding these journeys and will pass that info on. One new thing of interest is that while at the Manchester FF World Conference some of us got to meet the president and his wife of the Seoul, Korea club and they are quite interested in including a visit to them in conjunction with the journey to Japan. More on this later.

**2018 Inbound: Bundaberg, Australia, October 18:** Right now it looks as though we will be hosting this club on 2-9 October, 2018, in conjunction with their multi-week visit to the U.S. which will include our club, one in central North Carolina, a few days in Nashville, and finally the FF club in Baton Rouge, LA. Still in the works, so stay tuned...

### **Domestic Reciprocal Journeys**

**Des Moines, Iowa:** This exchange has really moved forward since the last Ambassador. As it stands a number of the Des Moines FF club plan on visiting us in early June, 2018 and in turn will host us during the Iowa State Fair and Restaurant Week in early to mid-August next year for journeys lasting about five days each. We talked to a number of folks who have been to the State Fair while in Manchester, UK and everybody said this is really a great deal, so let's take advantage of the offer. Obviously, more info to follow.

**Harrisburg, PA:** The idea of having a short three-day reciprocal visit with the Harrisburg club is still very much alive but trying to figure out when we can do it is still up in the air as each of our clubs have many commitments in 2018, but somehow or another we will work out a way for both of our clubs to exchange short journeys with each other. More coming.



## **2019 Outbound Journeys**

Things look very good for us going to both Australia and New Zealand in 2019. Contacts with both the Bundaberg and Sunshine Coast clubs in Australia and the FF club in Marlborough, NZ show they want us to come and now it is up to FFI to make a final decision. You can believe we are pestering them to go in our favor!

## **2018 Mid-Atlantic & Northeast Regional Assignments**

The following is a repeat of information originally posted in the past. Another way our members can experience an outbound journey is to participate with one of the clubs in our region to visit the places they have been assigned. The following is a list of all the clubs in our region and their assignments for 2018. Contact information for each of the clubs is located on the FFI website.

<b>FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF</b>	<b>OUTBOUND</b>	<b>INBOUND</b>
RICHMOND, VA	None	None
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA	22/18 Christchurch, Taupo Wellington (Stopover), New Zealand	4 or 5/18 Regional Conference 11/18 Ottawa, Canada
CHARLESTON WEST VA	None	None
CONNECTICUT	2/18 Kapiti Coast & New Plymouth, New Zealand 11/18 San Antonio, Texas USA	None
SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY	4/18 Campias & Belo Horizonte, Brazil	6/18 La Serena, Chile
GREATER HARRISBURG	5/18 Nizhny Novgorod, Russia	None
NEW HAMPSHIRE SEACOAST	10/18 Greater Hamilton & Niagara, Canada	5/18 Greater Hamilton & Burlington, Canada
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT	None	6/18 La Serena, Chile
CENTRAL VIRGINIA	5/18 Mie & Ota-Gunma, Japan	10/18 Bundaberg, Australia
LONG ISLAND	6/18 Flathead Valley, USA 10/18 Cape of Good Hope, South Africa	5/18 Greater Hamilton 10/18 Burlington, Canada 9/18 San Diego County, USA

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## **Outreach**

*Linda Burns, Chair*

I'm not sure if everyone knew about the passing of Wayne Brady's father. We would like to pass our condolences to Wayne & his family. Although I never met him, I am sure he was an exceptional person.

Also, I just wanted to let everyone know that the Beck's have moved. We will miss them but they are where they want to be.

I also would like everyone to know that I visited Freddie Bacher in Denver in August. She is doing well and looks great! She also is where she wants to be but misses us all.

If you know of any other member who needs an "outreached hand" please let me know. You can contact me @ [toeheadva@yahoo.com](mailto:toeheadva@yahoo.com) or 434-589-8724.

Concerned about traveling in these uncertain times?

You might want to check out this article

<http://www.wendyperrin.com/7-keys-traveling-without-fear-despite-terrorist-attacks/>

## **Help Wanted**

We are getting organized for 2018 and one of our goals is to encourage our members to play an active role in the affairs of the club. While some positions require a bit more time and effort (such as Exchange Director) there are many that only require a couple of hours a month (e.g. contributing to the newsletter, helping maintain our Web page, helping to plan an event, or working on one of the committees. You will find that if you participate actively you will have a lot more fun and add your ideas to making our club even better.

If you are interested in making a difference and getting a better return on your investment, contact one of the directors or committee chairs. They are listed on the front page of the newsletter.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

## Member News

*Do you need a name tag or  
business cards?*

Drop an email to Walt  
(walt.oconnell@gmail.com)  
and let him know what you need.

The minutes of the BOD meetings and copies  
of the Ambassador Newsletter are available on  
our Web site, [www.ffc.avenue.org](http://www.ffc.avenue.org)

The BOD meetings are open to anyone who  
would like to attend. We welcome you  
participation



Bob and Jean Booth	9/30
Alan and Willow Drinkwater	10/6
Barry and Mary Ann Doucette	10/29

★ HAPPY ★  
BIRTHDAY!

Joanne Harris	9/1
Henry Haefele	9/7
Susan Roberts	9/7
John Alluisi	9/15
Laura Keeton	9/17
Robert Harris	9/20
Peggy Colville	9/27
Jean Booth	9/28
Patricia Sclater	10/3
Joyce Spitler	10/5
Mary Ann Doucette	10/5
Deborah Winslow	10/22
Jean Busboso	10/25

*Did we miss your special day?*

*Let Walt know so we can update our records  
[walt.oconnell@gmail.com](mailto:walt.oconnell@gmail.com)*

## 2017 Calendar Meetings and Events

<u>Month</u>	<u>BOD Meeting</u>	<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Participants</u>
October	3	Tues/Wed 10/17-18 Sat, 10/21 - Sat, 10/28	Stopover Visit from Cornwall UK Inbound Exchange from Russia??	FFCV Members, Their Guests
November	7	Thurs, 11/9	Glass Blowing, Lunch in Staunton - Details TBD	FFCV Members, Their Guests
December	5	Sat, 12/16	Christmas Party - Dryer Residence, Charlottesville	FFCV Members, Their Guests

## Show Your Club Logo with Custom Merchandise



Embroidery

You now have the ability to purchase quality merchandise with our club logo *embroidered* on it from Queensboro. Some of us have purchased this merchandise in the past and have found it to be very good quality.

We have our own “store front” that uses our approved logo and ordering products through it is quite easy. Go to <http://ffcv.qbstores.com> and to see the selection of products. To make a purchase, set up an account and then select from the products available, specifying your size and color preference.

A flat fee of \$6.50 per order applies regardless of the order size so team up with a friend and consolidate your

orders.

Queensboro offers many more products than we have placed in our store front. If you are looking for something in particular you can view their entire site at <http://www.queensboro.com>. You can order directly from that site but you won't have access to our logo. If you see an item you would like with the logo, let Walt know ([walt.oconnell@gmail.com](mailto:walt.oconnell@gmail.com), 434-591-0532) and he will add it to the store front.



Embroidery

# BOD Minutes

**Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
Clubhouse at Villages at Nahor, Palmyra, VA**

**Board Members Present:**

President Al Colville, First Vice President Linda Burns, Second Vice President Monica Notaro, Secretary Pam Hokanson, Treasurer David Lea, Dave Burns, Walt O'Connell, Margaret Dryer

**Board Members Absent:**

Rob Beck

**Guests:**

Membership Chair Peggy Colville, Mundo Maya ED Deb Winslow, and Events Chair Patty Sclater

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by President Colville.

**President's Comments:** Al emphasized that we need to look at how we are going to spend out funds. He also stated that we have 9 new members.

**Secretary's Report:**

Margaret Dryer moved the March 7, 2017 FFCV, Inc Board of Directors Meeting Minutes be approved as discussed; second Walt O'Connell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

We have a balance of \$6,696.24. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**Old Business:**

**Mundo Maya Outbound Journey:**

Deb Winslow stated she has not yet received the matches from the Iowa club, but expects Mary to send them within the next couple of days. She stated that the \$160 per person fee is to be paid in US dollars in cash.

**FFI 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Kudos to Patty Sclater for planning a successful event. She was requested to submit a report with photos to FFI and our next newsletter about our celebration.

**New Business:**

**Plans for use of funds in 2017**

Al looked over the budget and made the suggestion that we combine all administrative expenses into one line item under administration as well as combining all membership expenses into a single line item for membership. It was concluded to keep the separate line items for the international and regional conferences. It was approved at the March meeting that expenses for the official representative to these conferences have registration and hotel expenses covered if treasury funds are available. It was decided the line item in the budget should cover registration plus a stipend toward hotel expenses. More research needs to be done to determine the amount of the stipend.

The question of whether dues should be prorated based on the time of the year a member joins was also raised. FFI charges full dues for the year for each member. It was decided that we would not

prorate dues, but members joining in November or December would fill out the next years membership form and money would be held until January to cover the new year.

### **Club of the Year nomination**

Dave Burns is working on this and will have a draft nominating FFCV by the end of May.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Communications:** Walt asked for information to be turned by May 5. Patty Sclater will write up an article including photos of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and Deb Winslow will write an article on the Mundo Maya Journey including photos. Peggy will send out a save the date for the Mystery Dinner Event with more to follow. Walt will add the new members to the database and email the information to all board members.

**Events:** The Mystery Dinner will be held May 13 and Peggy will take the lead on organizing this. June 15 we will have an event at Cunningham Creek Winery and members will be encouraged to invite guests.

**Exchanges:** Dave received the list of names for the inbound journey from Russia. They range in age from 56 – 12 and include 10 men, 2 women, and 1 child. He will need to line up hosts (5 doubles and 1 triple) within the next month, as ambassadors will need a letter from the embassy. He wants to involve some of the new members as hosts.

Dave also emailed Taiwan to see if we can extend our 2018 outbound journey to Japan to include some time in Taiwan. He also asked if there was interest in looking into Australia for 2019 to one of the clubs that we have hosted. Everyone responded positively.

**Fund Raising:** Broocks Meade has not yet sent information as to our assignments for working the events. Monica will call him. Monica visited *Families Learning Together* and presented information about this charity. She said the need for additional funds is great and was impressed with the work that they do. Peggy Colville moved that we donate \$500 to *Families Learning Together*, seconded by Margaret Dryer. Motion carried.

**JAG:** Linda will be contacting the people that signed up to host students or serve on the committee at the anniversary celebration.

**Membership:** Peggy reported that we received 9 new members from those that attended the 40th Anniversary celebration. 61 people attended out of 63 responses. She encouraged members to get back to those who they invited to see if they are interested in joining. She called 2 people that came as a result of our advertisements and neither was ready to commit at this time. One person expressed an interest, but their spouse was not interested. It was suggested to follow up suggesting a single membership as we have members with spouses that are not members.

It was suggested that we hold another club-sponsored event like this every year in addition to the Christmas party with an emphasis on membership. We also need to encourage members to invite guests to some of our other events.

To follow up on the discussion of having a uniform hostess gift for our journeys, Peggy brought in a list of suggestions from the Virginia Shop at Barracks Rd. Everyone liked the idea and it was suggested that we purchase package number 4. Deb will bring them to Mexico for our upcoming journey.

**Outreach:** no report

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, May 2 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Villages of Nahor Clubhouse. Al is going to schedule the board meetings for the remainder of the year from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Villages of Nahor Clubhouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Hokanson, Secretary

**Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 2, 2017  
Clubhouse at Villages at Nahor, Palmyra, VA**

**Board Members Present:**

President Al Colville, First Vice President Linda Burns, Second Vice President Monica Notaro, Secretary Pam Hokanson, Rob Beck, Dave Burns, Walt O'Connell

**Board Members Absent:**

Treasurer David Lea, Margaret Dryer

**Guests:**

Membership Chair Peggy Colville,

**Call to Order:** President Colville called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm.

**President's Comments:** Al mentioned we just got back from our journey to Mexico, which everyone enjoyed. He wanted to finalize plans the mystery dinner and focus on the upcoming inbound and outbound journeys.

**Secretary's Report:**

Linda Burns moved the April 4, 2017 FFCV, Inc Board of Directors Meeting Minutes be approved as amended; second Dave Burns. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was tabled, as the treasurer was not present.

**Old Business:**

**Nominate FFCV as "Club of the Year"**

Dave Burns stated that he will have a draft within the next couple of weeks and will email it for comments with the final copy to be sent to FFI by the end of May.

**New Business:**

**Plans for Inbound and Outbound Journeys**

**2017:** Dave Burns reported that we have 13 ambassadors coming from Russia (6 couples + 1 child age 12.) We have 7 openings, as we are able to take up to 20 ambassadors. So far hosts include Colvilles, Burns, Hokansons, Reynolds, Alluisis, and Tanya and John Broderick. Dave needed to send the hosts' names so the Russians could get their visas. They are interested in museums, historical sites, and hiking.

We will be hosting Cornwall for 2 nights Oct. 17-19 with 9 ambassadors coming (3 couples + 3 singles.) Dave still needs to get some clarification and will be looking for hosts. Al agreed to help Dave.

**2018: Inbound:** We are looking into something in 2018 for hosting Mundo Maya.

We are to host Australia in October. Dave will write to get more information on this as they are planning to travel several places.

**Outbound:** We will be traveling to Mie Prefecture, not too far from the interesting cities of Kyoto, Osaka and Nara in Central Japan and to Ota in the Gunma Prefecture a bit North of Tokyo in late May. Al Colville is the Ambassador Coordinator for this exchange and he will be sending a "Doodle" to determine who is interested in this exchange.

**Committee Reports:**



**Communications:** Walt asked for all information to be turned in so he can get the newsletter out by this weekend.

**Events:** The Mystery Dinner will be held May 13 and Peggy will be contacting the participants and hosts.

June 15 Cunningham Creek Winery has been reserved from 2-4. Cost is \$10.00 per person. We may bring in food and members are encouraged to invite guests. A "Doodle Poll" will be sent out, as we need the number attending the week before.

The event for July is the Black Friars Theater in Staunton. 11:00-12:00 will be a tour of the theater followed by lunch and the play begins at 2:00. Cost for the play and back stage tour is \$50.00 plus lunch. Linda presented the different dates and plays and the group decided to attend the Saturday matinee performance on July 29<sup>th</sup> of "Much Ado About Nothing." Linda will try to get this booked.

**Exchanges:** This was discussed under new business.

**Fund Raising:** Monica reported that we have 2 assignments: June 20<sup>th</sup> we need 10 volunteers for the beer cart at the Cheryl Crowe concert and Aug. 8th we need 4 volunteers for the soda cart for the Punch Brothers concert, a Blue Grass Group. Both are Tuesday night venues at the Sprint Pavilion. She is still trying to get something at Fridays After Five.

**JAG:** Linda reported graduation is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome to attend, just let Linda know you are coming. Linda is trying to put together a committee. She has asked Betsy Brady to serve, as they will be hosting the picnic on Labor Day.

**Membership:** Peggy would like sponsors for new members to mentor them for a year by contacting them about our different functions and help get them involved in different club activities. Peggy would also like to plan an introductory event to explain things about the both inbound and outbound journeys to help orient new members. Perhaps this could be an afternoon event with wine and cheese. Board members and sponsors would be asked to attend.

**Outreach:** No report. Elizabeth Beck and Patsy O'Connell are still not doing well. Margaret Dryer was to have surgery in May. Linda will be in contact with them.

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday, June 6 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Villages of Nahor Clubhouse. Meeting was adjourned at 4:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Hokanson, Secretary

**Friendship Force Central Virginia Inc.**  
**Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday June 6, 2017**  
**Villages at Nahor Clubhouse, Palmyra, VA**

**Board Members Present:**

President Al Colville, Chair of Meeting, Treasurer David Lea, Secretary of Meeting, Rob Beck Walt O'Connell, Dave Burns and First Vice President, Linda Burns

**Board Members Absent:**

Secretary Pam Hokanson, Margaret Dryer

**Guests:** Peggy Colville and Monica Notaro

**Call to Order:** Chair Colville announced that a quorum was present the meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:10pm. All actions taken by the BOD were done upon motion duly made, seconded, followed by discussion, and carried by a majority vote of the Directors, unless otherwise noted.

**President Report:** President Al Coville reviewed the major events since the last BOD meeting.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer David Lea reviewed the Treasurer Report for the month of May 2016 previously provided to the BOD and answered questions from the directors. **ACTION.** The Report was approved and a copy of the Report is attached to these minutes.

**Club Membership Records:** The BOD reviewed the current way new and renewed club memberships are handled. It was decided that the current system was cumbersome and needed improvement. **ACTION.** The BOD requested the Treasurer, Secretary, the Chairs of the Communications and Membership Committees, and Rob Beck to look into this matter and make a report to the BOD by the August BOD meeting with their joint suggestions for improvement.

**Secretary Report:** No report made. Approval of the minutes for the FFCV BOD May 2017 was deferred until the next BOD meeting.

**Exchange Committee Report:** Dave Burns reported on the status of all exchange activities. The BOD reviewed and discussed all current and planned exchanges and took the following action.

**2017 Russian Exchange:** **ACTION.** Approved expansion of open exchange slots to 12.

**FFI Club of the Year Award:** Dave Burn reported on the successful status of discussions and paperwork associated with seeking this award for our club.

**Membership Committee Reports: (Peggy Colville, Chair)** Peggy reviewed the status of activities in the Membership and Events areas. The main topic for discussion was whether the Club should pay all or part of the costs of potential new Club members who attend events which at least in part are aimed at attracting new members. This matter has been discussed in the past, but apparently no approved BOD actions or guidelines are available. **ACTION.** The BOD requested the Chair of the Membership Committee look into this matter and provide the BOD with recommendations for actions and guidelines on how to handle this subject.

**Fund Raising Committee: (Monica Notaro, Chair)** Monica reported current event efforts are on line and she will be contacting the other committees for recommendations for future fund raising events or sources.

**JAG School: (Linda Burns Chair)** Linda reported on the recent JAG graduation ceremonies, there will be 7 new students this coming semester and Linda is looking for hosts. **ACTION.** It was also suggested that the Chair invite the military head of JAG to attend a future Club event and provide an update of JAG to the entire Club.

**Outreach Committee: (Linda Burns, Chair)** Linda reported on people updates especially Margaret Dryer.

**Communications Committee: (Walt O'Connell, Chair)** Walt reviewed current events. No actions required.

**Next BOD Meetings: ACTIONS:** The July BOD regular meeting was cancelled. The next BOD meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 3:00pm at the Villages at Nahor Clubhouse.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

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Rob Beck, Secretary of the Meeting



# 2018 Friendship Force Central Virginia

## Membership/Renewal Application

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

County\*: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (land line): \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Note: in city = C'ville; else Albemarle, Fluvanna, etc.*

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

For Family Application: Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

We like to recognize our members on their special days if you choose (month and day only, we overlook the year).

Your birthday: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ Partner's birthday: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

It is important that you have a good understanding of The Friendship Force, what we do, and what to expect. The Web site for Friendship Force International is a good source of information about the history and mission of our organization. Please review the information at [www.friendshipforce.org](http://www.friendshipforce.org), paying particular attention to the tabs "Who We Are/History and /Mission" and "FAQs" and our club at [www.ffc.avenue.org](http://www.ffc.avenue.org). If you don't have access to the Web, please contact a member for information about our FFI and our club.

To make our club successful, all members contribute as they are able to our various activities. Please check the activities in which you would like to participate or learn more about in 2018. (Partners do separately when your interests diverge). **Do you want to:**

### Exchange Activities

<input type="checkbox"/>	Go on an Outbound Journey
<input type="checkbox"/>	Outbound Journey Planning Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Planning Committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Home Host
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Day Host
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inbound Journey Small Dinner Party Host

### Other Club Work and Activities

<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Communications/Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Fund Raising including Fridays After Five
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Member Meeting Organizing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Event Planning and Organizing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Serve on Membership Committee

### Community Activities and Service

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor a JAG student
<input type="checkbox"/>	Work on a Community Project (e.g., International Refugee Committee, World Friendship Day, or outreach to community)

What areas of the world are of particular interest for an Exchange?

**Asia \_\_ Canada \_\_ Europe \_\_ Eurasia \_\_ Latin America \_\_ Middle East \_\_ Africa \_\_ South Pacific \_\_ USA \_\_**

**Annual Dues:** \$30 per member.. Please include a check made out to **FFC with your application**. Please submit application/renewal and dues to membership chair, Peggy Colville, 315 Village Blvd. Palmyra, VA 22963.