

**FFMV GENERAL MEETING Minutes**

Date: May 13, 2023 at GreenTree Community Centre 4295 Garden Grove Drive, Burnaby, BC

Doors open at 11:30 for lunch

Meeting or Zoom begins at 12:30

<b>Attendees</b>	<p>32 people in attendance Joanne and Norm Smyrski, Sonja Hollenbach, Wendy Trigg, Elly Brok, Rick and Jean Nakamura, Cheryl Lea, Barb Stokes, Joyce Tonn, Mary Stark, Bob and Nita McKay, Cooky Dhaliwal, Elaine Gibson, Marvin and Monica Steinway, Jennie Warren, Chris Rothery, Val and Glynis Karpinsky, Lucy Cleggett, Carol Kippan, Janice Froese, Doreen M’Lot, Pearl Wong, Donna Pyrch, Heather Anderlini, Marilyn Fairbairn, Marian Ennis, John Niles, Liane McKenna (Zoom)</p> <p>Regrets: Louise Holmes, Gurin Dhaliwal Lissa and Dan Macmaster, Maureen Pringle, Ruth DeRoche</p>
<b>TOPIC</b> 1. Welcome  2. Approval of May 13, 2023, Agenda	<b>COMMENTS</b> Joanne welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She also wished those mothers here a Happy Mother’s Day.  Moved by Chris Rothery, seconded by Wendy Trigg <b>APPROVED</b>
3. Approval of March 18, 2023 General Meeting minutes	Moved by Donna Pyrch, seconded by Glynis Karpinsky <b>APPROVED</b>
4. President – Joanne	<p><b>RECOGNITION</b>– Thanks to Lucy, Nita and Heather for organizing lunch And members for bringing their own coffee containers.</p> <p><b>WELCOME</b> to new member Carol, applicant Sonja and visitors Elly Brok and Cheryl Lea</p> <p>Pearl to meet with Niagara group and Jean with those interested in helping with the New Zealand group following this meeting.</p> <p>Posting of member Photos on FFMV Website <b>Motion:</b> “Are members ok to ask Ryan to put photos under executive only on our website” Moved by Val and seconded by Heather <b>APPROVED</b> Val to followup</p>
5. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covid Policy: Western Canada’s reviewing and changes in process so we will address this in September. Present FFMV policy is to comply with Federal and Provincial Health Guidelines</li><li>• Next lunch meeting – deferred as Inbounds &amp; summer picnic, won’t be until late August or September – Wendy volunteered to organize lunch whether it was a picnic or otherwise</li></ul>

<p>6. Membership &amp; Recruitment Barbara</p>	<p>Current Membership Number 45 New Members: Carol Kippan &amp; Ruth Deroche applicant Sonja Hollenbach, potential members Jackie Erickson and sister Gina</p> <p>Barbara requested that members make a special effort to wear name badges to meetings, picnics and other events. It's a good way to introduce yourself to new members and visitors.</p>
<p>7. Treasurer – Norm</p>	<p>Current Balance: \$4024.11 Expenses: Ryan's fee - \$375 Paid. Check out the webpage, it's excellent. Web hosting fees and insurance payments will be due in June and July Income: Received fee from new Member Carol Kippan: Cash +\$35</p> <p><b><u>ISSUE: \$25 Admin Fee for Outbound Journey Ambassadors</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Move by Val Karpinsky and seconded by Chris Rothery</u></b> <b><u>MOTION: "to have any unused portion of the \$25 collected for an Outbound Journey refunded to Ambassadors"</u></b> <b>CARRIED</b> Elaine, Marian, John and Doreen opposed</p> <p>Norm to confirm with Allisson if FFI Membership fees paid retro or forward</p> <p><b>ISSUE: Subsidy for Welcome party</b></p> <p><b>Moved by Marian, seconded by Donna</b> <b><u>MOTION to change current policy of "Club provides \$100 to subsidize the Welcome Parties" to "Club provides \$15 per Ambassador to subsidize the Inbound Welcome Parties"</u></b> <b>APPROVED</b></p>

8. Journey /  
Education  
Director - Lissa

Inbound 2023-

Adelaide, Australia - June 16-23, 2023. 7 nights.

Host coordinator – Elaine and her Team – Glynis, Janice, Mary and Barb

- 10 Ambassadors – 8 from Australia, 1 from Florida and 1 from Texas
- Welcome & Farewell party dates of June 16 & 22
- June 21 is a free day – Cooky and Gurin have invited hosts and ambassadors to Hope for time at the lake
- A detailed program has been sent, now connecting hosts with day hosts and dinner hosts

*Special New Zealand guests June 17 (FFI New Zealand)*

Hamilton New Zealand - July 10-16, 2023 Host coordinators Jean and Angie'

- 17 Ambassadors arriving, 2 vans will pickup from the airport
- Welcome party at Greentree on July 11, Farewell Party on July 15 at Cooky and Gurin's in Langley
- Group leaving early on July 16 for Seattle
- Sign up for Day Hosting available after the meeting

Outbound 2023

Niagara and Lake Simcoe in May 21 to June 2, 2023 –

Ambassador Coordinator – Pearl

Group leaving in a week

Boston and Raleigh Sept 19 – Oct. 1, 2023 302023

Ambassador Coordinator – Liane

- Signup sheet available for those who haven't yet indicated interest, new members encouraged to consider
- Liane will organize a meeting of those interested in mid June

2024 Journey Information from FFI

**Reminder that Lissa is leaving this very important role as JOURNEY/Education Director at the end of this year. We need someone to take this on. Mentoring and lots of support provided!! Contact Lissa or Joanne to discuss.**

INBOUND – FFI has informed us we will host Tallahassee (May) and St Petersburg (September) for one week each

OUTBOUND JOURNEY ASSIGNMENTS – FFI has informed us we will go to Norderstedt, N. Germany hopefully in late June. Possibly 14 – 18 ambassador places. Juergen from the German club will reach out to other German Clubs to see if another one week stay is possible.

He suggested other options such as visiting Hamburg, Denmark, river cruise, Amsterdam or other European locations on our own.

It was pointed out that we are lucky to have been assigned a Club in Europe, because it is so popular.

<p><b>9. Social - Wendy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent Events</li> <li>• April 28 Recruitment Event – South Surrey Rec Centre – Wendy, Joyce, Doreen and Joanne were there – 7 people filled out information requests</li> <li>• May 5 VanDusen Gardens – rainy morning but restaurant was good</li> <li>• Small group gatherings of interest encouraged – Chris will put out invitation for visit to The Glades Woodland Garden in Surrey</li> <li>• Larger events to be confirmed by Joanne and Wendy before sending invitation to Val for posting</li> <li>• June and July Inbounds – All Members are encouraged to attend Journey events when Australia and New Zealand groups are here</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Communication Val</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership list updated and distributed on April 25, 2023</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Past President / Secretary - Liane</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing to work on Boston/Raleigh Outbound</li> </ul>
<p><b>12. Next meeting</b></p>	<p>Exec Mtg. on Wed. August 29</p> <p>General Meeting Saturday, September 9- Elaine will book Greentree</p>
<p><b>13. Announcements</b></p>	<p>1. Burnaby Blooms</p> <p><a href="https://www.burnaby.ca/recreation-and-arts/events/burnaby-blooms">https://www.burnaby.ca/recreation-and-arts/events/burnaby-blooms</a></p> <p>2. FFI World Congress in Dubrovnik Croatia – Oct 2-5 2023</p> <p>Spots still available – focused on seminars and learning experiences, meeting FFI members from around the world, Before and After Tours and activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris shared ideas on how to travel there on a budget.</li> <li>• Joanne spoke about the benefits of making connections.</li> </ul>
<p><b>14. Adjourned at</b></p>	<p>1:30pm</p>