**Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta**

**Board Meeting**

**April 2017**

**Members Present: John Wilhelm, Cynthia Williams, Bonnie Evans, Linda Foley, Anne Earle, Ron Scott, Sue Mills. Robin Scott attended as a guest.**

**MInutes**: The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Ron Scott submitted the Treasurer’s Report. The report was approved.

**Exchange Reports:**

Bonnie Evans reported that the Inbound exchange with Willamette Valley, Oregon will be October 19-25. The Oregon group requested a Southern Culture theme. She is in contact with their ED.

Cynthia Williams reported that the group from Adelaide, Australia will arrive June 5 and leave on the 10th. There will be 9 ambassadors. She and Linda Foley will plan the exchange.

John reported that the Moscow Club plans to bring 9 ambassadors and to arrive the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Farewell Party will be the club Holiday Party. An ED and hosts are needed.

Bonnie reported that hosts have been assigned to all ambassadors. The itinerary has been set. The group will be visiting a school and contributing seed money for a well. Bonnie is ordering a plaque for the well. She is also seeking donations for school uniforms and school supplies. The group will be donating $500 worth of food for a school for street children.

**Membership:**

Linda Foley reported that we have 78 memberships.

**Old Business**:

John will send emails to the board, then to individuals, and requested that everyone reply to report that the emails were received.

John wants to work on changing the by-laws to allow a council system of 5 members. He wants to include an option to return to the present system is candidates for offices are found. Robin Scott volunteered to be president for 2018.

The Board discussed a club social event on June 7 at Stone Mountain Park to be held in conjunction with the visit from the Adelaide, Australia visitors. The club will pay for the food for a picnic supper.

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 13 at 2:00 at the home of John Wilhelm.