**Friendship Force of Greater Atlanta**

**Board Meeting**

**August 13, 2017**

**Members Present: John Wilhelm, Linda Foley, Ron Scott, Anne Earle, Glenda Wilhelm, Cynthia Williams, Robin Scott, Anne Earle, Bonnie Evans**

**Minutes**: The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**: The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

**Exchange Reports:**

Bonnie Evans reported that our ambassadors to **Tanzania** will leave on August 28. She reported that she has collected $600 for the Street Children’s School and $250 for seed money for a well. **She moved that** **FFGA donate $250 for the well in Tanzania. The motion carried.**

Bonnie reported that one more home host is needed for the Willamette Valley**, Oregon** Exchange.

John Wilhelm reported that the **Moscow** Club is planning to be here from November 27-December 4, presuming that they can obtain visas.

John has been in contact with the **Egypt** ED and they have agreed that our visit will be after October 15, 2018.

Cynthia Williams reported that she will attempt to contact County Durham to plan an In-bound exchange in April 2018.

**Social Committee**:

Glenda Wilhelm reported that the Annual Meeting will be held at Mimi’s Restaurant on October 15. The Board will meet at 2:00. The Social Hour will start at 3:00 with a cash bar. The meeting will take place from 4-4:30 and dinner will be served at 4:30. The cost will be $25 per member.

An outing to the Cowboy Festival in Cartersville will be organized with details to follow.

Cynthia Williams reported that the Holiday party will be held December 2 at Petite Violette. She will meet with the restaurant’s manager and decide the menu and give a deposit.

**Nominating:**

Linda Foley reported that she sent an e-mail to the membership asking for responses from anyone interested in serving as an officer for 2018. Shockingly, she received no response. The Board discussed the need for a new Web Master. Sue will send a request for a volunteer via e-mail.

**Membership:**

Linda Foley reported that there are two new members.

New Business:

John recommended that if Robin Scott becomes President in 2018, then the Vice President should co-sign checks over $1,000 along with Treasurer Ron Scott. Ron said that he pays most of FFGA’s bills on-line**.**

**John Wilhelm moved that for checks over $1,000, the signatories cannot be members of the same household. The motion carried**.

The Board discussed the auditing of our accounts by a member not on the Board. Barbara Shields suggested this be done at the end of the year. A request for a volunteer auditor will be put in the next newsletter.

**John Wilhelm moved that funds from the former Friendship Force of West Georgia be merged with FFGA funds. The motion carried.**

The Board discussed the funds ear-marked for Decatur High School Band scholarships. Anne Earle reported that the band no longer goes on FF -sponsored trips and **moved that the Decatur High School Band funds be merged with FFGA. The motion carried.**

**The Next Board meeting will be at the Annual Meeting.**