FERC Mtg 03/28/24

**Attendance**

Keith Brewer

Art Benjamin

Eva Lantrip

Andrea Wright

Martha Thomas

Rena Zellander

Roger Albee

Doc Rankin

Laverne

Ronald Wickens

Suzanne Tidwell

Called to Order 9:00 am

1. Discussed incident about sneezing and need tissues and hand sanitizer and have masks and hand sanitizer.
   1. We would follow the CDC rules and health dept rules
   2. Should we include anything in the luncheon invites about these measures? Add if you show symptoms please stay home
2. Ron
   1. Thursday was the big layoff. Several hundred and some pilots. Done by McKinsey Consulting Group
   2. Earnings Rpt came out and everything was positive, stock jumped a bit, now down a bit. Went over $300 in after hours trading
   3. Trying to get rid of 100 airplanes
   4. Volume is down
   5. Probably getting ride of MD11’s
   6. Need to get FROGs to become members. FedEx Retired Officer Group
   7. 2 years ago it was expected Boeing would have 60% and Airbus 40%, but it is reversed now.
3. Suze
   1. 🡪 Send List of speakers for rest of year to BOD, but it’s on newsletter as well
4. Read minutes from February Mtg Minutes stand approved
5. Martha – Treasury
   1. Will get Finance report this afternoon
   2. When FedEx has layoffs, we get a lot of new members, then next year we lose those members
   3. Probably need to reduce budget for member dues
6. Jim Parker has Parkinson’s disease, and he and his wife Dianne needs our prayers
7. Art – Membership
   1. March membership report sent out and he recapped that report
   2. Total of 554 members
   3. Problem with Paypal
   4. Applications where people don’t follow up and pay their dues, so Bill Bonk put a notice on website that dues are required to be paid
8. Keith IT
   1. Concerns about FERC from Laverne related to hand sanitizer, masks, tissues (addressed earlier in mtg)
9. Doc
   1. Getting ready to open Fisher Home this summer. Turn keys over to VA in May. Opening in July
   2. Sec of VA here 5/24 and 5/25 help vets get claims in
   3. Celebrating at VA hospital Vietnam Vets on 3/29
   4. Home in Arlington opening soon
   5. Job Fair coming up
   6. Homeless Vets - Food at VA Foodbank delivering
   7. Food giveaway 3rd Thursday of each month
   8. If anyone wants to volunteer for VA, contact Doc
   9. Happy Easter Resurrection Sunday
10. Roger
    1. Made deposit and Martha took care of it
    2. Had trifold done and distributed at luncheon, gave 5 to each
    3. If anyone needs more, contact Roger
    4. Developed letter and sent to Montesanto (sp?) in CA and he would be open to starting satellite group and he seemed open to it. He has 4 or 5 retirees who may join him.
    5. Sent a letter to sustainability dept and asking them for money. They may not respond due to financial constraints or may not exist anymore.
    6. FedEx is a member of Arbor Day Foundation
    7. Asking FedEx to give new members a subscription to Arbor Day Foundation
    8. 🡪 Roger bring 14 copies of trifold for Ron to give to FROGS group
    9. For out of town people, we could send PDF of trifold via email
    10. 🡪 Roger will send e copy of trifold to Rena
11. Eva
    1. Kelly is checking into getting us a lower price for us changing our date in September
    2. She will send out email today
    3. FedEx has properties at Shelby Farms and have a hall that we could use. Could we switch to that instead of Memphis National? Not sure that anyone can beat the catering price of $24/each
12. New Business Laverne and Juliette
    1. April Vendor Fair Charging $125 includes 1 free lunch
       1. We have 2 confirmed vendors: Chef Janey and ID Shield, still waiting on several vendors to confirm
       2. Vendors not responding maybe due to $$$$ involved
       3. Need a backup plan because Eva has to send emails out
       4. Options Reduce price to $100 or postpone
          1. Art made motion and 2nd by Laverne to reduce price to $100
          2. Motion to defer Vendor Fair to next April start working on it Suze made motion; 2nd Laverne. Motion carried
          3. Suze made motion for Bingo April 24; 2nd by Martha. Motion carried.
          4. Giveaways by FedEx Marketing – sending to Rena’s address. Luggage and wraps.
          5. Motion $100 to Costco to get wine Martha made motion; 2nd by Laverne. Motion carried.
13. Andrea
    1. No new reports
14. Motion to adjourn – Martha, 2nd by Roger Motion passed