

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes
March 4, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.
Walt Library Conference Room, 6701 S 14th

Members present: Midge Dublinske, Ann Quinlan, Milt Bayer, Judy Keetle, Gayle Bayer, Julie Albrecht, Julie Splichal, Phyllis Arth, Bruce Keim, Carlene Keim

Members absent: Arlene Rea, Maxine Moul, Pat King, Janet Walters, Marilyn Watson, Pat Novak, Vickie McDonald

The meeting was called to order by vice-president Midge Dublinske at 2:05 pm and began with a reading of the Friendship Force Pledge. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Judy Keetle moved and Julie Splichal seconded to accept the minutes of February 5, 2024. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The club account, income and balance sheets for February were reviewed and will be filed for audit. Treasurer Milt Bayer submitted the audit report from Pat Novak and De Tonak.

Motion: Ann Quinlan moved and Carlene Keim seconded to approve the monthly budget report and audit report as presented. Carried.

President and Vice-president Reports – Midge Dublinske

- a. Reimbursement forms will be used for anyone with expenses to be reimbursed. A copy of the form on the website.
- b. Midge asked anyone who cannot access the FFI Handbook to contact Arlene.
- c. Six of the eleven new members attended the Brunch on February 24th. Thanks to the committee: Julie Splichal, Vickie McDonald, Arlene Rea, Maxine Moul, Phyllis Art, Julie Albrecht, Janet Walters and Marilyn Watson
- d. Committee chairs are reminded to keep records of their committee's work to pass on. Any old records should be given to Judy Keetle by April 1st.
- e. Midwest Leaders Meeting on 2/29 focused on the FFI North American Conference in Milwaukee, October 7 -10, 2024. Registration details are on the FFI website.

Committee Reports

- a. COIL – **Julie Albrecht moved and Judy Keetle seconded to accept the proposed COIL delegation from Mongolia. Carried.**
- b. Bylaws – Midge Dublinske and Arlene Rea met with Brian Ridenour to get legal advice on updating the bylaws. Policies are being cross-referenced and merged for clarity.
- c. Membership – Milt Bayer reported that all 69 members' dues have been paid. Courtesy—it was suggested that notes be sent to the new members who attended the brunch, thanking them for attending and inviting them to the next breakfast.
Directory – no report Online Greetings – no report
- d. Journey Resource Coordinator – Pat Novak
 - i. Indonesia Outbound – Maxine Moul reported that there are 10 ambassadors so far and she is working to find a journey coordinator.
 - ii. San Diego Inbound – Judy Keetle is waiting for responses to an interest survey.
- e. LEO – Bruce and Carlene Keim—LEO schedule is listed in the Upcoming Events.

- f. Publicity/Marketing/Website – Maxine Moul’s next article will be on the new member brunch.
- g. Diversity and Community Service – Phyllis Arth, reporting for Janet Walters, distributed a Ramadan Facts note sheet explaining aspects of the celebration of Ramadan. Several members attended the Ramadan Fair at the Auld Pavillion on March 2nd. Future ideas include: teas in members’ homes, tours of Muslim markets and a tour of a mosque.
- h. Social Committee – Julie Splichal’s ideas for the holiday party include a marketplace theme. The Ramadan Fair gave her many ideas.
- i. Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Day trips – Judy Keetle is planning a trip to Winnebago on the 3rd Thursday in July for the Powwow. Another possibility is visiting the Mennonite community in Henderson, NE.

Upcoming Events

Saturday March 23 – LEO at 11:30 am at Mazatlan Mexican, 211 North 70th Street

Tuesday, April 16 – LEO at 5:00 pm at Heoya Asian South, 1501 Pine Lake Road

Saturday, April 23 - Breakfast & Conversation at 8:30 am, Stauffer’s Cafe

June 1 – 14 – Outbound Journey to Indonesia

Monday, June 24 – LEO at Shogun Japanese, 3700 South 9th Street

August 23 – September 1 – FFI Festival at Sea, Holland America

September 30 - October 4 – Inbound Journey from San Diego

October 7 – 10, FFI North American Conference, Milwaukee, WI

November 8 – 16, COIL (Open World) Mongolia , details TBA

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Quinlan, Secretary