

**Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes**  
**April 1, 2024 – 2:00 pm**  
**Walt Library Conference Room, 6701 S 14th**

**Members present:** Arlene Rea, Midge Dublinske, Ann Quinlan, Milt Bayer, Judy Keetle, Gayle Bayer, Maxine Moul, Julie Splichal, Bruce Keim, Pat Novak, Janet Walters, Vickie McDonald, JoEllen Polzien

**Members excused:** Marilyn Watson, Phyllis Arth

**Members absent:** Julie Albrecht

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

**Minutes: Janet Walters moved and Milt Bayer seconded to accept the minutes of March 4, 2024, as corrected. Motion carried.**

**President's Report:** Arlene Rea announced that registration is open for the FFI North American Conference in Milwaukee, October 7-10; agenda has not yet been posted.

**Vice-president's Report:** Midge Dublinske is updating the FFL Bylaws and Policies. She is adding the 11 new members to the FFL membership records at FFI.

**Treasurer's Report:** Milt Bayer suggested keeping only three FFL checking accounts.

**Motion: Judy Keetle moved and Pat Novak seconded that we leave it to the treasurer's discretion as to which accounts to eliminate. Motion carried.**

Milt noted that a Scholarship Committee needs to be established. It will include Milt, Midge and three additional non-board members appointed by Arlene as required in the FFL policies.

Arlene recommended that the budget be adjusted with \$150 designated to Recruitment and Publicity and \$100 to Membership.

With no objections the March financials were filed for audit.

### **Committee Reports**

- a. Membership –Marilyn Watson will follow up with the new members who did not attend the brunch.
  - i. Courtesy –Gayle Bayer sent thank you notes to the new members who attended the brunch.
  - ii. Directory – is online and will be updated as needed
  - iii. Online Greetings – JoEllen Polzien requested that the membership form add a place for members to indicate if they would like to receive greetings from FFL.
- b. Publicity – Maxine Moul requested photos from the new member brunch and LEOs. Pat Novak will submit an article on her mission trip to Cuba with FFI.
- c. Social – Julie Splichal announced that the annual meeting will be on Sunday, September 22 at the Walt Library. The plan is to have a bazaar theme and invite members to create booths to sell crafts. Additional details will follow.
- d. *Passport* – The latest edition of the *Passport* was sent today. Thanks to Arlene, Maxine, Phyllis Arth and Pat King for their work on the publication.

- e. Breakfast and Conversation – Penny Greer is interested in helping create questions.
- f. Historian – Phyllis Arth compiled the 2023 history by using the *Passport*, minutes and committee reports.
- g. Scholarship (see above)
- h. Diversity/Community Service – Janet Walters will organize tours of ethnic groceries. Committee members who took earlier tours can arrange to take others who are interested. Mosque visits and small teas are being arranged. A reciprocal tour of a church was discussed. Mahe is hosting an end of Ramadan party.
- i. Facebook and Website Maintenance – Vicki McDonald asked members to send her pictures of events to share. Arlene is currently maintaining the Website.
- j. LEO – Bruce Keim announced the next two LEOs. April 16 at Heoya (Korean) and June 24 at Shogun (Japanese)
- k. Open World/COIL – Julie Albrecht (no report)
- l. Journey Resource Coordinator – Pat Novak
  - i. Indonesia Outbound – Maxine Moul reported that the journey has been postponed until 2025.
  - ii. San Diego Inbound – Judy Keetle announced a planning meeting on April 8.
- m. Ad Hoc Day Trips – The trip to the Winnebago Powwow is July 25<sup>th</sup>. Nebraska City was suggested as another possibility for a day trip.

### **Upcoming Events/Announcements**

Saturday, April 13 – Breakfast & Conversation at 8:30 am, Stauffer’s Cafe

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

Saturday, April 20 – UNL Powwow, 12 pm

Sunday, May 5 – Czech Festival, Pla-Mor Ballroom, 10 am – 4 pm

Monday, May 6 – FFL Board Meeting, 2 pm

Saturday, May 11 – Breakfast and Conversation at 8:30 am, Stauffer’s Cafe

Monday, June 24 – LEO at Shogun (Japanese), 3700 South 9<sup>th</sup> 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 3:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Quinlan, Secretary