

## Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes

May 6, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

Walt Library Conference Room, 6701 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln

**Members present:** Arlene Rea, Midge Dublinske, Milt Bayer, Janet Walters, Vicki McDonald, Marilyn Watson, Pat Novak, Maxine Moul, Brian Ridenour, Bruce Keim, Gayle Bayer

**Members excused:** Judy Keetle, Julie Splichal, Phyllis Arth, Ann Quinlan

**Members absent:** Pat King, JoEllen Polzien,

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Arlene Rea and began with the reading of the Friendship Force Pledge. A quorum was present. Roll call was noted.

**Minutes:** Acceptance of the April 1, 2024, minutes as amended was moved by Maxine Moul and seconded by Pat Novak. Motion carried. Carlene Keim was excused from the April 1, 2024 meeting.

**President's Report:** President Arlene Rea made the recommendation for members of the Nominations Committee to include Julie Albrecht (chair), Julie Splichal, Bruce Keim, Betty Starr, and Kathryn Neyens.

Recommendation for the Nominations Committee as presented by President Arlene Rea was moved by Maxine Moul and seconded by Janet Walters. Motion carried.

President Arlene Rea made the recommendation for members of the Scholarship Committee to include Midge Dublinske (chair), Milt Bayer (Treasurer), De Tonak (1 year), Wendy Horacek (2 years), and Leslie Ryan (3 years).

Recommendation for the Scholarship Committee as presented by President Arlene Rea was moved by Milt Byer and seconded by Vicki McDonald. Motion carried.

**Vice President's Report:** Vice President Midge Dublinske reported on the monthly meeting with other Midwest leaders via Zoom on April 25, 2024. Plans continue to develop for the FFI North American Conference to be held in Milwaukee, October 7-10. One keynote speaker is lined up, and the agenda is a work in progress. Eighty-one participants have registered so far. Leaders in attendance were from Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, and Nebraska. Some clubs are hosting conference participants for inbound journeys prior to the conference.

**Treasurer's Report:** Milt Bayer, Treasurer presented the current monthly financial status, Item 52032 was paid for Webpage services. The club currently has four journey financial accounts open. Report was filed for audit without exception.

**New Business Items:** See the above action taken for the Nominations Committee and Scholarship Committee.

### Committee Reports:

- a. Membership—Marilyn Watson—Breakfast and Conversations on Saturday, May 11 at Stauffer's at 8:30 a.m. Topic: If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be? Marilyn will be absent from the breakfast.
  - i.. Courtesy--Gayle Bayer—no activity
  - ii. Directory—Arlene Rea—there will be a few updates and corrections to the document.
  - iii. Online Greetings—JoEllen Polzien—absent. No report.
- b.. Publicity—Maxine Moul—please give Maxine photos, articles, and updates for Neighborhood Extra
- c. Social—Julie Splichal—No report. Excused. As noted by President Arlene Rea, the annual meeting will be on September 22 at the Walt Library, reserved two rooms from noon until 6:00 p.m.
- d. Passport Newsletter—Arlene Rea, Pat King, Phyllis Arth—next issue to be published in June. Articles are due May 17.
- e. Historian—Phyllis Arth—No report.

- f. Scholarship—Midge Dublinske—committee will meet soon to discuss scholarship credits and funding for diversity project, travel and needs-based dues.
- g. Diversity and Community Service—Janet Walters—Meeting with Mahe Naseem at the Halal Market on May 8. Also, the committee is working with the Muslim community regarding the presentation and possible market at the annual meeting. The Diversity and Service Committee is also planning small group Tea and Conversations and a possible tour of the Mosque. Janet encouraged members to attend local cultural events, such as the Czech Festival, and the upcoming Asian-Pacific Islander event at the Sandhills Global Event Center on May 19th.
- h. Facebook—Vicki McDonald—will post any club news and items of interest monthly.
- i. LEO—Bruce Keim—There was a good turnout for the dinner at Heoya. Next LEO on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Bruce may also look for a local Middle Eastern cuisine restaurant.
- j. Open World/COIL—Julie Albrecht—No report. Maxine Moul commented that former Senator Ben Nelson is still chair of the COIL Board, so we have a specific contact for COIL.
- k. Journey Resource Coordinator—Pat Novak—San Diego Inbound Journey before the FFI North American Conference with eight possible ambassadors.
- l. Bylaws and Policies—Midge Dublinske—presented the most recent version of the red-lined and proposed bylaws. Members of the Board are asked to read and give input, so that a recommendation may be made at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to present the final version of the revised and restated bylaws to the membership at the annual meeting. Many updates in context, grammar, syntax, and organization. Some items are recommended to be moved to Board policies. Policies will be addressed at the June meeting.
- m. Ad Hoc Day trips—Judy Keetle— Day trip to the Powwow in Winnebago for July 25<sup>th</sup> is being planned.

**Upcoming Events/ Announcements:**

Policies will be presented and discussed at the June Board Meeting

The June Board meeting will be held at the Eiseley branch library, 1530 Superior at 2:00 p.m. due to the summer schedule at Walt branch library.

May 8—Halal Market at 4:00 p.m., 850 N. 27<sup>th</sup>

May 11—Breakfast and Conversation at 8:30 a.m. at Stauffer's

May 17<sup>th</sup>, News articles due for the Passport

June 3—FFL Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m., Eiseley branch library, 1530 Superior

June 24—LEO at 5:00 p.m. at Shogun 2700 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

Aug. 23-Sept. 1—FFI Festival at Sea

Sept. 30-Oct. 4—Inbound Journey from San Diego

Oct. 7-10—FFI North American Conference, Milwaukee

Nov. 8-19—COIL/Open World Inbound Journey from Mongolia, details TBA

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Midge Dublinske, FFL Vice President

