

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes
August 5, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.
Walt Library Conference Room, 6701 S 14th Street

Members present: Midge Dublinske, Ann Quinlan, Milt Bayer, Judy Keetle, Gayle Bayer, Judy Keetle, Vicki McDonald, Phyllis Arth, Julie Albrecht, Maxine Moul

Members excused: Arlene Rea, Marilyn Watson, Pat Novak, Julie Splichal, Janet Walters

Members absent: Bruce and Carlene Keim, Pat King, JoEllen Polzein

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by vice-president Midge Dublinske and began with a reading of the Friendship Force Pledge. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Maxine Moul moved and Judy Keetle seconded to accept the minutes of June 3, 2024. Motion carried.

President's Report: The *Passport* (or notice of the annual meeting) needs get to members by August 22, 30 days before the annual meeting. Arlene clarified the website charges with Jim Ecklund.

Maxine Moul moved and Milt Bayer seconded to approve continuing to access only one website: fflincoln.org The second website will be available until 12/21/24. Carried.

Vice-president's Report: Midge Dublinske distributed the Bylaws summary and noted that a table of contents will be added. Communication will go to members before the annual meeting. The North American Conference in Milwaukee is October 7-10.

Treasurer's Report: Milt Bayer presented the Monthly Cash Flow, Balance Sheet and Income Statement. The reports will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports

- a. **Membership** - Mahe Naseem has joined FFL
 - i. **Courtesy:** Gayle will send cards to Joanna Rogers, Richard Spencer and Arlene Rea: Eight members attended the memorial for Jeannie Zwiebel.
 - ii. **Directory:** Continuous updates as Arlene is notified of changes.
 - iii. **Online Greetings:** No report.
- b. **Publicity** – Maxine will continue to write articles as events occur.
- c. **Social** – Reminder that the annual meeting will be on Sunday, September 22 at Walt Library, 2-4 p.m.
- d. **Passport** - Pat King, Phyllis Arth, Arlene Rea and Maxine Moul need articles by August 9.
- e. **Breakfast and Conversation** – Marilyn Watson will send the question for August 10.
- f. **Historian** – No report
- g. **Scholarship** – Scholarship committee report was finalized on 5/15/24.
- h. **Diversity/Community Service (DCSC)** – The first small group gathering with Muslim friends was a success. A second small group gathering is scheduled on Saturday, September 7 at 4:00 p.m. at Phyllis Arth's home, 5103 Sherman. RSVP to Janet Walters

- (402-202-4055). Publicizing dates of community ethnic festivals is another initiative of the committee.
- i. **Facebook and Website** - Vicki McDonald asked members to send pictures that she can use as she updates posts.
 - j. **LEO** - There was good participation for the July LEO at Hacienda Jalisco in Hickman.
 - k. **Open World/COIL** - Julie Albrecht and Judy Keetle will be coordinating the program for the delegates from Mongolia, November 8 - 16, 2024. **Julie Albrecht moved and Judy Keetle seconded to accept the International Leadership Host Organization Profile Form as presented. Carried.**
 - l. **Journey Resource Coordinator** - San Diego Inbound journey has been cancelled. Pat Novak is waiting for exact dates for 2025 incoming from Columbia Cascade in September and outgoing to Sarasota, Florida in November.
 - m. **Ad Hoc Day Trips** - Five members attended the Winnebago Powwow on July 25th.

Announcements

August 10 - Breakfast and Conversation at Stauffer's

August 23 (5-9 p.m.) and August 24 (11a.m. -9 p.m.) - My Big Fat Greek Festival, 850 N 63rd

August 23-September 2 - FFI Festival at Sea

September 7 - DCSC gathering with Muslim friends, 4:00 p.m., Phyllis Arth's home

September 9 - FFL Board Meeting, Walt Library

September 14 - Breakfast and Conversation at Stauffer's

September 14 - Latino Festival, Antelope Park

September 22 - FFL Annual meeting, Walt Library, 2:00 p.m.

September 30 - October 4 - Inbound Journey from San Diego

October 7 - 10 - FF North American Conference in Milwaukee

November 8 -16 - COIL (Open World) delegation from Mongolia to Lincoln

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Quinlan, Secretary