

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes
June 3, 2024 – 2:00 pm
Eisley Library Conference Room, 1530 Superior Street

Members present: Arlene Rea, Midge Dublinske, Ann Quinlan, Milt Bayer, Judy Keetle, Gayle Bayer, Julie Splichal, Bruce Keim, Pat Novak, Janet Walters

Members excused: Marilyn Watson, Vicki McDonald, Julie Albrecht

Members absent: Carlene Keim, Phyllis Arth

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Arlene Rea and began with a reading of the Friendship Force Pledge. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Julie Splichal moved and Bruce Keim seconded to accept the minutes of May 6, 2024, Motion carried.

President's Report: Arlene Rea will be attending the FFI North American Conference in Milwaukee in October. She requested keeping July 1st open for a board meeting if needed.

Vice-president's Report: Midge Dublinske reported on the Midwest Leaders meeting. 105 are registered for the Conference so far. Breakout sessions are set.

Bylaws and Policies have been updated. Motions under New Business will finalize the Bylaws for presentation at the annual meeting

Treasurer's Report: Milt Bayer presented the Monthly Cash Flow, Balance Sheet and Income Statement in addition to the Endowment Fund with the Lincoln Community Foundation and the FFL Scholarship Accounts. The reports will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports

- a. **Nominations -- Julie Splichal**, nominating committee chair, thanked committee members Bruce Keim, Betty Starr, Pat Novak and Kathryn Neyens. **Motion to approve the slate of officers for 2025: President Arlene Rea, Vice-president Midge Dublinske, Secretary Ann Quinlan, and Treasurer Milt Bayer. Motion carried.**
- b. **Membership-- Courtesy:** Gayle Bayer sent a card to Julie Albrecht. **Directory:** Arlene has sent the updated directory. One correction is Carolyn Harp's email: CarolynHarp99@gmail.com **Online Greetings:** No report
- c. **Publicity** –Maxine is working on an article about Vicki McDonald's trip to Georgia.
- d. **Social** – Julie Splichal announced that the annual meeting will be on Sunday, September 22 at Walt Library. 2-4 p.m. She will work with the Diversity and Community Service Committee to finalize plans.
Holiday party plans include a Polar Express tour of holiday lights on an Elite Party Bus. **Julie moved to reserve the bus for \$250.00 for Sunday, December 8. Carried.**
- e. **Passport**—Pat King and Phyllis Arth are working on articles featuring new members.
- f. **Breakfast and Conversation** – Marilyn Watson. The question for June 8 is "What is your pet peeve?"

- g. **Historian** – No report
- h. **Scholarship**—Midge Dublinske, Chair, presented the Scholarship Committee report (attached). Committee members: Midge, Dublinske, Arlene Rea, Milt Bayer, Leslie Ryan, Wendy Horacek and De Tonack. Motion under New Business.
- i. **Diversity/Community Service** – Janet Walters announced that the visit to the mosque will be rescheduled. Small group evening gatherings will be held with members of the Muslim community. The first gathering will be on June 19th at Vicki McDonald's from 6-8 p.m. Appetizers and desserts will be served. A second event will be held in August at Phyllis Arth's home.
The annual meeting will be too focused to fit well with the idea of the bazaar. We will report at the meeting and hold the idea of a bazaar for a single community awareness-building event at a later date. We still would like to connect with ECHO Collective in some way.
Notifications of upcoming cultural events in Lincoln will continue. Arlene will continue to send out notifications when events are identified and notices are written by the committee.
- j. **Facebook and Website Maintenance** -- Annual website protection fee is \$77.95.
- k. **LEO** – Bruce Keim announced the next two LEOs. June 24 at Shogun (Japanese) and July 10 at Hacienda Jalisco (Mexican) in Hickman. Both start at 5:00 p.m.
- l. **Open World/COIL** – Julie Albrecht (no report)
- m. **Journey Resource Coordinator** – **Pat Novak moved to reaffirm Maxine Moul as the Journey Coordinator for Indonesia. Seconded by Milt Bayer. Carried.**
FFI is sponsoring another Cuba Journey in April 2025. There are 20 openings, September 30 – October 4 is the Inbound Journey from San Diego.
- n. **Ad Hoc Day Trips** – The trip to the Winnebago Powwow is July 25th.

Discussion of Policies and Related Motions

Midge Dublinske on behalf of the Scholarship Committee moved that all scholarship credits currently accrued by members shall have an expiration date of December 31, 2027. Carried.

Pat Novak moved and Janet Walters seconded to allot \$2000 for needs-based scholarships and \$500 for grants. Carried.

Ann Quinlan moved and Midge Dublinske seconded that two signatures be required for checks over \$750. Carried.

Midge Dublinske moved and Judy Keetle seconded that reimbursement for the Regional Conference be \$400. Carried.

Judy Keetle moved and Julie Splichal seconded that the FFL board review the allocation of funds on an annual basis. Carried.

Midge Dublinske on behalf of the Bylaws and Policy committee moved that the revised and proposed policies be adopted by the FFL Board. Carried.

Midge Dublinske on behalf of the Bylaws and Policy committee moved that the revised and restated proposed bylaws be presented to membership for approval at the annual meeting. Carried.

Announcements

June 7 – Arlene presents FFL for Lincoln South Rotary Club
June 8 – Breakfast and Conversation
June 10 – Passport Distribution
June 24 – LEO at Shogun, 3700 S. 9th Street
July 1 – FFL Board Meeting if needed
July 25 – Day trip to Winnebago
August 23-September 2 – Festival at Sea
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

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Quinlan, Secretary

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 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 3:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Quinlan, Secretary