

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes
September 9, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.
Walt Library Conference Room, 6701 S 14th Street

Members present: Arlene Rea, Midge Dublinske, Ann Quinlan, Milt Bayer, Judy Keetle, Gayle Bayer, Judy Keetle, Vicki McDonald, Pat Novak, Julie Splichal, Maxine Moul, Bruce Keim

Members excused: Marilyn Watson, Phyllis Arth, Julie Albrecht, Janet Walters, Carlene Keim

Members absent: Pat King, JoEllen Polzein

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

Minutes: Milt Bayer moved and Maxine Moul seconded to accept the minutes of August 5, 2024. Motion carried.

President's Report: Arlene Rea thanked Maxine and Midge for their work on the *Passport*. Arlene reviewed the proposed agenda for the annual meeting which will include the election of officers, a review of the current budget and vote on the bylaws in addition to committee reports. Program will be presented by the Diversity and Community Service Committee.

Vice-president's Report: Midge Dublinske has sent the annual meeting notice. FFL updates have been entered on the FFI website. The Midwest Leaders committee encouraged clubs to exchange newsletters and create mini-exchanges (2 or 3 days centered around a specific event/activity).

Midge noted that Sowers Bookstore at 914 No. 70th hosts a cultural exchange every Saturday at 11:00 a.m. to encourage conversation and connections.

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** – Club dues remain at \$50.00 for 2025 (\$30 FFi, \$20 FFL)
 - i. **Courtesy:** Gayle Bayer shared a thank you from Jeannie Zwiebel's family.
 - ii. **Directory:** No changes
 - iii. **Online Greetings:** Dues form includes an option for members to receive on-line greetings.
- b. **Publicity** – Maxine will write an article about the annual meeting.
- c. **Social** – Julie Splichal reviewed details for the annual meeting. There will be a sign-up for the holiday party at the annual meeting.
- d. **Passport** – Photos of club events can be submitted to the *Passport* committee.
- e. **Breakfast and Conversation** – Next breakfast is September 14, 2024.
- f. **Historian** – No report

- g. **Scholarship** – Midge will present the scholarship committee information at the annual meeting.
- h. **Diversity/Community Service (DCSC)** – The second small group gathering was postponed. The format of the committee report at the annual meeting will include a PowerPoint presentation and sharing of experiences. The 2024 Latino Festival is Saturday, September 14 at Antelope Park, 1630 Memorial Drive.
- i. **Facebook and Website** – Vicki McDonald posted the *Passport*. Will post annual meeting photos.
- j. **LEO** – Bruce announced September and October LEOs. Details in Announcements.
- k. **Open World/COIL** – No report
- l. **Journey Resource Coordinator** - Pat Novak is waiting for exact dates and itinerary for 2025 incoming journey from Columbia Cascade in September and outgoing journey to Sarasota, Florida in November. Maxine is waiting for updates for the Indonesia journey.
- m. **Ad Hoc Day Trips** – Judy Keetle suggested a day trip to Brownville this fall. Interest will be determined at the annual meeting.

Announcements

September 14 – Breakfast and Conversation at Stauffer’s, 8:30 a.m.

September 14 – Latino Festival, Antelope Park, 2 – 6 p.m.

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

September 25 – LEO at Rockhopper Brewery, 448 5th Street, Syracuse, NE, 5:30 p.m.

October 7 – 10 – FF North American Conference in Milwaukee (sold out)

October 22 – LEO at Mr. Hoi’s 2, 4131 Pioneer Woods Drive, Lincoln, NE, 5:30 p.m.

November 4 – FFL Board Meeting, Walt Library, 2:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Quinlan, Secretary