

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes
October 7, 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, Vicki McDonald, Pat Novak, Julie Splichal, Marilyn Watson, Bruce Keim, Julie Albrecht, Janet Walters

Members excused: Maxine Moul, Phyllis Arth, Carlene Keim

Members absent: Pat King, JoEllen Polzein

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

Minutes: Bruce Keim moved and Julie Splichal seconded to accept the minutes of September 9, 2024. Motion carried.

President's Report: Arlene Rea reported that 27 members attended the annual meeting and thanked everyone for their participation. She requested that committee chairs let her know of their interest in continuing in their present positions or volunteering for another committee.

Vice-president's Report: Midge Dublinske provided printed copies of the Revised and Restated Bylaws for those who requested them. Emailed copies were provided to all members before the annual meeting.

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

Julie Splichal moved and Vicki McDonald seconded to approve the request of four members to use their travel credits to pay their FFL dues for 2025. Carried.

Committee Reports

- a. **Journey Resource Coordinator** – Pat Novak. September 23-30, 2025, was set for the incoming journey from Columbia Cascades. Coordinators are needed for the Columbia Cascades and Sarasota, FL (outbound in November, 2025) journeys.
- b. **Membership** –
 - i. **Courtesy:** Gayle Bayer will send a sympathy card to past FFL president Joanna Rogers' family.
 - ii. **Directory:** No changes
 - iii. **Online Greetings:** No report
- c. **Publicity** – No report
- d. **Social** – Julie Splichal will research a backup plan for the holiday party in case the Elite bus company is unable to provide the planned services.
- e. **Passport** – November 6 is the deadline for submitting articles to Arlene.
- f. **Breakfast and Conversation** – Marilyn Watson. Next breakfast is October 12, 2024.
- g. **Historian** – No report

- h. **Scholarship** – Midge Dublinske noted that guidelines for the scholarship are yet to be developed with the hope of being completed by the end of the year.
- i. **Diversity/Community Service (DCSC)** – Janet Walters welcomed Pat Novak and Jacque Scholz to the committee. Following the untimely death of Mahe Naseem, the committee is planning to continue to work with the Muslim community through contacts they have made. Additional plans include meeting with the ECHO Collective to pursue future collaboration.
- j. **Facebook and Website** – No report
- k. **LEO** – Bruce Keim reported that 15 members attended the LEO at Rockhopper in September. The next LEO will be at Mr. Hui's 2 on October 22nd.
- l. **Open World/COIL** – Julie Albrecht and Judy Keetle are finalizing plans for the 5 delegates from Mongolia, November 8-16. Home hosts are needed for 4 women, 1 man and their facilitator. Their translator will stay at a hotel. Julie Splichal agreed to plan the Sunday event where the delegates will present about their country.
- m. **Ad Hoc Day Trips** – Judy Keetle. Day trip to Brownville is October 11th. The group will meet at Menard's and carpool to Brownville for a tour, lunch and the Folk Art exhibit.

Announcements

October 11 – Day Trip to Brownville, 9:00 a.m. depart from Menard's SE parking lot

October 12 – Breakfast & Conversation, 8:30 a.m., Stauffer's Café, 5600 S 48th

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

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

November 6 – Articles due to Arlene for *Passport*

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

November 9 – Breakfast & Conversation, 8:30 a.m., Stauffer's Café, 5600 S 48th

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Quinlan, Secretary