

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes
April 7, 2025
Walt Library Conference Room, 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Midge Dublinske, Ann Quinlan, Milt Bayer, Gayle Bayer, Judy Keetle, Vicki McDonald, Maxine Moul, Julie Splichal, Janet Walters

Members excused: Arlene Rea, JoEllen Polzien, Pat Novak, Bruce Keim, Carlene Keim, Phyllis Arth

Absent: Marilyn Watson, Julie Albrecht

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Vice-president Midge Dublinske following the reading of the Friendship Force Pledge. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Maxine Moul moved and Judy Keetle seconded to accept the minutes of March 6, 2025 as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Milt Bayer presented that the 990 N form has been filed with the IRS. The Monthly Cash Flow, Balance Sheet and Income Statement will be filed for audit. The audit committee's letter of verification and review was accepted.

President's Report: Arlene Rea and Jim Rea are currently living at the Salt Creek Senior Living community. Arlene appreciates visitors.

Vice-president's Report: Midge Dublinske reviewed the Midwest Leaders meeting notes. Highlights included a new assessment of \$15.00 per ambassador beginning May 1. Plans for focused Zoom membership committee to cover specific topic of interest for clubs. Midge asked for corrections on the member directory and committee lists.

Committee Reports

- a. **Journey Resource Coordinator** – Pat Novak. The Columbia Cascade journey is September 23-30. Plans include a presentation by Ed Zimmer at the Wellington Greens Clubhouse, the Quilt Museum and the Henry Doorly Zoo.
- b. **Membership** – New member, Sylvia Crilly. This committee still needs a membership chair.
- c. **Courtesy** – Gayle Bayer continues to send cards as notified of members' needs.
- d. **Directory** – Draft copy attached to meeting announcement.
- e. **Publicity** – Discussion on publicizing Journeys in September and November.
- f. **Social** – Julie Splichal announced the Cinco de Mayo festival at the Crete city park from 2– 4 p.m. on May 4th. Julie is planning for the annual meeting on September 21, 2025 at Walt Library.
- g. **Scholarship** – No requests at this time.
- h. **Diversity and Community Service** – Janet Walters announced that Phyllis Arth is hosting a tea on May 10th for the Muslim women who participated last year. Plans are to connect with the Asian Community Center on May 6th at 10:00 a.m. to plan for future initiatives. Also on May 4th is the Nebraska Czech Festival in Lincoln from 10

- a.m.-4 p.m. at the Pla-Mor Ballroom. The DCS committee will continue to publicize cultural events of interest to members.
- i. **LEO** – There was a good turnout (27) for the LEO at Tico's. The next LEO is at Pho14, Vietnamese restaurant south of Southwest High School, beginning at 4:30 p.m,
 - j. **COIL** – Judy Keetle reported that a delegation of city council members from Romania will be here from August 8 – 16th.
 - k. **Indonesia Journey Coordinator** –Maxine Moul – The Indonesia journey has been canceled for lack of participants.
 - l. **Facebook and Website** – Possible promotion of LEOs on Facebook was discussed.

New Business

A nominating committee report is needed by July 21st. Members include: a current or former journey leader, two board members and two members-at-large.

Committees and volunteers are needed for hosting Columbia Cascade in September. and COIL in August. Sign-up sheets will be circulated at LEOs to invite members' participation.

Announcements

April 12 – Breakfast and Conversation at Stauffer's, 8:30 a.m. Guests welcome.

April 30 – LEO at Pho 14, 1245 Libra Drive, #104, 4:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

May 5 – FFL Board Meeting, Walt Library, 2:00 p.m.,

May 10 – Breakfast and Conversation at Stauffer's, 8:30 a.m. Guests welcome.

May 15 – LEO at Taj Ali Middle Easter Restaurant, 1501 Pine Lake Road (south of Costco), 5:00 p.m., Bring a guest.

June 2 – FFL Board Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Location TBA

June 14 – Breakfast and Conversation at Stauffer's, 8:30 a.m. Bring a guest.

June 18 – LEO and Day Trip to the Omaha Benson area. Lunch at Shaheen's Authentic

Afghan Cuisine, 6121 Maple Street, Omaha, NE, 1:00 p.m. Parking behind restaurant

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

August 8 – 16 –COIL Delegation from Romania

August 9 – Breakfast and Conversation at Stauffer's, 8:30 a.m. Bring a guest.

September 8 – FFL Board Meeting, Walt Library, 2:00 p.m.

September 13 – Breakfast and Conversation at Stauffer's, 8:30 a.m. Bring a guest.

September 21 – Annual Meeting 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Location TBA

September 23 – 30, – Columbia Cascade Inbound Journey

October 6 – 13 – FFI Festival on the Mekong Journey

November 4-9 – Sarasota, Florida Outbound Journey

April, 2026 – North American Conference, Memphis, TN

Milt Bayer moved and Janet Walters seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Quinlan, Secretary

