

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes
February 3, 2025
Walt Library Conference Room, 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Arlene Rea, Midge Dublinske, Ann Quinlan, Milt Bayer, Gayle Bayer, Judy Keetle, Phyllis Arth, Maxine Moul, Marilyn Watson, Julie Albrecht

Members excused: Vicki McDonald, Julie Splichal, Janet Walters, JoEllen Polzien, Pat Novak, Bruce Keim, Carlene Keim

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by president Arlene Rea following the reading of the Friendship Force Pledge. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Judy Keetle moved and Marilyn Watson seconded to accept the minutes of January 6, 2025. Motion carried.

President's Report: Arlene Rea presented the list of Board of Directors and Committees for 2025. Results of the interest survey of members was distributed and discussed. Thirty-nine members completed the survey.

The directory will be sent this month. Minutes of the January meeting and today's agenda were sent to all members.

Vice-president's Report: Midge Dublinske reported on the Midwest Leaders meeting. Some of the contacts at FFI have changed; check to be sure when inquiring about specific topics. FFI is conducting a survey on possible changes to the tagline "A World of Peace" for marketing purposes. All overnight stays, international and domestic, are \$25.00. Officer training for club officers is on-line on the FFI website.

Treasurer's Report: Milt Bayer presented the January Monthly Cash Flow, Balance Sheet and Income Statement. These reports will be filed for audit. He presented the 2025 proposed budget and explained the committee's rationale for adjustments in some categories.

Milt Bayer moved, on behalf of the committee, approval of the proposed budget for 2025. Carried.

Committee Reports

- a. **Journey Resource Coordinator** – Pat Novak. Using the survey results, the Board of Directors completed the 2026 Outbound Journeys Destination Request Form. Canada, Costa Rica and Continental USA were selected.
- b. **Indonesia Journey Coordinator** –Maxine Moul – A new community in Indonesia, Malang, has been substituted for Bogar. March 1 is the deadline to sign up for the journey. So far five FFI members have indicated interest. The journey will be open to other clubs.
- c. **Open World/COIL** — No report
- d. **Open World Anniversary** — No report
- e. **Membership** – Marilyn Watson – Marilyn will provide a question for Saturday's breakfast.

- f. **Publicity** –Maxine Moul
- g. **Social** – No report
- h. **Passport** – A link to the historian’s report will be in the February *Passport*.
- i. **Breakfast and Conversation** – Marilyn Watson. Next breakfast is January 11, 2025.
- j. **Historian** – Phyllis Arth presented the 2024 FFL history and commented on how active the club had been during the year.
- k. **Scholarship** – No report
- l. **Diversity/Community Service (DISC)** – Janet Walters and Phyllis Arth. Information on two community events were shared with FFL: New Year’s Celebration sponsored by the Karen Society of Nebraska who support refugees and immigrants from Burma and an International Ramadan Market shared by the ECHO Collective. The next committee meeting is February 17th at 3:30 at Linda Kistler’s home.
- m. **Facebook and Website** – No report
- n. **LEO** – No report
- o. **Ad Hoc Day Trips** – No report
- p. **Announcements**

Discussion of North American FFI Conference Topics

Board members divided into three groups to discuss questions from the *Diversity Locally: The Globe at Your Doorstep* presentation in Milwaukee: How welcoming is your club? How open-minded is your club? How innovative is your club?
Group responses will be summarized.

Announcements

February 3–Breakfast and Conversation, 8:30 a.m. Stauffer’s Café and Pie Shop, 5600 S 48th
 March 3 – FFL Board Meeting, 2 pm, Walt Library, 6701 S 14th
 March 8 - Breakfast and Conversation, 8:30 a.m. Stauffer’s Café and Pie Shop, 5600 S 48th
 TBD – March LEO (Let’s Eat Out)
 June 25-July 8 – Java Journey Outbound
 September 23 – 30, – Columbia Cascade Inbound Journey
 November 4-9 – Sarasota, Florida Outbound Journey
 April, 2026 – North American Conference, Memphis, TN

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ann Quinlan, Secretary

