

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes
May 5, 2025
Walt Library Conference Room, 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Midge Dublinske, Ann Quinlan, Milt Bayer, Gayle Bayer, Judy Keetle, Maxine Moul, Janet Walters, Bruce Keim

Members excused: Arlene Rea, Julie Albrecht, Julie Splichal, Vickie McDonald, Pat Novak
Carlene Keim, Phyllis Arth, Marilyn Watson,

Absent: JoEllen Polzien

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 not met.

Minutes: Milt Bayer moved and Maxine Moul seconded to accept the minutes of April 7, 2025 as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Milt Bayer presented the Monthly Cash Flow, Balance Sheet and Income Statements which reflect an increase from the Lincoln Community Foundation investment and two new dues-paying members. The reports will be filed for audit. Discussion followed on how to handle people who join as new members after January 1. The bylaws committee will review the language and present a revision for future action.

President's /Vice-presidents Report: Midge Dublinske reported that there was no Regional Leaders meeting, but clubs are sharing newsletters. The cost has been established for the Sarasota journey: \$325.00 + \$25.00 per night + \$15.00 FFL fee. Transportation is arranged individually.

Committee Reports

- a. **Membership** – Current membership = 65. This committee still needs a membership chair. New member, Ted Larson.
 - i. **Courtesy** – Gayle Bayer sent cards to Arlene Rea and Julie Albrecht.
 - ii. **Directory** -- Midge Dublinske has updated the directory to include new members as of 5/5/2025.
 - iii. **On-line greetings** – No report.
- b. **Publicity** – Photos from the meeting at the Asian Center may be available for the website and newsletter.
- c. **Social** – No report. A volunteer is needed to help with the committee's activities.
- d. **Passport** –Interviews and photos of new members will be in the June issue. Deadline for stories and photos is June 1st.
- e. **Breakfast and Conversation** – Marilyn Watson will send the question for Saturday.
- f. **Day Trip** -- Judy Keetle is working to arrange a trip to the Welsh community in Wymore.
- g. **Historian** – No report.
- h. **Scholarship** – Maxine Moul will receive credits for the cancelled Indonesian journey.

- i. **Diversity and Community Service** – Janet Walters presented details of the plans to present FFL information at the Asian Cultural Center’s staff meeting on May 6th. On May 10th Phyllis Arth is hosting a small gathering of Muslim women who met with FFL members last spring. Another gathering with the Muslim community is being considered for some time in the fall
- j. **Facebook and website** – No report.
- k. **LEO** – Bruce Keim reported that 13 people attended the LEO at Pho14. Future events: May 15th at Taj Ali Iraqi restaurant and June 18th at Shaheen’s Authentic Afghan Cuisine in Omaha. Bruce suggested meeting at Gateway at 11:30 to carpool.
- l. **COIL** – No additional details at this time on Romanian delegation
- m. **Journey Resource Coordinator** – Pat Novak has reserved the clubhouse at 70th and Van Dorn for the welcome dinner for the Columbia Cascade Inbound Journey.

New Business

Nominating Committee members were announced: Julie Albrecht, Chair; Bruce Keim, Jan Sibal, Wendy Horacek, Kathy Spahr

Announcements

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. Meet at the Gateway parking lot at 11:30 to carpool.

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

Midge Dublinske adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Quinlan, Secretary

