

**Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes**  
**November 10, 2025**  
**Walt Library Conference Room, 2:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Judy Keetle, Ann Quinlan, Janet Walters, Bruce Keim, Milt Bayer, Gayle Bayer, Maxine Moul, Pat Novak, Julie Albrecht, Julie Splichal, Marilyn Watson

**Members excused:** Arlene Rea, Midge Dublinske, Carlene Keim, Phyllis Arth, Vickie McDonald

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President-elect Judy Keetle following the reading of the Friendship Force Pledge. A quorum was present.

**Minutes: Janet Walters moved and Marilyn Watson seconded to accept the minutes of October 6, 2025. Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Milt Bayer reviewed the Monthly Cash Flow, Balance Sheet and Income Statements, which will be filed for audit. YTD Income is slightly more than predicted. Twenty-four members have paid dues so far. \$63.62 surplus from the Sarasota exchange will go into the scholarship account.

**President's Report:** Arlene Rea thanked Pat Novak for coordinating the outgoing Sarasota journey. The December board meeting will be at Arlene's home from noon – 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 1. Members signed up to contribute side dishes, salads, desserts.

**Julie Albrecht moved and Maxine Moul seconded to use FFL funds to pay for the meat that Arlene will prepare for the pot luck. Carried.**

**Vice-president's Report:** Midge Dublinske attended the Regional Leaders meeting. A discussion about the proposed dues increase from FFI will be a part of unfinished business.

**President-elect:** Judy Keetle met with Arlene Rea and Ann Quinlan to plan for next year's committee chairs.

**Committee Reports**

- a. **Membership** –No report
- b. **Publicity** – Maxine Moul is planning articles on the Holiday Party and Sarasota journey
- c. **Social** – Julie Splichal reviewed plans for the Holiday Party on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- d. **Passport** – Maxine needs updated photos of the 2026 officers for the December *Passport*.
- e. **Breakfast and Conversation** – Marilyn Watson will confirm with Stauffer's that the room is still reserved due to missing the November breakfast.
- f. **Historian** – Summary reports from officers and committee chairs are due at the end of the year so Phyllis Arth can complete the historian's report.
- g. **Scholarship** – No report
- h. **Diversity and Community Service** –Janet Walters reported on the first gathering of Friends of Friendship Force on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff members and their guests met with DCS committee members for food and conversation. Discussion on the issue of food

shortages led to a plan for a proposed spice drive in conjunction with the FFL Holiday Party.

- i. **Facebook and Website** – No report
- j. **LEO** – Bruce Keim reported that 15 members participated in the October LEO at Tandoor. The next LEO will be in March, 2026.
- k. **Journey Resource Coordinator** – Pat Novak
  - i. 2026 Journeys: Need Journey Coordinator for Niagara/Canada, June 16-23, 2026.
  - ii. Midge Dublinske is coordinating the Cranes Journey, March 9-16, 2026 with Cedar Rapids, IA club.
- l. **Open World/COIL** – Julie Albrecht reported a date change for the COIL from Hungary. The dates are September 16-23, 2026. The schedule will be similar to the itinerary followed for the Romanian delegation.

### **Discussion**

Board members discussed what is known about FFI's proposed dues increase. Arlene shared a sample letter from the Western North Carolina club explaining the value of FFI membership. Members were asked to share their individual perspectives regarding dues.

**Pat Novak moved and Maxine Moul seconded to table the discussion until more specific information is available from FFI regarding the dues increase and procedures for paying. Carried.**

Arlene will send a message to all FFL members to inform them about dues-related decisions from FFI.

### **New Business**

#### **Announcements**

December 1 – FFL Board Meeting, tentatively at Walt Library, 2-4 p.m.

December 6 – Christmas party at the International Quilt Museum 2– 4 p.m.

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

April 24-27, 2026 – North American Conference, Memphis, TN

Judy Keetle adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Quinlan, Secretary

