

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes

Walt Library, 6701 S. 14th Street

March 2, 2026 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Arlene Rea, Julie Albrecht, Maxine Moul, Eloise Hiatt, Janet Walters, Ann Quinlan, Gayle Bayer, Milt Bayer, Judy Keetle, Carol Johnstone-Hornig, Julie Splichal.

Member Excused: Pat Novak

Call to Order: President Judy Keetle called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Friendship Force Pledge: All

Roll Call: Quorum 11 members present

Minutes: Approval of February 2, 2026 Minutes (attached)- Carol Johnstone-Hornig, Secretary Correction, Annual Meeting will be August 9, 2026. Motion to approve minutes was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Milt Bayer, Treasurer

Milt shared treasurer's report. This month an anonymous donor gave \$5,000.00 to the FFL Scholarship Fund. A note of thanks was passed for all present to express our gratitude to the donor. Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

President's Report: Judy Keetle reported on the Midwest Leaders' Mtg., lots of changes coming with FFI. Des Moines FF discussion regarding a mini-journey.

Request from Jane Kinsey, roommate FFI October journey to Alaska.

World Friendship Day, March 1st, 7 members FFL, met at the Asian Community Center to celebrate.

Standing Committee Reports:

Breakfast & Conversation- March 14th, Stauffer's

COIL- Julie Splichal, stated the community room at the Crete Public Library has been reserved for the COIL visit.

Diversity & Service- Janet Walters - see report, there will be an article in Passport.

Spices we provided are all gone, and much appreciated. Discussion about upcoming gatherings and Lisa Guill confirmed that she thought there was enough interest to host two gatherings. It was suggested that Vicki McDonald-FB link Asian Center to our FB account

Crane Journey- Incoming, Arlene Rea, All is going well with plans.

St. Louis Journey- out-going, Journey Coordinator needed

L.E.O.- Dinner on March 18th, at 5:00, Japon Bistro 3520 Village Drive, Lincoln, NE

Membership - Eloise Hiatt, suggestion to have a FFL booth at Antelope Park in August and also a booth at the Asian American & Pacific Islander 2026 Year of the Horse Saturday, May 2, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Sandhills Event Center Ag Society Hall

Will be inquiring about the charges for a table. The board all agreed these were great ideas to promote FFL.

Passport- Maxine Moul, stated she needs all articles/pictures by March 9th, as she will be out of town after that date.

Publicity/Marketing/Website - There will be an article coming out in Neighborhood Extra

Social - Julie Splichal, Discussion regarding ideas for programs at our Christmas Party. A cappella group, The Flyovers, Wesleyan University Holiday Concert, meeting afterwards, or Lincoln Continentals Holiday Concert.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Bylaws/Policies- Ann Quinlan, suggested that we make World Friendship Day, March 1, our 4th meeting of the year.

New Business: None

Action Items: None

Announcements: None

Upcoming 2026 dates:

March 7, Saturday- Cultural Bazaar @ Asian Community and Cultural Center

March 9- March 13, Mon.- Fri- Incoming Crane Journey

March 14, Saturday- Breakfast & Conversation @ Stauffer's, 8:30

March 22, Sunday- Mahjong Mania @ Country Club of Lincoln

March 31, Tuesday- Small Diversity Group Gathering

April 6, Monday- FFL Board Meeting @ Walt Library, 2:00

April 24, Friday- Untold Migrant Stories @ LUX Center for the Arts- 5:00-7:00 p.m.

April 24- April 27, Friday-Monday- North American Regional Conference, Memphis

May 2, Saturday- Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration@ Sandhills Global Event Center. 1:00- 4:00 p.m.

June 6, Saturday- Cultural Bazaar 2 Asian Community and Cultural Center- 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

June 30, Tuesday- Small Diversity Group Gathering

September 18- September 26, Friday-next Saturday- COIL/Open World- Hungary, Topic- Local Leadership

August 9, Sunday, Annual Meeting

TBD- Holiday Party in December

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Johnstone-Hornig, Secretary