

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Minutes
Walt Library, 6701 S. 14th Street
April 6, 2026 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Judy Keetle, Carol Johnstone-Hornig, Milt Bayer, Gayle Bayer, Janet Walters, Pat Novak, Bruce Keim, Vickie McDonald, Ann Quinlan

Members Excused: Arlene Rea, Eloise Hiatt, Julie Splichal

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

Friendship Force Pledge: All

Roll Call: 9 members present

Approval of March 2, 2026 Minutes (attached): Carol Johnstone-Hornig, Secretary. Milt Bayer moved and Ann Quinlan seconded the minutes be approved. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Milt Bayer, Treasurer

Janet Walters was reimbursed for 5, \$20.00 gift cards used for Diversity and Community Service Committee..

Milt reported 3 more Scholarship Checks have been received.

Audit report done by Dee Tonek and Dorothy Anderson. Bruce Keim moved and Pat Novak seconded to approve the audit report. Unanimously approved.

Balance from Crane Journey is \$31.00. It is customary to maintain a \$50.00 balance, it was moved by Milt Bayer and seconded by Pat Novak to take funds from the Scholarship Fund to bring balance to \$50.00 in the Crane Journey account. Unanimously approved.

President's Report: Judy Keetle reports that many clubs are losing members, one only has 14 members. It has been reported that only 4 groups are coming to the U.S. in 2027.

Judy stated we need a person to attend the FFI North American Conference. Ann Quinlan, who is unable to attend, donated her conference fee for whoever is able to attend the conference with Judy.

Judy discussed our visit to the State Capital after the Crane Journey, met one of the Governor's aides. Discussed our organization and World Friendship Day, the aide suggested if we would like a proclamation for this, we should submit early. Ann Quinlan volunteered to write the Proclamation for our Friendship Force Lincoln organization.

Judy announced that Lisa Guill will be coming to speak at our meeting at 2:45.

Standing Committee Reports:

Breakfast & Conversation : April 11, 2026, Stauffer's

COIL: September visit- Hungary, Local Leadership

Diversity & Service: Janet Walters, see report, there was a request for an additional meeting, a Muslim guest requested the opportunity to host at her home.

Journey Resource Coordinator- Pat Novak

Crane Journey was great.

Upcoming Journeys- Out-Going- Des Moines Mini Journey, August 16-18, 2026, Sunday-Wednesday

Cost: \$135.00

Discussion of the events planned during the journey.

Out-Going- St. Louis, MO October 25-29, 2026. Sunday - Thursday

Discussed need for a Journey Coordinator, will post description of the job.

LEO: Bruce reported we had 15 members enjoy an evening at Japon Bistro.

Next LEO will be at El Chaparro Mexican Restaurant, 900 S. 13th @ 5:00

Bridge: Several members met at Judy Keetle's for a bridge game in March. It was decided to meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:00 p.m. to play rubber bridge.

New Business: Jane Kinsey's recent death, March 31, 2026, was announced, long time member of FFL. Gayle will send a card to her family.

Announcements: Janet Walters introduced our guest speaker, Lisa Guill, from the Asian Community & Cultural Center.

Members enjoyed an interesting discussion about our immigrant community in Lincoln.

Upcoming 2026 Dates

April 11, Saturday, Breakfast and Conversation @ 8:30, Stauffer's

April 23, Thursday, LEO, El Chaparro Mexican, 900 S. 13th @ 5:00

April 24, Friday, Untold Migrant Stories @ LUX Center for the Arts

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

May 2, Saturday, Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration @ Sandhills Global Event Center

May 4, Monday, FFL Board Meeting @ Walt Library, 2:00-4:00

May 19, Tuesday, LEO, Main Street Market, 115 Hwy. 6, Milford, NE @ 1:00 for lunch

June 6, Saturday, Cultural Bazaar 2 Asian Community and Cultural Center

June 25, Thursday, LEO, Asian Taste, 501 West A Street @ 5:00 p.m.

June 30, Tuesday, Small Diversity Group Gathering

July 18, Saturday, LEO Ginger Grill, 6055 Apples Way, 11:30 for lunch

August 9, Sunday, Annual Meeting, Walt Library

August 24, Monday, LEO Pinot Style Filipino American, 1601 "Q" Street @5:00 p.m.

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

TBD- Holiday Party in December

Meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Johnstone-Hornig, Secretary