

Friendship Force Lincoln Board Meeting Minutes
Arlene Rea's Home, 6157 Old Farm Court
June 1, 2026 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Arlene Rea, Bruce Keim, Carlene Keim, Carol Johnstone-Hornig, Ann Quinlan, Julie Albrecht, Eloise Hiatt, Vicki McDonald, Janet Walters

Members Excused:

Maxine Moul, Milt Bayer, Gayle Bayer, Pat Novak

Call to Order: Vice-President Ann Quinlan opened the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Friendship Force Pledge: All

Roll Call: 9 members present

Approval of May 4, 2026 Minutes (Attached): Carol Johnstone-Hornig, Secretary
Bruce Keim moved and Vicki McDonald seconded the minutes be approved.
Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Milt Bayer, Treasurer was absent today.
Eloise Hiatt reported she has been in contact with the Mennonite group regarding the check we sent for \$50.00 (which has not been cashed) as a donation with the Thank-You note. Eloise will continue to communicate with the group.
It was moved by Arlene Rea and seconded by Julie Albrecht to refer the Treasurer's report for Audit.
Unanimously approved.

President's Report: Midwest Leaders Meeting- Discussion encouraging clubs to become more visible in your community. Suggestion to create a Board position with a committee to meet this goal. Suggest posting on Facebook weekly. Handout for Friendship Force Bingo Leadership provided to Board Members.
Julie Albrecht stated the Memphis conference was the best she had ever attended. Discussed establishment of Foundation for FFI.

Standing Committee Reports:

Breakfast & Conversation: No report

COIL: Julie Albrecht confirmed September 18-26, 2026, we will be hosting City Leaders from Hungary.

Diversity & Service: Janet Walters reported very positive reports from home gatherings. Vicki McDonald will be hosting the next meeting on June 30th. There will be a Bazaar at the Asian Center on June 6th.

Journey Resource Coordinator:

Eloise Hiatt reported plans for the out-going Mini-Journey to Des Moines. Nine FFL members are planning to attend August 16-19th.

LEO: Bruce & Carlene reported that 11 members enjoyed lunch at the Main Street Market in Milford, May 19th. The next LEO will be Thursday, June 25th at 5:00, Asian Taste.

Membership: Eloise is working on promotion of membership. Marie Hitz is considering renewing membership with FFL.

Passport: Maxine is attending a funeral today. She requested deadline for articles/photos is June 15th.

Publicity/Marketing: Arlene stated the FFL website has been updated, as well, the Directory has been revised and updated.

Bylaws/Policies: Ann noted change in dues. Officers, Board approval new officers.

Day Trips Interest Group: Dorothy Anderson, Arlene Rea and Ann Quinlan met May 28, 2026. Ann passed the Proposed Day Trips - Details Pending list. There were five interesting proposed sites to visit this year and next.

New Business:

Bruce Keim reported the Nominating Committee met via Zoom. It was determined that Co-Vice Presidents, 2 term President, Vice President and Former President, Leadership team works well.

Discussion regarding the need to report after journeys to the group.

Action Items:

Announcements:

Upcoming 2026 Dates:

June 6, Sat.- Cultural Bazaar @ Asian Community and Cultural Center, 10:00-1:00

June 6, Sat.- FFL lunch with Omaha FF at Ashland Brewing Company, 798 S. 9th St., Ashland, NE - 12:00

June 25, Thurs.- LEO, Asian Taste, 501 West A Street @ 5:00

June 30, Tues.- Small Diversity Group Gathering, Vicki McDonald's home

NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY UNLESS NEEDED

July 18, Sat.- LEO, Ginger Grill, 6055 Apples Way, 11:30 for Lunch

August 9, Sun.- ANNUAL MEETING

August 16-19, Sun.-Wed.- Outbound Journey to Des Moines

August 24, Mon., LEO, Pinot Style Filipino American, 1601 Q Street @ 5:00

Sept.18-26, Fri.-next Sat.- COIL/Open World-Hungary, topic Local Leadership

Oct.25-29, Sun.- Thurs.- Outbound Journey to St. Louis

Dec. 5- Holiday Party

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Johnstone-Hornig, Secretary