

**FFCI Board of Directors Minutes**  
**Saturday, September 9, 2023, 9-10 a.m.**  
**Zoom Online Meeting**

**Present:** Alta and Jerry Byg (Co-Treasurers), Sedahlia Crase (President), Dennis Dake (Communications), and Margaret Epplin (Secretary)

1. **Call to order:** President Crase called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

2. **Approve Agenda:**

Dake **moved to approve** the Agenda. A Byg **seconded. Motion carried.**

3. **Approve minutes of July 8, 2023, Board meeting**

The July 8, 2023, minutes were approved as written.

4. **Acknowledgements:** Crase and all Board members gave a huge shout-out to Dennis and Dorothy for all their work in heading up the Inbound Journey from Long Island, NY and to their several committees, home hosts, and others, including almost everybody in our club. It was a well-executed and successful Inbound Journey.

5. **Reports:** A time to ask questions/comment, not a recitation.

a. **Treasurer:** Alta and Jerry Byg, Co-Treasurers

Treasurer J Byg emailed the following Treasurer's Report as of September 6, 2023:

Since the last Board meeting on July 8, 2023, deposits for the Inbound Long Island Journey were made in the amounts of \$10 and \$100 for the welcome dinner and farewell dinner, and \$75.00 from Quad Cities for banquet room rental at the Amanas. Disbursements were made to Corry Bertlesen (\$494.79), Marcia Thompson (\$238.10) and Ron Mowers (\$58.75) for expenses for the welcome dinner and farewell dinner for the Inbound Long Island Journey. Debit card transactions were made to John Wayne Museum (\$300), Iowa Quilt Museum (\$120), State Fair tickets (\$275), room rental at Amana (\$191), CopyWorks (\$432.10), and Madison County (\$472.01).

So far receipts from the Long Island exchange total \$3,127 and expenses submitted to date are \$2,595.86.

Checks to FFI (\$2,200) and Missoula Western (\$3,025) were sent.

Journey payments for Missoula were received from Marsha Novak (\$475) and from Richard Schroeder (\$500).

With all this activity, the Journey Checking Account balance is \$3,066.14. The July 8, 2023, General Account checkbook balance was \$4,789.09. There have been no activities requiring payments from the General Account since July 8, and the August 30 General Checking Account balance remains at \$4789.09. As of August 30, 2023, 41 membership dues have been received.

b. **Membership:** J Byg reported that, as of August 30, 2023, the total paid memberships remained at 41.

c. **Communication**

i. **Information Technology** (website): Nothing new to report.

ii. **Newsletter:** Dake will wait for pictures of the Montana Outbound trip before completing the next newsletter. In addition, Dake plans to publish a wrap-up newsletter in January with pictures from the FFCI Annual Meeting and Crase's trip to the international FFI meeting in Croatia.

iii. **Publicity:** Crase reminds Board members to take photos at events and submit to Dake for the newsletter.

6. **Old Business**

a. **FFI Member Portal:** Member sign-in to new FFI portal is ongoing.

7. **New Business**

a. **Nominations Committee:** Sedahlia requested input from the Board for possible Nominations Committee members. The Board might need to hold a special meeting after the Annual Meeting regarding officers for 2024.

**b. 2024 Journeys, Inbound and Outbound**

We have not received journey assignments for 2024. Crase asked FFI “why” and was told FFCI was late in submitting its request and FFI ran out of placements. FFI staff said they’d continue to be on the lookout for Inbound and Outbound Journeys for FFCI. Crase wondered if FFCI not requesting a 2023 international outbound impacted FFI’s decision. FFCI will sign up in the Spring 2024 for 2025 Outbound Journeys.

**c. FF World Conference**

Crase will attend the FF World Conference in October 2023 in Croatia.

Epplin **made a motion, seconded** by A Byg to pay the registration fee for Crase to attend the FF World Conference. **Motion carried.**

Crase will send the amount of the registration to Bygs.

**d. Annual Meeting**

The Board set the date for the Annual Meeting as October 21 via Zoom. A Byg will help Crase with letting members know of the upcoming Annual Meeting and asked Crase for an Agenda for the meeting.

**e. Holiday Party**

The FFCI holiday party will be held Saturday December 2. Judy Mongin has again made a reservation for FFCI to use the community room at her condo location on Bobcat.

**8. Other Business and/or concerns: none**

**9. Adjournment**

A Byg **made a motion** to adjourn. Epplin seconded. **Motion carried.**

This is the last regularly scheduled FFCI Board meeting for 2023. Upcoming events are the Annual Meeting October 21 and the December 2 Holiday party.

Crase added her own very sincere thank you to this Board “for your work with everything related to our club. I feel it has been an extremely productive year and all of you are to be congratulated! I look forward to the rest of this year and then to next year when I am in a less demanding role, serving as past president to help bridge the gap for a new person who will be elected to the office of president.”