

FFCI Board Meeting - Draft
Tuesday September 17, 2024

Present: Alta Byg, Jerry, Byg, Charene Starcevic, Dennis Dake, Marcia Thompson, Cheryl Binzen

The meeting was called to order by President Alta Byg at 4:00pm

Approval of the Minutes for June 18, 2024, Board Meeting. The Board has not received any comments, additions or corrections to the June 18, 2024, minutes. Marcia Thompson moved and Charene Starcevic seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion was accepted by unanimous vote.

Newsletter: Information for the November newsletter needs to be to Dennis no later than the end of October.
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Membership: We currently have 36 members. Welcome to our two new members this year: Janet Gebler at the beginning of the year and recently, Marty Taylor. Membership renewal will begin at the Annual Meeting.

Jerry Byg presented the Treasurer's Report:

- The balance in the Exchange account as of June 18, 2024, was \$250.00. There have been no transactions since the last report.
- As of June 18, 2024, the General account check book balance was \$5,500.42. Transactions: One new member payment and one check issued in the amount of \$26.85 for the Clear Lake outing expenses. Current General account balance - \$5,513.57

Activity Committee: Charene reported that the last two activities for 2024 will be the annual meeting and the December Holiday Party. A sign-up sheet will be available at the annual meeting for 2025 activities.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 10:00am. The meeting will be held at the Fireside Room at Northcrest. If you have something that you would like to have added to the agenda, please send it to altajerbyg@gmail.com.

Incoming Journey for 2025: Brandon Friendship Force to Ames. Alta has been in contact with Iris Reilly from Brandon FF. The suggested date is to be mid-September 2025. A Journey Coordinator is needed. Three or four members have offered to help and did not want to be the sole Coordinator. The recommendation from the Board is to have a Coordination Team for this Incoming. Seven people have committed to host so the number of guests from Brandon should be limited to 14.

Outgoing & Incoming Journeys for 2026:

- After some discussion, it was moved by Marcia Thompson and seconded by Charene Starcevic that FFCI does not sign up as available for Inbound Hosting in 2026. Motion passed unanimously.
- Outbound Journey Sign up for 2026 will be available Jan. 6, 24, Due Feb 16, 2025. A survey will be available at the October 2024 annual meeting for membership to provide input.

FFI North American Conference: The Conference will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Oct. 7 – 10, 2024. Alta Byg, Jerry Byg and Sedahlia Crase will be attending from our club.

Public Outreach (New Members):

- Alta has updated the FFCI brochure. Contact her for copies altajerbyg@gmail.com. Changes/corrections to improve brochure are welcome.

- Alta & Jerry will be giving a presentation on October 23 & October 30 at OLLI. Contact email Heather Bristow (hbristow@iastate.edu) if you or someone you know is interested in registering. This is the course information.
 - o **46 - Friendship Force and Travels Around the World**
Oct. 23 - Oct. 30, 2024, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CT
Online with Zoom (Hybrid)

World Friendship Day 2025: Alta has been in contact with the ISU Women's Club Culture Sharing and the Armchair Travelers. A few years ago, this had been an annual event coordinated with those groups and held at the Ames Public Library. If this event is going to be reestablished, someone is needed to work with the other groups on organizing something for next March. For more information contact altajerbyg@gmail.com

Meeting Adjourned: 5:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 26 (annual meeting). If you have something that you would like to have added to the agenda, please send it to altajerbyg@gmail.com.