

FFCI Board Meeting Tuesday March 25, 2025

Present: Alta Byg, Jerry Byg, Lynn Avant, Dorothy Dake, Dennis Dake, Marcia Thompson, Cheryl Binzen

The meeting was called to order by President Alta Byg at 4:15pm

Approval of the Minutes for January 21, 2025, Board Meeting --- approved as submitted

Newsletter: The next newsletter will be sent early April.

Membership: We currently have 31 members & 2 associate members. The Membership log on to My.Friendshipforce.org

Treasurer: The balance in the exchange account as of September 17, 2024 was \$250.00. There have been no transactions in this account since January 19, 2025 and the balance remains at \$250.00

As of January 19, 2025, the General account check book balance was \$5121.53. Payments received during this period are: dues (\$280), and donations (\$5) which amount to \$285.00. Dues were received from Woodle (2 ea), Binzen, Thompson, Wilson, Crase and Buchele.

Checks and debit card payments for expenses occurring during this period consist of, Senior expo facility/exhibit fee (\$250) and printing expenses (\$127.89), which amount to \$377.89. With these transactions, the balance in the General Account is \$5028.64.

Activity Committee: To volunteer to organize a get together contact Charene Starcevic at larcha1623@gmail.com, Dot Dake at dotdake42@gmail.com or Margaret Epplin at MargaretEpplin@gmail.com

Journeys for 2025:

- Incoming Brandon Friendship Force to Ames. The date is September 23rd to 30th, 2025. Currently there are 4 or 5 from Brandon who are considering coming. Because of the small number, Dennis Dake moved and Dorothy Dake made the second to open this Incoming to World catalog with July 10 being the cut-off date to register for the Incoming and that the Journey will be cancelled if less than 10 total participants. Motion carried unanimously.
- Outgoing Journeys for 2026. Sign up was due Feb 16, 2025. Our club requested Canada & Brazil. An email from Constance Williams (Midwest Regional Rep) mentioned that we may not get an Outgoing since we did not request an incoming for 26

FFI North American Conference: The 2026 Conference will be held in US. It may be in April. The final location and date will be communicated when received

Historian information: Diane Oppedal has volunteered to work on this. Contact her if you have items that you think are part of the FFCI history. dianeopp@gmail.com

Public Outreach (New Members):

World Friendship Day 2025

- March 28, Friday at Ames Public Library – 1 to 3. There will be 8 tables with possibly 6 speakers (depending on time)
- Senior Expo. May 8, Thursday. Setup - 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 7th. Lunch is provided for 2 people, but since most are seniors, they should be free anyway. FFCI will have a 6 ft. covered table, 2 chairs, Signage & a waste basket. It was suggested we do a give-away, (It could be a travel related gift basket.) People who said they would help: Lynn A., Joan M., Charene S., Dennis D. (will bring the FFCI Banner), Dot D., Peggy F.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:40p.m.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2025 Contact Alta Byg (altajerbyg@gmail.com) if you have an item to add to the agenda.