

**FFCI Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday June 17, 2025**

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

Approval of the minutes of the March 25,2025, Board Meeting – approved as submitted.

Newsletter: The next newsletter will be the August/September issue. Information for the newsletter needs to be mailed to Dennis Dake [ddake@iastate.edu](mailto:ddake@iastate.edu), no later than July 23, 2025, with “Newsletter Input” in the subject line of the email.

Membership: We currently have 32 members & 2 associate members. Welcome to our newest members Mardell Christian, Jean Larson and Karen Tegtmeyer. The Membership log on to My.Friendshipforce.org. Each person must have their own email address.

Treasurer: The balance in the exchange account as of March 25, 2025, was \$250.00. There have been no transactions in this account since March 25, 2025, and the balance remains at \$250.00.

As of March 25, 2025, the General account check book balance was \$5028.64. A dues payment from Mardell Christian of \$40.00 was received and deposited. 2 debit card payments for printing expenses occurring during this period totaled \$123.24 and a check payment to Puffin Publishing for web site protection in the amount of \$77.95 was issued. With these transactions, the balance in the General Account is \$4867.45.

Activity Committee: Save these dates.

- July 17. Potluck at Bandshell Park organized by Lynn Avant and Joan Mathews.
- August 15. LEO at Torrent Brewery at 5:00 organized by the Board. Food will be provided.

Details for each of these events will be sent later and, as always, please RSVP “coming” or “not coming” for each. To volunteer to organize a get together contact Charene Starcevic at [larcha1623@gmail.com](mailto:larcha1623@gmail.com), Dot Dake at [dotdake42@gmail.com](mailto:dotdake42@gmail.com) or Margaret Epplin at [MargaretEpplin@gmail.com](mailto:MargaretEpplin@gmail.com)

Journeys:

- Outgoing journey # 25385 to Richmond Friendship Force from Ames is to be September 9<sup>th</sup> to September 16, 2025. Members intending to travel are:  
1. Marybeth Buchele, 2. Judy Mongin, 3. Alta Byg, 4. Jerry Byg, 5. Marcia Thompson, 6. Lee Molgaard, 7. Karen Tegtmeyer, 8. Park Woodle, 9. Susan Woodle, 10. Kitty Fisher. There is room for two more travelers. Contact Alta Byg [altajerbyg@gmail.com](mailto:altajerbyg@gmail.com)
- Outgoing journey #26124 to Hamilton and Burlington, Canada. Tentative date is Sept. 2026
- Incoming Journey for 2026
  - a. Southern New Jersey Club would love to come. We need to let Taryn know if we are interested. Lynn Avant has offered to be Journey Coordinator.
  - b. We have 4 people who can host 1 couple or a single female and have 3 people who can host 1 couple or 2 singles (any gender).
  - c. Alta will resend the survey to determine if we have enough support to host this Incoming for 2026. We will suggest Spring 2026 for the timing.

FFI North American Conference:

- 2026 will be held in Memphis, TN US. (April 24 to 27th)
- Add on Special Journey River Cruise (April 28 to May 6) (Optional)
- \$250 plus Cabin fee (\$5635) shared room.

[Festival on the Mississippi #26256\\* – friendshipforce](#)

Historian: Diane Oppedal has volunteered to work on this. Sedahlia Crase currently has the FFCI club documents which will be transferred to Diane shortly for the archives. Contact Diane if you have something that you think belongs to our club history. [dianeopp@gmail.com](mailto:dianeopp@gmail.com)

Public Outreach: The Senior Expo was considered a success and our club will participate again next year. Alta is researching the cost of advertising in Actors, ISU Theater, Stephens Auditorium and Central Iowa Symphony bulletin hand out. If you have additional Ideas about reaching potential new members for our club, please contact Alta.

Next Meetings:

- Quarterly Board Meeting ... September 23 4:00pm. Location TBD
- Annual Meeting ... November 22 10:00am. Location TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 5:20pm.