

**FFCI Board Meeting Minutes - Draft**  
**Tuesday September 23, 2025**

Present: Alta Byg, Jerry Byg, Marcia Thompson, Lynn Avant, Diane Oppedal, Cheryl Binzen and Josie Rose, a guest and prospective new member,

The meeting was called to order by President Alta Byg at 4:11pm.

Approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2025, Board Meeting – *approved as submitted*.

Newsletter: After many years of dedication to publishing our Newsletter, Dennis Dake is stepping aside. Thank you, Dennis, for your years of service. Alta Byg will temporarily fill this position. The October-November Newsletter will be published soon. Information for that newsletter needs to be emailed to Alta no later than **September 29** – [altajerbyg@gmail.com](mailto:altajerbyg@gmail.com)

Membership: We currently have 33 members & 2 associate members. The Membership log on to My.Friendshipforce.org. Each person must have their own email address.

Treasurer Report: The balance in the exchange account as of June 17, 2025, was \$250.00. Nine non-refundable deposits for the Richmond exchange of \$25.00 each and 7 payments in the amount of \$490.00 for the journey were made. These deposits totaled \$3655.00. Checks were issued to Friendship force (\$1330.00), the Richmond club (\$2100.00), Alta Byg (\$175.00) and General account (\$50.00). After these transactions, the remaining balance is \$250.00. The check to Alta Byg was reimbursement for donation made to the Richmond club. The \$50 was deposited in the General account as income.

As of June 17, 2025, the General account check book balance was \$4868.95. A dues payment from Kitty Fisher of \$40.00 was received and deposited; and \$50.00 payment from the Journey account was made. Alta Byg was reimbursed \$69.52 for pizza for FFCI event at Torrent Brewery. Huess Printing was paid \$1095.00 for 1 year's advertising in Standing Ovation. With these transactions, the balance in the General Account is \$3794.43

Officers and Committee Chairs for 2026: The nomination for the slate of officers – President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary - will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Additionally, there are committee chair positions to be filled. It is preferred that each committee has co-chairs and that other members support the efforts of the committees when asked to do so.

Activity Committee: Save these dates.

- October 17. Read the Newsletter for details.
- Holiday Party. December 6 at the Village Cooperative, 2525 Bobcat Drive. The doors will open at 11:30. Potluck and bring a white elephant gift.

Journeys:

- Outbound Journey to Hamilton and Burlington, Canada #26124. Tentative timing is September 2026. We need someone to be the journey coordinator or two people to be co-coordinators.
- Incoming Journey for 2026. Southern New Jersey Club would love to come. We have a number of people who have offered to host ... 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). Day hosts and drivers may also be needed. Alta will connect with the Southern New Jersey Club to discuss further. Our club is suggesting a May/June timing.
- FFI North American Conference in 2026 will be held in Memphis, TN US (April 24 to 27th). Alta and Jerry Byg will attend as representatives of FFCI. An optional add on Special Journey is being offered (April 28 to May 6)

Historian: The FFCI records have been transferred to Diane Oppedal. She has reviewed, sorted and organized many years of our FFCI historical records. Special big thank you to Diane.

Public Outreach (New Members):

- An update is needed about allowing others to help keep posting new information on Facebook. Jerry Byg will check into this.
- Senior Expo. Probably will be scheduled in May 2026. The decision as to whether or not to participate in 2026 has been tabled until the January 2026 Board Meeting
- International Friendship Day in March. The ISUWC Cultural Sharing group will be having a special event in March. In years past, FFCI has co-sponsored the event with the ISUWC. Alta Byg will connect about doing so again in 2026.
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Next Meeting: Put this on your calendar now.

The **Annual Meeting** will be on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 10:00am in the Great Room at Northcrest.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:05pm