

FFCI Annual Meeting - Draft
Saturday, November 22, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

President's report on FFCI for 2025

The meeting was called to order by Alta Byg, President at 10:30a.m.

- Welcome and Reading of the Mission Statement
 - i. Friendship Force mission and tagline: "To promote global understanding across the barriers that separate people" "A World of Friends is a World of Peace"

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A quorum was confirmed by the Secretary

The minutes of Annual Meeting, held on October 26, 2024, were approved as submitted

Officer and Committee Reports for 2025 (receiving or approving)

- The balance in the exchange account as of September 20, 2025 was \$250.00. No transactions from this account have occurred and the balance as of November 22, 2025 is \$250.00.
- As of September 20, 2025, the General account check book balance was \$3794.43. No transactions from this account have occurred and the balance as of November 22, 2025 is \$3794.43.
- Future expenses are as follows: Dues payment to FFI for 33 members at \$30.00 each (\$990.00). Estimated expenses for FFCI Christmas party \$200.00. Estimated expenses for General meeting for Pizza, soda and veggie tray \$150.00
- Estimated General account balance on January 1, 2026 \$2,454.43
- Website Manager – Margaret Epplin. The meeting minutes continue to be published on the FFCI Website page. Inquires to that site are handled by Margaret and/or Alta.
- Activities Committee - Charene Starcevic, Dot Dake, Margaret Epplin. A sign-up sheet was circulated for members to volunteer to organize an activity for one of the months for 2026.
- Membership, Information Technology, Newsletter, Publicity – open positions, no report

Nominations Committee (Thank you, Charene Starcevic):

The following officers agreed to serve as officers for 2026.

1. President: Alta Byg
2. Vice President: Open
3. Treasurer: Jerry Byg
4. Secretary: Open
5. Newsletter Editor: Open
6. Membership: Dennis Dake & Park Woodle
7. Activities Committee: Open

8. Historian: Diane Oppedal
9. Hospitality: Susan Woodle
10. Computer/website: Open

Nominations from the floor and addition to slate– Cheryl Binzen agreed to continue as Secretary for 2026. Joan Mathews moved that the slate as presented with the addition be voted in its entirety. Second by Charene Starcevic. Approved with a unanimous vote.

Upcoming Activities and Changes from FFI

- FFI North American conference will be held in Memphis, TN on April 24-27, 2026
- 2026 FFI dues will be \$100, just \$8.33 a month.
 - o Motion by Dennis Dake with a second by Park Woodle to raise FFI 2026 dues to \$100
 - o Discussion points for clarification: You will be able to pay the FFI fees online either 1 time fee or you can set up a monthly automatic withdrawal charge. Also, the FFI board has decided that there will be NO local club dues for 2026
 - o Suggested amendment to motion by Marcia Thompson: FFI accepts the \$100 dues for FFI. Dennis accepted the amendment. Amended motion approved unanimously.
- 2026 FFI dues. Joan Mathews moved with a second from Dennis Dake that Associate dues for FFI for 2026 will be \$10.
 - o Discussion for clarification. A person who pays \$100 in 2026 will be a member of FFI and FFI. A person who pays \$10 in 2026 will be an associate of FFI and not a member of FFI.Motion approved unanimously.
- Incoming & Outgoing journeys: Spring - Southern New Jersey and Fall –FF Greater Hamilton and Burlington, Ontario

Meeting adjourned at 11:30a.m.

NOTE: We will see each other at our next social event, our Holiday Party, December 6th, at Village Cooperative of Ames, 2525 Bobcat Drive at 11:30.