

**Present :** Shirley Rosencrans, Nancy York, Tom Hess, Nadine Stark, Stephanie Schulte, Mary Stull, Carol Burke, Judy Frascht-Miner, and Patty Potter **Absent:** Sharon Bowers, Joanie Lacayo and Connie Williams,,

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Stephanie to accept the minutes. Judy seconded the motion and the minutes passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom reported the balance from the last bank statement is \$22,144. There are some checks out to members on the New Hampshire trip that have not cleared as of yet. Carol made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Judy seconded the motion and the report passed.

### **Committee Updates:**

**Membership:** Carol reported there are no new members this month.

There was a discussion regarding the need for a new committee to be called, The Welcoming Committee. This group would consist of 3-4 members, to include one of those being a fairly new member, with a minimal monthly time commitment. This committee would focus on contacting new members to highlight our mission, explain FF history, our goals and invite others to upcoming programs, activities and meetings.

Carol will contact a few people and submit a small write up for the newsletter.

**Journeys 2025/2026:** Judy reported the following:

*Outbound Milwaukee:* They are leaving tomorrow, ready to go.

*Inbound from Adelaide:* Things are finishing up. Home hosts need to contact Judy for a day off. A sign up genesis is needed for the farewell dinner to be sent to all members. Stephanie will write up the information and give it to Jerry and also to Judy for the newsletter. Carol suggested one completely free day for a future journey itinerary.

*Outbound Chiang Mai:* Patty is currently working on the budget. She has found out FFI charges half price for children below 12 years of age. There have been several changes to the number of people going but the list is now completed.

*Outbound to Nebraska:* Shirley is continuing to work on this bus road trip to see the sandhill cranes, probably in March. In order to get an idea of the club interest in this journey a small write up will be included in the newsletter. Shirley thinks we need 26 people in order to make a motorcoach viable. Shirley has more info coming on hotels, restaurants, maps and viewing areas.

*Outbound Birmingham, AL 2026:* Judy reported the dates for Birmingham are Feb 22 to

27th. Jerry and Carol have agreed to be the Ambassador Coordinator for this journey. Stephanie made a motion to approve Jerry and Carol Burke as the Ambassador Coordinators for the Birmingham journey. Nancy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

*Global Quilting Journey 2026:* Mary made a motion to approve Patty Potter as Ambassador Coordinator of the quilting journey in July 2026. Stephanie seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Patty will consult Taryn concerning the global aspect.

*Inbound Utah:* Dates are to be determined for this journey.

*Outbound Lima, Peru:* Christine Allen, Ambassador Coordinator is working on things. The dates are September 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2026

*Incoming Spokane, Washington:* There is speculation for a 2026 incoming journey with Spokane which could possibly combine with Utah. These are early thoughts.

### **MidWest Update:**

Judy briefly added a few comments regarding the meeting. She said they discussed the new member mentorship and other clubs added to the discussion. There were ideas about regional multi cultural gatherings to promote peace being introduced into their clubs. There will be more in detail to follow.

### **Old Business:**

*Freedom Festival:* Patty informed the board that the Freedom Festival's Win, Win, Win Volunteer program was changed this year. For every volunteer shift worked at the festival, \$25 was donated to two participating non-profit organizations chosen by the Freedom board. The volunteer duties greatly changed in structure and disbursement.

### **New Business:**

*Possible LEO:* Judy explained that Kathy Healy, who is hosting for Adelaide will be taking her guests to her son's farm in Ely to view their personal butterfly hatchery. A possible LEO could include a dinner in Ely and maybe a visit to her son's farm to view the butterfly habitat. More to come.

*Annual Meeting:* The annual meeting and dinner will be at The Longbranch, El Viejo Mexican Restaurant on Sunday Nov. 9th. Shirley will contact the restaurant and lock in the date.

*Board Meeting:* August 18th at 1:00 pm