

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported he's been getting checks in the mail. He will be sending out a spreadsheet for each of the events coming up. Carol made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Stephanie seconded the motion and the report passed.

Committee Updates:

Membership: Carol reported we have a new member, Lynda Bordwell who signed up online. Also, Sandra Meyer joined last month. There was a question about dues for these new members. Connie informed the board that dues will be different next year. FF is trying to make dues a subscription rather than an annual membership. Dues for these members will be deferred till next year when things are sorted out. Membership numbers are 70+.

Journeys 2025/2026: Judy reported the following:

Inbound from Adelaide: Things are ready for Adelaide. They are arriving on Saturday.

Other Club Journeys: We have two members joining the trip to Richmond, VA. and two members joining the journey to Minneapolis, MN.

Outbound Chiang Mai: Everyone is getting their flights/tickets. Patty will have an informational meeting soon regarding Thai culture. There are 6 going on a pretrip.

Outbound Birmingham, AL 2026 : This trip is in the early stages of planning.

Global Quilting Journey 2026: Patty has set the dates. She will need to set up a timeline for global purposes.

Outbound to Nebraska: Shirley reported there has been little interest from the newsletter regarding this journey. She has cancelled the motorcoach since we would have needed 26 to make it go. Shirley is cancelling taking charge of this journey. A past trip was hosted by the Linn County Conservation Board and they might be good to contact for information.

Outbound Lima, Peru: Christine Allen is working on gathering people and add-on excursions. The dates are September 7th to the 12th, 2026.

Inbound Utah: Judy reported there has been no communication recently. She will try other resources and contacts.

New Business:

Nominating Committee for upcoming 2026 year: President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer are positions that need to be elected for next year. Stephanie will be the chair of the committee.

Journey Coordinator: Judy reported to the board that she is resigning from the Journey coordinator position. She will be willing to work with any incoming person for an easy transition. It was proposed that several people could fill this position instead of just one which could facilitate more journeys in the future. Also, as a possibility the position could include three people in which a revolving one-in, one-out and one to remain keeping a continuity of flow.

Communication: Nothing new to report.

Open World: Connie reported there was a request for Open World this November with a group from Georgia. This was an Agriculture and Agri-tourism focus. Connie reported this was turned down because there is nothing open in agriculture after Halloween. Maybe something next year in May. The final numbers for Open World in June will be coming from Tom. He will send out a summary soon.

Old Business: none

LEO: September 24th at possibly The Riverbend Pub & Grill in Manchester, IA. Shirley will call for information.

Next Board Meeting: September 15th at 1:00 pm.

A motion was made to close the meeting by Carol. Nadine seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 pm.