

FFSWFL Membership Meeting

Jan 10, 2025

Present: Carol & Chris Nasby, Beverly & Dennis Haggerty, Marci Ellis, Fred & Mary Giddings, Judy Carson, Kit, Cullinan, Sue Linehan, Candis Penley, Terese Libby, Jo & Jack Cooley, Priscilla McShane, Jane McDonald, Hank & Maureen Butt, Diane Gooding, Richard & Joanne Collins, Mary Moontagne.

Guests: Rose Creamer, Roy Pearson, Sue Kohlert, Ruth Bosch, Chris Thanel & Deb Ferguson.

1. Carol welcomed guests.

2. Luvvy is in at Cedarbrook Rehab Center, 1600 Matthew Dr. , N Ft Myers. She would love to have visitors and prayers.

3. Treasurer's report:

Dues for this year \$45

Associate members \$15

Name tags are now \$13

General account \$2,094

Outbound account \$2,863

Inbound account \$ 741

Total \$5,698

4. Club members submitted their requests for places to travel in 2026. The top three places were: United Kingdom, Japan, South Africa.

5. January 25 – Saturday matinee at Florida Rep Theater to see Lucky Stiff

Ticket cost is \$57 due to Carol by Jan 10 th . Lunch at 11:30am at Bruno's of

Brooklyn, downtown Ft. Myers.

6. Book Club – Jan 28 th at Marci Ellis' home, 631 Andros Ct.PG. Book is The Last Light Over Oslo by Alix Rickloff

7. Wine tasting Valentine event – Feb 14. 1pm at Nasby home, 2509 Deborah Dr.
PG. Sign up for this event.

8. Feb 3-6 Reciprocal visit to FF Greater Orlando

9. Feb 17-23 Reciprocal meeting. We will host FF Greater Orlando.

10. March 14 th - World Friendship Pot Luck of international foods. Hosted by Cheryl Phelps and Lou Rizk

11. March 17-20 – We will host FF Greater Orlando.

12. April 11 meeting in N Fort Myers, speaker on India

13. May 9 – Let's Eat Out

14. 2025 Outbound Journeys:

a. Aug 15, Nairobi, Kenya. . . postponed due to family conflicts. Stay tuned.

b. Oct 3-8 tentative dates Napa Sonoma Valley Club, to visit Crater National Lake Lodge , Oregon. Terese Libby and Ginny Dooley are working on this.

15. Other business: FF of Azerbaijan are planning on coming to visit our club next November. They are applying for Visas now.

16. Marcia Ellis and Michelle Kemps presented on their journey to FF Sherbrooke, Canada including a pre-trip to Quebec City and a post-trip to Montreal.

17. Adjourn for lunch at The Lodge.

Marcia Ellis, Secretary

Minutes of the SWF FF Board 01/29/2025

The board meeting was called to order at 9:00. Present were Richard Collins, Terese Libby, Marcie Ellis and Carol Nasby.

The first item was a discussion of the treasurer's information, and budget review. And then there was a discussion of the policy to allow new members a free trial of membership in the first calendar year. This has been costing us \$30 for each person as we need to pay FFI for their membership. We need to honor that until Dec. 31st of this year, But next year we need to go back to our old policy of full payment to cover costs.

Terese Libby made a motion that starting in 2026, new members will be paying full amount.. Richard Collins seconded the motion and it was passed.

Programming was discussed next. On April 11th, We will meet at the North Ft Myers library and Judy Carson will make that reservation. The program will be on India by Michelle and Marcie. In May there will be a game day and Terese will ask Kim to arrange that.

In November, we have a choice of meeting on the 14th or the 28th. The program will be on Antarctica by the Collinses and Judy Carson.

The December meeting date will be investigated by Joanne Collins. We will see if we can do it again at the Isles Yacht Club. There will be a business meeting then to elect new officers. President Carol Nasby reminded all that the Bylaws state that the Vice Presidents will form the nomination committee to bring a slate of officers to the meeting.

Marcie mentioned that the date of the inbound from Azerbaijan would be November 9 through the 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

Carol Nasby

substitute secretary

FFSWFL Board Meeting
March 5, 2025 9am

Via Google

Present: Carol Nasby, Judy Carson, Terese Libby, Marcia Ellis
Absent: Richard Collins

1. Minutes of previous meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's report was approved as submitted by email from Richard.

Treasurer's Report:

General Balance \$2063

Outbound Balance \$4986.77

Includes \$2500 deposit for journey and pretrip

Inbound Bank Balance as of March 1 \$2884

Adjusted for Outstanding Checks and Receipts \$1141

Ticket costs may not have been recovered from all of our members

3. FFI survey regarding Winnipeg journey: Carol will send out.
4. FF Greater Orlando inbound: request to change place of meeting to Ft Myers to alleviate driving time. Judy will call library downtown to see.
5. FF Baku inbound, Nov 9-13. 5-6 ambassadors have received their visas.
6. Meetings:

Game day in May instead of meeting. Date to be determined.

April 11, Judy will confirm N Ft Myers library time.

Ice cream social in August date TBD.

7. No Sept meeting. Margie Kane will do presentation on Italy Oct 17 at N Ft. Myers.
Nov. 21, N Ft. Myers Richard & Judy will present Antarctica. November 21 for our

meeting.

Dec. holiday party: ask Joanne to reserve Yacht Club (Nov 30) or Judy will ask about Dec 14 for a xmas potluck.

8. Nominating committee: Judy & Terese will meet.
9. Lots of stuff collected for FF. . . Carol will donate what we don't need to thrift store.
10. Potluck baskets. Send Joanne article for newsletter. Send reminder for potluck at Lou & Cheryl's.
11. FF New Hampshire requested journey exchange.
12. Terese reported progress on Napa Sonoma & pre trip to crater lake. This is a full journey.
13. Carol has not heard from FFI on 2026 journey assignments.
14. Meeting adjourned 15 10am.

Marcia Ellis
Secretary

Addendum:

Judy reserved her clubhouse for December 14th from 11-2 for the holiday potluck.

Friendship Force Southwest Florida Board Meeting
March 25, 2025

Present: Carol Nasby, Marcia Ellis, Judy Carson, Terese Libby. Richard joined meeting later.

1. Minutes of March 5 meeting accepted.
2. Waiting for treasurer report.
3. Since we are going towards all members having their own picnic baskets with table settings for our potluck events, Carol will bring club "stuff" and disburse to club members, then donate the rest.

4. We need to get the nominating committee in place by end of June so new people can shadow current offices.
 1. Candis Penley agreed to take membership and newsletter.
 2. Marci will ask Diane Gooding to be Social Committee chair and Jane McDonald to be treasurer.
 3. Need new president for next year. Terese will talk with Kim Cullinan.
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6. Judy reserved her meeting rooms for the Christmas party and farewell for Azerbaijan on Nov 12.
7. Meetings and activities:
 1. April 11 next meeting. Judy will call restaurant Hacienda.
 2. May – Game day
 3. Linda Supakoff will host ice cream social in Aug
 4. Marjie Kang – October 17 - talk on changes in Italy
- 8.
9. Update Napa Valley journey: Ginney Dooley resigned as co-coordinator. Others going on the pre-trip will be helping Terese with planning.
10. Report on best practices summary of joint meeting with Orlando:
Marci made the motion that we have two journey coordinators, one experienced and one inexperienced. The motion carried.
11. Carol suggested a meeting of the old board and the new board in Nov.

Marcia Ellis, Secretary

FFSWFL
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Present: Bev & Dennis Haggerty, Joanne & Richard Collins, Carol & Chris Nasby, Priscilla & Hugh McShane, Sue & Rob Linehan, Jack & Jo Cooley, Kim Cullinan, Judy Carson, Marcia Ellis, Roy Pearson, Jean Grady, Michelle Kemps, Jane McDonald, Candis Penley, Susan Hills, Peggy Jensen

Guests: Deb Ferguson, Suzy Riddle & friend

1. We began our meeting with a celebration of Joanne and Richard Collins. They are planning to move to California in the near future.
2. Carol welcomed our new members Susan Hills, Peggy Jensen, and Jan Murphy and our 2 guests Susy ?
3. Minutes from our previous meeting were accepted.
4. May 3, Saturday will be game day at Sue & Rob Linehan's home. Potluck salad and games.
5. August Ice cream social will be hosted by Linda Supakoff. Date to be determined.
6. October 17 meeting program will be presented by Margie Kang on Italy
7. Napa Valley planning is ongoing. Terese had a planning meeting yesterday.
8. November 8-13 Nov. **Inbound** from Baku, Azerbaijan. 6 ambassadors have their visas. Marci & Michelle are Host Coordinators.
9. November 21 meeting - program by Judy Carson, Joanne & Richard Collins on the Antarctic
10. December 14 Holiday Party at the Fair Lakes Clubhouse. This will be a potluck and gift exchange with the annual meeting to vote for next year's officers
11. 2026 Journeys:

Inbound:

National Capitol Area, USA in February

Banjarmasin, Indonesia in November

Outbound:

Memphis, USA in March

Cornwall, UK May

12.

Terese Libby & Judy Carson are chairing the nominating committee. We need a person for president. Jane McDonald has agreed to take over as treasurer. Candis Penley will take over the newsletter and membership chair. Diane Gooding will be our social chairperson.

13. The board voted for 2026 to not offer free membership to new members, as it costs the club \$30 for each person that needs to be paid to FFI.

14. We have a new policy of bringing picnic kits to pot lucks to help us be a zero waste club.

15. Marci & Michelle gave a presentation on their trip to India & Butan.

16. Meeting was dismissed. Lunch at Habaneros to follow.

Treasurer's Report Richard Collins

Dues for this year \$45

(last year to try free membership for 1 year)

Associate members \$15

Name tags are now \$13

General account \$ 1,948

Outbound account \$ 4,987

Inbound account \$ 1,231

FFSWFL Board Meeting

6-23-25

Present: Richard Collins, Marcia Ellis, Carol Nasby, Terese Libby, Joanne Collins

1. Minutes of March 25, 2025 meeting approved.
2. Review of Treasurer Report. Report approved. See below.
3. We are having difficulty finding someone who will serve as president for next year. There was a discussion about reorganization of duties to make leadership more appealing for membership to step up and serve. Conclusion: job title may change, but job description remains the same.
4. Marci made motion to change wording of VP job description in Section 3 changed from "Assist the board" to "Be responsible for. . ." See below. Motion carried after discussion.
5. Terese reported on progress of Napa Valley journey, Oct 3-8 with pre-trip Sept 28-Oct 3.
6. Marci reported "nothing new" on Azerbaijan exchange, Nov 9-13.
7. Oct program: Marjie Kang will give a presentation; Nov program: Joanne & Linda can report on Japan exchange
8. Need host coordinator for National Capitol area inbound in Feb. Will ask Diane Gooding. To be paired with an experienced JC.
9. Carol will be JC for Benjarmasin in Nov 2026.
10. Carol was asked by FFI: since we are not going to Memphis in 2026, would we like to go to Sri Lanka. Maureen is willing to be JC, Joanne is willing to help.
11. Will plan to have outing to German restaurant in October.

Meeting adjourned.

Marcia Ellis, Secretary

Treasurer's Report - Account Balances as of Jun 22, 2025

General \$1825

Inbound \$1231

Outbound \$7187 less \$200 refund of deposit for CA journey to Cheryle.

((Hold Off on making changes....per order of Marcia Ellis))

FFSWFL Bylaws

Section 3. 1st and 2nd Vice-President Duties

The 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents shall:

1. Perform all duties and responsibilities of the President in the President's absence or incapacity of the President;
 2. Perform such other duties as the Board may authorize;
 3. Co-Serve with Chairperson of the Membership Committee by helping and advising Chair with membership recruitment efforts
1. Plan General Meeting details (e.g., scheduling meetings, locating meeting venues, obtaining speakers, arranging restaurant reservations (if required) following meetings);

(E) ~~Assist Board of Directors in~~ Be responsible for recruitment of Journey Coordinators (outbound trips) and Host Coordinators (in-bound trips) for future journeys that the club participates in or hosts;

(F) Communicate with FFSWFL newsletter editor regarding club communications and news.

(G) At least five (5) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the two current Vice Presidents will serve as the Nominating Committee and will make nominations, with consent of those nominated to fill positions on the Board of Directors, and place them for nomination and election at Annual Meeting. Note: The President may also take nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

FFSWFL Board Meeting

Aug 18, 2025

Present: Carol Nasby, Judy Carlson, Terese Libby, Richard Collins, Marcia Ellis

1. Minutes of June 23, 2025 meeting were approved.
2. Treasurers report below was approved. Ice cream social bill was \$61.98.

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Treasurer's Report:

1.

General

\$ 1756

2.

Inbound

\$ 1231

3.

Outbound

\$ 9791

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4. Changes we made to the bylaws at June meeting were discussed further. (4. Marci made motion to change wording of VP job description in Section 3 of bylaws change from "Assist the board" to "Be responsible for. . .") It was determined there was no need to make the change to the bylaws. Marci made a motion to rescind the changes. Motion carried.

5. There was discussion about finding a new president. Richard pointed out that a new generation of members will be leading the club.

6. Terese gave a report on the journey to FF Napa Valley.

7. Marci reported on inbound journey from Baku.

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Carol asked that Marci and

Michelle include a new member to join them

in planning.

2. Khalida Rustova's son and his wife and 2 children (from Sweden) would like to join the group from Baku. That would make 10 ambassadors. There was discussion about age appropriate activities. Marci reviewed the tentative itinerary and some suggestions were made. Judy stated that one member of the family should be a member of FFI. It was determined we would invite the family to join this journey. Marci will coordinate with FF Baku.
- 8.
9. Carol will ask Susan Hill and Kathleen Davies to work on our next inbound , FF National Capitol Area, as journey coordinators.
10. Jack & Jo Cooley are organizing a LEO at Sandra's restaurant on October 10th.
11. Oct 17 Margie Kang is presenting on visiting Italy. Judy will find an Italian restaurant for lunch after the meeting.
12. November 21 meeting: Joanne & Linda are presenting on their Japan trip.
13. Carol plans to have a membership coffee the first week of December.

Marcia Ellis, Secretary

