

## 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

