

2026 MINUTES for the Web

FF Southwest Florida Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2026

Present: Kim Cullinan, Jo & Jack Cooley, Mary Montagne, Joanne & Richard Collins, Diane Gooding, Bev & Dennis Haggerty, Jane McDonald, Susan Hills, Kathleen Davey, Michelle Kempes, Carol & Chris Nasby, Terese Libby, Joanne MacPeck

Guest: Wendy Fowler

1. Terese welcomed new members Kathleen Davey, Susan Hills, Suzy Riddle, Jan Murphy, Lois Hillman

2. Recitation of the Friendship Force pledge.

3. Treasurer's report:

General account: \$2016.47

Incoming: 1526.70

Outbound: 2639.70

Total: \$6182.87

4. Dues: FFSWFL dues are \$15 and can be paid by check to FFSWFL and given to Jane McDonald. FFI dues are \$100 and can be paid online. Terese reviewed how to pay FFI dues.

5. Journeys:

a. FF Baku, Azerbaijan. Inbound. November 8-13, 2025. JCs Michelle Kempes and Marcia Ellis

b. FF National Capitol, Washington DC. Inbound. February 1-7, 2026. JCs Carol Nasby, Susan Hills, Kathleen Davey. A special thank you to Kathleen Davey for sponsoring the welcome brunch.

c. FF Cornwall, UK. Outbound. May 18-25, 2026. Pre-trip Wales, UK. Post-trip Scotland, UK. JC Joanne Collins

d. FF Eastern Club of Sri Lanka. August 2026. JC Maureen Butt. Send \$100 deposit to Maureen if interested.

e. North American Regional Conference. April 24-27, 2026. Hyatt Centric Hotel, Memphis, TN. Post-trip cruise the Mississippi to New Orleans.

6. Social Events

a. Jan 17: Memorial service in Bonita Springs for Luvvy Kovacic.

b. Jan 21: 15 members are going to Mote Aquarium. Diane Gooding.

c. Feb 15: The Play That Went Wrong. 2pm Ft. Myers. Carol Nasby.

d. Feb 22: Red Sox game. Kim Cullinan.

e. Nov 2026: Inbound. A club from Indonesia

7. Terese asked club members to vote for 2027 outbound destinations.

8. Meeting was adjourned.

Terese gave a presentation on the FF Napa Sonoma Valley journey with a pre-trip at

Crater Lake National Lodge in October 2025.
Lunch: Athenian Restaurant in N. Fort Myers.
Marcia Ellis
Secretary FFSWFL

FFSWFL Board Meeting Minutes

Feb 9, 2026

Present: Therese Libby, Susan Hills, Jane McDonald, Diane Gooding, Marcia Ellis, Carol Nasby, Judy Carson

Zoom Meeting 40 minutes

1. Minutes of Jan 16, 2026 were approved by unanimous vote.
2. Treasurer's report from Jane McDonald:
 1. Current balance \$1834.61
 2. Inbound: \$3,005.60,
 3. Outbound: \$10,761.75.
- 3.
4. Carol gave a report on the finances of the recent inbound, FF National Capitol. She and Jane will meet to formulate a final report on the journey budget.
 1. Marcia made a motion to reimburse Kathleen for the breakfast if there are enough funds remaining. Motion carried.
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6. Calendar dates for meetings
 1. February: meeting Feb 20th at North Fort Myers Library. We will discuss travel insurance and packing tips.
 1. March: International Friendship day. Diane reported: Friday, March 13. 12-2pm. Lakes Park, Fort Myers. Potluck.
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- 3. April: Margie Kang is presenting on Italian culture
 - 1. Soloman's Castle for April social.
- 4.
- 5. May: social lunch for those not on the outbound Cornwall journey
- 6.
- 7. September: report on Cornwall journey
- 8. December: Judy is checking with scheduler for second Sunday in Dec. to schedule our Christmas party at her clubhouse.
- 9.
- 10. Luvvy's donation: \$50 to our club, \$150 to FFI
- 11. Indonesia inbound journey committee: Carol reported date is around Nov 8 for 6 nights. Need 6 hosts.
- 12. Sri Lanka outbound journey: Terese will ask Maureen to attend next meeting for a report.
- 13. Jane reported that we currently have 33 social members (5 are associate members). An associate member belongs to more than one club.

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