

Finger Lakes Area Intergroup

St. John's Episcopal Church
32 East Main St., Clifton Springs, NY 14432

Minutes of January 17th

January 17th, 2026 – Hybrid meeting



2:30pm - Call to Order & Declaration of Unity

Attendance = 18: 10 IR's/Alt IR's, 5 Committee Chairs, 3 Officers (not incl. FLAI Chair), and 1 observer.

Quorum: 30% of active voting members = 8. We had 18 of 28 voting members present = 66%.

Area Demographic: 71 groups = 25 have IR's, 18 are inactive, 23 have no IR, and 5 too small to have an IR.

Robert's Rules: Discussion, Motion, 2nd the Motion, Discussion, Vote, Minority Opinion, revote if necessary.

Announcements:

- **Newsletter** – event recap by Buzz.
- **Sandy** - Connections is having a Super Bowl party on 2/8...festivities begin at 6, but can arrive earlier!

Review and approval of previous meeting minutes:

Heidi K. made a **motion** to approve the Minutes. Seconded by **Kevin M.**

Vote: 14 Approved, 4 Abstain = **Motion passed.**

Officer Reports:

Secretary - Kurt V. FLAI Co-Chair provided report

- I have received all materials from Justin and am in the process of organizing them.
- All meeting materials were sent out; apologies for the late email.
- Will meet with Heidi and Dave while the Secretary position is open.

If there are questions about the Secretary Report, please reach out: secretary.flai@gmail.com

Kevin M. made a **motion** to approve the Secretary Report. Seconded by **Heidi K.**

Vote: 14 Approved, 4 Abstain = **Motion passed.**

Treasurer – Heidi K. provided report

- **December 2025 Fiscal Inc & Exp Summary:** Contributions = \$410.57, Expenses = \$1,033.17
- **YTD 2025 Fiscal Inc & Exp Summary:** Contributions = \$11,073.19 Expenses = \$10,935.39 (EXCELLENT!!!)
- **12/31/25 Checking Account Balance:** \$137.80 (Lowest variance EVER!!!)
 - **This Includes:** Operating funds (YTD Fiscal Variance) of \$137.80 which will become the surplus dollars on 1/1/26.
- **Prudent Reserve:** \$2,750

As per the note I sent out a few weeks ago: WE DID IT! 2025 was our best year to date in terms of budgeting and managing Contributions and Expenses! We also utilized all previous surplus funds via various operational expenditures and only generated roughly \$137 carry forward!

Thank you everyone for your efforts. Please strive towards achieving a quarterly or 3x/yr contribution pattern with your groups. We have done an excellent job of smoothing our expenses, and now smoothing the contribution stream will be helpful.

I did not see the need to spend time reviewing the 2025 final results during this meeting unless someone wishes for me to do so. You will see that just about every committee was spot on! Does anyone want a review? No.

If there are questions about the Treasury Reports, please reach out: treasurer.flai@gmail.com.

Justin S. made a **motion** to approve the Treasurer Report. Seconded by **Kevin M.**

Vote: 18 Approve = Unanimous - **Motion passed.**

Old Business: Secretary Vacancy

Kurt V. / FLAI Co-Chair: This officer role is still vacant. We are doing our best to cover the needs, but please discuss this with your groups. Myself, Heidi, and Dave will do our best, but it is not sustainable. The monthly packet has the Secretary Task List / Responsibilities included. Please discuss in Group Consciences.

Does anyone wish to stand for the position today? No. This will be tabled until February.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Accessibility: Karen S. (Committee Chair) provided report

- The committee met and Hard of Hearing is the hot topic
 - We are seeking inexpensive solutions.
 - We will be visiting meetings to discuss needs and are leaning towards portable speakers.
- The committee lost a member
- If anyone would like to learn about Accessibility, the kit from GSO has lots of info

Answering Service: Sandy M. (Committee Chairperson) provided report

- Thanks to Dave for his service! We will be meeting tomorrow to pass on materials.
- I am rejoining the committee as both Chair and Volunteer Coordinator
- We received calls from WA state, unsure if this (receiving an out of state call) is an issue/problem.

Archives: Susan J. (Archivist) provided report

- We are in need of a Chairperson, I have requested a meeting for either 1/26 or 1/27
- Still looking for an online workshop or event for educational purposes
 - Am passing around a couple flyers associated with Archives at GSO
- No requests for the traveling display thus far. Please give 2 weeks notice if the display is desired.
 - What does the display entail? Books, pics, displays, etc. It's very nice and takes up 3 tables.
- I am currently storing items in the second bedroom of my apartment. This will be discussed later.

Corrections: Justin S (Committee Chairperson) provided report

- The committee tried to meet, but I was the only one in attendance.
- Still in need of someone for Seneca and Ontario Counties.
- There is a women's meeting in Wayne and Ontario.
- If you are interested in getting involved or assisting, feel free to contact me or come to our Corrections meeting which takes place the second Monday of the month at 6 pm at the Palmyra Public Library on the 3rd floor.

PI/CPC: Barry (Committee Chairperson) provided the report

- The acronym stands for: Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community
 - Some Intergroups split this into 2 separate committees.
 - PI - provides information to the public (digital, social media, radio). We are set here.
 - CPC - Educates the professional community. We are working on this aspect. Frank B. (Area 47 PICPC Chair) may take the lead if there are no conflicts of interest.
 - The committee is hopeful to work via email and text mostly
- 2026 we want to increase County Fair participation

Treatment – Kevin M. (Committee Chairperson) provided report

- The committee met in January at the Palmyra Library.
- All commitments for February are filled.
 - 7 meetings per week
 - Hubert H. has reached out for another facility's literature needs.

Website – n/a

New Business – Archives Storage - presented by Heidi K.

- While working with committees in Nov / Dec to exhaust budgets, it became clear that action needed to be taken regarding storage. **Currently, our Archives are residing in 4 different locations.** It renders our items inaccessible, vulnerable, and exposed to damage. We need to protect our interests.
- When Susan moved into her apartment, it created an issue and difficulty in accessing Christmas Items was the breaking point! No bueno! Susan sent a picture, and our items fill one of her 2 bedrooms and were taking up a fair amount of her storage space. This is unfair to her.
- This was discussed at the Officer Meeting, and we have an obligation to act in the best interest of FLAI. We assigned Dave the task to canvas storage facilities. He did a great job and provided info for locations in Canandaigua, Newark, and Geneva. We moved forward and had conversations with the Geneva location.
 - It is centrally located
 - Affordable (discount rate for 1st 6-months if we pay in advance), future rate increases are up for discussion which is excellent.
 - Inside storage which is climate controlled.
 - 2nd Floor 10x7 is optimal as a starting point.
 - We rent space month-to-month and can upsize at any time.
- You are trusted servants, and as such, are permitted to make a decision on behalf of your group today. We have been wrestling with this subject for 6 years, there isn't really a need to wait.

- **Motion:** Proceed with securing localized, climate controlled storage unit. Seconded by: Kurt V.
 - **Discussion / Questions**
 - Should we talk to other intergroups to see what they do? Not necessary, they are larger entities with formal space for meetings and storage. We aren't as large as Roc, Buffalo, or Syr. Unsure if LAI still has an "office". We have to act for FLAI's needs independently.
 - Will other committees be able to use the storage? Yes, but Archives is the primary focus.
 - What about insurance? I neglected to ask this question and will follow-up and advise.
 - How do they define climate control? Will advise.
 - Who will have keys / access? TBD , but Susan and Buzz at a minimum. Others TBD.
 - Will a site visit occur? Yes (myself, Susan, Christine, and Buzz).
 - Currently, this endeavor does not exhaust the entire Archives budget for 2026.
- **Vote: 17 Approve, 1 Abstain, therefore no Minority Opinion needed. Motion Passes.**

3:30 pm - Meeting Adjournment –

Kevin M. made a **motion** to close the meeting. Seconded by Peggy K.

Vote: 18 Approve = Unanimous - **Motion passed.**

Next Meeting: Saturday February 21st, 2025. It will be a hybrid. Doors open at 2:00pm, Zoom Room opens @ 2:15 and will be locked by 2:45...Please be on time to minimize distractions and interruptions during the meeting.