

12/3/23 FFCNC annual meeting at Kernersville Community House, 405 Salisbury Street in Kernersville, NC**

After fellowship and refreshments, Ray Kiszely welcomed our two guests and our members to the annual meeting.

He then asked for reports from leadership members:

Eleanor Stoller, membership, reviewed what we had done this past year to attract new members and reported our membership totals. Her report is at the bottom of this document.

Treasurer, Marta Rhodes, updated members on the status of our finances. We are in good financial standing. FFI increased our dues by \$5.00 which makes our dues \$35.00 for 2024. Detailed report is at the bottom of this document.

Roger Poplin, journey coordinator, was not present. Ray read his report which explained that we are waiting to hear from FFI for possible outbound journeys in 2024 (the planned journey was to Israel and is cancelled). Please let Roger know of places you would like to visit.

Scribe, Mary Davis, explained to members how they can read the monthly minutes by looking at our website. (Eleanor has handouts explaining that and how to join FFI)

Communications Chair, Don Woodward, discussed the process this year to get our communications running smoothly. Please see November's minutes for details.

Ray Kiszely explained the Open World Program with Kyrgyzstan and Ralph Cauthen discussed the Open World/ALEX program with Moldova. A lively and humorous discussion was had about some of the events during these programs in 2023. Exact dates and ways to help OW and ALEX in 2024 will be forthcoming.

Charles John from the nominating committee asked for acclimation of the members listed below to run for the leadership council: Woody Clinard, Sandra Gramley, Ray Kiszely, Julie O'Neil, Roger Poplin, Marta Rhodes, Eleanor Stoller, Don Woodward, and Mary Davis. They were affirmed; there were no nominations from the floor.

** the scribe apparently thought this was a holiday party and did not take notes so this is mostly from memory. Forgive the brevity.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

As of December 1, we had 79 members, including 6 legacy members. Last year at this time we had 59 members, plus 5 legacy members.

Legacy members are long-time members who are no longer able to travel but to whom we extend invitations to local events and share newsletters.

Ray Kiszely, Woody Clinard, and Eleanor Stoller made presentations about Friendship Force to *Sertoma, Newcomers and Neighbors of Winston-Salem, Now What?*, and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem. We will be updating our Power Point presentation, which is available to any member who would like to talk about Friendship Force with other organizations or with small groups of friends.

We are beginning our annual dues collection process. Friendship Force International increased dues for 2024 by \$5, but our club decided not to raise local dues. Therefore, dues for 2024 will be \$35.

We encourage all our members to set up accounts on the Friendship Force International website. Contact me if you would like a copy of the instructions

FFCNC BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2023

NOVEMBER 2023 TREASURE REPORT

November 30, 2023 Account Balance Information

Wells Fargo ending balance and ledger balance = \$5,173.51

Recurrent Ionos monthly charge for \$5.70 and expenses for FFCNC annual meeting in December

are expected.

November 30 Winston Salem Foundation Balance = \$15,002.57

Report submitted by Marta C Rhodes

