

**Minutes for
Friendship Force of Cedar Rapids/Iowa City
General Meeting
Feb. 18, 2018 2:00pm, Salem UMC, Cedar Rapids**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Jim & Barb Steggall

Approximately 26 members were present with six guests.

There was no Treasurer's report. The 2018 budget was established at the Jan. 28 Board Meeting.

Presidents Report: Jim/Barb

- a. Next LEO on March 15 at 5:30pm at the El Paraiso Mexican Bar & Grill
- b. Next general meeting is April 29, 2018 at the Hiawatha Public Library
- c. The Regional SuperConference will be held on April 19-21 in Covington, KY. The President, President Elect and Journey Coordinator will attend.

Program:

There were no Committee reports as many of leads were out of town and we wanted to focus on the World Friendship Day and guests.

We had a lively and delightful group of students who joined us this year for the World Friendship Day potluck. Fifteen students came from Kirkwood and another student from Springville High School. They represented 6 different countries. They were excited and grateful for the food. Plates were piled high and plenty was left over for take home plates. They shared bits of their experiences here. Some were at the end of their stay in the United States and sad to be leaving.

Everyone enjoyed the speaker, Clint Twedt-Ball of Matthew 25 in Cedar Rapids. He explained what they do and how their mission parallels Friendship Force goals: To experience different views and discover common ground.

We were pleased to also have several mentor families join our event. They serve an important function by giving the visiting students first hand experiences in our local home life and families.

Thanks to everyone that helped plan and carry out this event!

The next General meeting is April 29, 2018. The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Jim & Barb Steggall
Co-Presidents