

## **Friendship Amateur Radio Club minutes 10/8/2012**

Meeting called to order by President Ron Viola KS4SW at 1:30 PM. There were 13 members and one guest present. The pledge to the flag was made followed by a moment of silence for any SK or other members who are ill.

Secretaries Report: Minutes of the September meeting approved as shown on the FARC YAHOO web site.

Treasurers Report: \$ 310.00 from ARES received, total net worth \$ 1285.95 approved as presented by Mrs. Case.

Old Business:

The Monday 4 PM 2 meter net was discussed. Recent changes in the location of the KG4NXO repeater has resulted in changes in signal strength. Local hams in SW Marion County can not access the repeater using hand held radios. N6SL, NCS of the net suggested that the simplex frequency of 146.580 MHz in addition of the repeater be tried. Announcements and a repeat of check in's would be made on each frequency in sequence. It was reported that the OTOW CERT group uses 146.580 MHz Simplex.

Ron Viola KS4SW reported that ARES will have a work session on 21 October at his QTH.

New Business:

Ron Viola announced he had talked to the Manager of the PUBLIX (80<sup>th</sup> Ave & SR 200) having club members show store customers how to program Weather Radios. Tony, K4OCF suggested this take place in February or March.

Ron Viola discussed that ARES could meet with the West Port High School ROTC on 15 November to discuss benefits obtained by amateur radio. Details to be coordinated with Col. Goode.

Old Business: None

Program:

General discussion of club objectives and improvements.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Submitted by: B. J. Russell, N6SL, Club Secretary

