



## **Minutes of The Alliance Meeting held Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> , 2015 10:00-11:30 am Star Institute 514 North Zenith**

- I. Call to Order – Cathy Pope called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes - Cathy Pope asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the 3.2.15 meeting. There were no corrections.  
**MOTION:** Janie made a motion to accept the 3.2.15 Alliance Minutes. Motion was seconded by Wes Gaddie and carried unanimously.
- III. Financial Report – Karen Smart reported The Alliance expenses exceeded revenues by \$3,488.17.
- IV. Formation of Steering Committee – Cathy Pope stated The Alliance needs a Steering Committee and asked that anyone interested in serving on this committee email her at [cpope@starcarelubbock.org](mailto:cpope@starcarelubbock.org).
- V. Engagement Report
  - A. Introduction of New Members
  - B. Membership Report – Sharibeth reported The Alliance had 42 new members, 63 new members for the first quarter, for a total membership of 311. She asked that anyone interested in serving on the Membership Committee contact her (Niehaus,Sharibeth (HHSC) ([Sharibeth.Niehaus@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:Sharibeth.Niehaus@hhsc.state.tx.us)) or Margaret Randle ([mbrandle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mbrandle@sbcglobal.net)). They are in need of other volunteers to help on this committee.
  - C. Facebook Followers topped 1,000 in six months.
- VI. Past Events
  - A. March & April Events – none due to the big three coming up.
  - B. March Community Forum on Basic Needs – Cathy Pope reported that even with the competition of the TxDOT Parkway meeting the same time at Alderson, we had approximately 50 people turn out for this forum. Very good discussion on basic needs – housing, gardening, etc.
  - C. Federation of Choirs – Cathy Pope and Margaret Randle attended the Federation of Choirs performance, which gave them the opportunity to speak to approximately 200 people about The Alliance.
  - D. Pastoral Breakfast – Chris Moore reported about 30 plus pastors attended the breakfast on March 28<sup>th</sup>, with approximately 50 people eating breakfast that morning. The Pastoral Breakfast was sponsored by StarCare, ELPN and Difference Makers Fellowship Church.
  - E. Precious Lil’ Steps Open House/Early Head Start – Charlotte McCarty reported the open house for her new location was very successful. Charlotte was interviewed by Channel 11. Early Head Start received an expansion on their grant. They have partnered with Precious Lil’ Steps and will be able to serve 60 more children at TTU Early Head Start and 40 more children for Precious Lil’ Steps.
- VII. Engagement Opportunities



- A. High School/College Division of The Alliance Initial Meeting – They are making some changes but have had an initial meeting and are up and running under the direction of Kelly Trlica.

#### VIII. Events/Projects of the Alliance and Alliance Members

- A. April 21<sup>st</sup> Community Forum on Safety & Security, facilitated by Margaret Randle and the opening speaker is Shannon Spencer – this will be held at Talkington from 6:00p to 8:00p (third Tuesday of the month).
- B. May 19<sup>th</sup> Community Forum on Belonging (Family, Church Community), also at Talkington from 6:00p to 8:00p.
- C. Pastoral Visits and Newsletters – LaCarl Richardson and Eddie Williams of My Brother’s Keeper are making appointments and meeting with the pastors in East Lubbock.
- D. My Brother’s Keeper and The Alliance are selling signs for the MLK Little League. Signs start at \$50, \$100, \$150 and \$200. Email your name for the sign and, if applicable, any art work or logo to [tyrone.moore@ttu.edu](mailto:tyrone.moore@ttu.edu). Call Eddie Williams at 806-535-7444 to arrange payment.
- E. Dunbar Performance – Jared Strange invited Alliance members to participate in the College of Performing Arts farewell on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Dunbar, after school beginning at 4:30p. The Estacado choir will be returning. StarCare and Larry Combest will be participating. Email Jared at [jared.strange@ttu.edu](mailto:jared.strange@ttu.edu) if you are interested in participating.
- F. ELPN and Transitioning Problem-based Learning to the Community – Michele Cook stated they are transitioning to problem-based learning in the schools, homes, churches through:
  - (1) Literacy – community reads (choose a book, read together and discuss); teaching parents what they can do to help get their kids ready for school; and guys reading with guys mentoring.
  - (2) Gardening Initiative – presently working with Chris Moore at Dunbar planting a garden with the kids. The kickoff for this initiative will be April 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00a to 1:00p with a color run at Estacado.
  - (3) Community Sculpture – Eddie Dixon has agreed to do a community sculpture in East Lubbock with the students and family members of East Lubbock designing the sculpture. Will need funds for this project. For grades K through 12, there will be a summer program at Estacado and for students interested in sculpture will work with LHUCA for two weeks. There will be two Literacy Teams – one for Early Childhood and one with Dr. Charney using flash reads (students in costume would appear and read then disappear). It will probably Fall before implemented. Cathy stated we needed a Community Garden Team consisting of Brandale Randolph, Autry Freeman, and anyone else who is interested. We will get the date and time of the first meeting out to everyone.
- G. Lubbock County Voices – Andrea Miller and Teresa Alvarado presented the Voices coalition to The Alliance and encouraged them to attend. Basically, this coalition educates youth in the community to prevent and reduce substance abuse among the youth and collaborates with other organizations in this education. Main focus is drugs, alcohol and prescription drugs. They have a youth group that meets from 6:30p to 7:30p at Rising Star Baptist Church focusing on underage drinking. A Medication



Cleanout is planned for April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a to 2:00p at Texas Tech Physicians Medical Pavilion, 3601 4<sup>th</sup> Street, wherein you can drive through and drop off old medications.

- H. City of Lubbock Gateways – the City is looking at 8 or 9 potential gateway locations. For East Lubbock, they are looking at outside the Loop on Idalou Highway. They will put up temporary “Welcome to Lubbock” signs at these locations.
- I. Undoing Racism – Anthony Flunder stated Dr. Amanda Banks spearheads the Undoing Racism workshops and is not sure when the next workshop will be. There are follow-up sessions from the workshop, which is a continual process. If you have taken the workshop but not gone to a follow-up, you have not completed the process. The next follow-up session is May 15<sup>th</sup> for people who attended the last two classes.
- J. Because of Them, We Can website – Eunique Jones is the creator of this campaign, wherein it is intended to raise self-esteem of kids of color. We are trying to get her to Lubbock, and Ms. Pope asked that Alliance members go on Facebook and reply to her asking her to come to Lubbock.
- K. Read to your Baby Campaign – Lauren Brownell sent posters for distribution to Alliance members.

#### IX. Upcoming Alliance Events

- A. May 3<sup>rd</sup> Cinco de Mayo East Lubbock Cruise and Celebration – Samantha Dominguez stated the route for the Cinco de Mayo East Lubbock Cruise is being reworked and she will send out a flyer with the new route on it. She invited all Alliance agencies to be a part of the cruise. They have 75 participants so far, there will be lots of food, entertainment in 30 minute increments, and the Mayor will MC the event. The cruise is at 2:00p and the celebration continues until 6:00p.
- B. Texas Hunger Initiative – Wes Gaddie reminded the Alliance of an all-day event (8:30a to 4:30p) planned for May 4<sup>th</sup> on what hunger and poverty look like in Lubbock as a whole. HHSC will have a poverty simulation in the morning, lunch panel of community leaders, then breakout sessions in the afternoon.
- C. Juneteenth Parade and Celebration in the Park – Brandi Ivey reported that this event has really grown with 60 participants so far. Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, there is a reception; Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, is black history education night playing “In the Know” (similar to Family Feud); Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00a parade and park activities; and Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, is gospel stage with door prizes.
- D. July 4<sup>th</sup> in MacKenzie –
- E. August 4<sup>th</sup> – first Tuesday in August is National Night Out, 6:00p, by neighborhood, and Toni Spray encouraged everyone to participate in this fun community event.
- F. Parkway Elementary – Cathy Pope stated she has been in discussion with LISD regarding Parkway and making an Early Childhood Center out of it. She has also been in discussion with LISD regarding Iles as a possible Art Institute.
- G. AKA Scholarships – Margaret Randle stated the AKA Sorority will be awarding 5 or 6 scholarships (one in the amount of \$8,000) on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for applications is April 13<sup>th</sup>. Applications have been distributed to the high schools and senior graduating students should see the school counselor for an application.



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- H. April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month – wear Blue on Friday – goal is 50,000 people in Lubbock wearing blue this weekend – wear blue to church – post on Facebook [liveunitedlubbock.org](https://www.facebook.com/liveunitedlubbock.org).
- X. Next Meeting – May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 to 11:30a, Star Institute.