



## **Minutes of The Alliance Meeting held Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 10:00-11:30 am Star Institute 514 North Zenith**

- I. Call to Order – Nettie Edwards called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes - Nettie Edwards asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes of the 4.6.15 meeting. There were no corrections but one question regarding IX. F – Parkway and Iles discussion and who will be paying for the properties. Ms. Lawson stated that TTU Early Head Start has received a grant that will cover their renovations and that we are still in discussion at this point. There being no further discussion, Ms. Edwards approved the Minutes.
- III. Financial Report – Karen Smart reported The Alliance expenses exceeded revenues by \$4,181.65. When asked who is making up the difference, Ms. Smart explained that StarCare is the fiduciary agent for The Alliance and that we are in discussion on possible ways to raise funds. Monique Williams suggested we might charge membership dues.
- IV. Engagement Report
  - A. Introduction of New Members
  - B. Membership Report – In the absence of Sharibeth Neihaus, Brandale Randolph gave the membership report stating The Alliance has 311 members with 42 new members this month.
  - C. Facebook Followers – there have been over 1,000 likes on our Facebook page. If you want something posted to the Facebook page, send your information to [cpope@starcarelubbock.org](mailto:cpope@starcarelubbock.org).
- V. Past Events
  - A. April 21<sup>st</sup> Community Forum – Karen Smart reported that although she was not in attendance, it was reported to her that very few attended the event on Safety and Security, but the discussion was very passionate and effective.
  - B. May Event – Cinco de Mayo East Lubbock Cruise and Festival – In the absence of Claudia Bustos, Jared Strange reported the event was very successful and had a great turnout. The Early Learning Table felt that this was a great opportunity to reach a different area of students and were excited to have students from the Arnett Benson area. The ELPN Book Bus gave out 700 books and was a real hit with the parents as well as the kids. There will be two more Book Bus events, one in June and one in July and will be posted on the ELPN website after May 15<sup>th</sup>. StarCare had the karaoke booth, and everyone seemed to have a great time. When asked for suggestions for next year, it was mentioned to have the booths on the same side with the activities and food. With the lake separating the activities, you had to pick a side. Mr. Strange stated the arrangement will be better next year.
  - C. Teen Straight Talk – Lindsay Penrose just wanted to thank everyone who for their support and help in making the April 25<sup>th</sup> event at the Bridge successful. About 45 people attended. The next event will be November 21<sup>st</sup> at TTUHSC.
- VI. Upcoming Events



- A. May Community Forum – Karen Smart stated the next Alliance Community Forum is May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Talkington School for Young Women, 415 N. Ivory, from 6:00p to 8:00p, and the subject will be Belonging (Friends, Family and Community).
- B. Juneteenth Parade & Celebration in the Park – Latrice Godfrey gave an enthusiastic summary of what is planned for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Juneteenth. This year's theme is **Opening Doors to Opportunity**, focusing on education and unity. June 18<sup>th</sup> is the Kick-off Reception at 7:00p at Standard Sales Company. There will be live music, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes, and the cost is \$7.00. June 19<sup>th</sup> is the In the Know Bowl competition for youth to show their knowledge of Juneteenth history. June 20<sup>th</sup> begins with a Senior Breakfast at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizen Building at 8:00a, followed by the Parade at 10:00a and park activities at 12:00p. June 21<sup>st</sup> is the Gospel Stage at Mae Simmons Park at 6:00p.
- C. July 4<sup>th</sup> in Mackenzie – this was deferred to the next meeting.

#### VII. Upcoming Alliance Events

- A. Family Arts Festival – Jared Strange invited The Alliance to participate in the event this Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at Dunbar at 4:30p, wherein the Ervin Theatre Class will perform, along with Dunbar Drumtime. Get with Jared at [jared.strange@ttu.edu](mailto:jared.strange@ttu.edu) if you are interested in setting up a table.
- B. After School Arts Program – Jared Strange invited ideas for the After School Arts Program held Monday through Thursday after school. They just finished up with Clay and would welcome other ideas.
- C. East Side Arts Camp – Jared Strange stated that forms have been distributed at Estacado, Dunbar, Ervin, Alderson and Harwell for the East Side Arts Camp at the Bridge for Kindergarten on up this summer, to be held August 3rd-7th, Monday-Friday, with the art work completed during this time will be displayed at the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Art Trail on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### VIII. Guest Speakers

- A. Shuttles to Texas Department of Public Safety – Kathleen Mawe stated that the Democratic Party group she is involved in has taken on the issue of providing public transportation (City Bus access) to the new Texas Department of Transportation Building. She had a letter of endorsement by The Alliance with her to present to the City Council regarding this issue but due to miscommunication, she will bring back to our next meeting.
- B. TX DOT Parkway Drive Project – deferred to next meeting.
- C. West Texas Dancing Raiderettes – Treva Ellison reported that she has formed a new dance team called the West Texas Dancing Raiderettes, which is a hip-hop majorette dance team for girls age 10 to 18, and focuses on grades and academics.
- D. Tomorrow's Leaders – Noe Brito reported they had about 20 vendors at the event on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, wherein food was provided by Sonic, and they gave away some bikes. Tomorrow's Leaders is a mentoring program to 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- G. Roots Historical Arts Council – Eric Strong reported on several upcoming activities of the Roots Historical Arts Council. He first mentioned what's been going on recently with the



Community Garden at 21<sup>st</sup> and Cedar Streets. The garden has been planted and the food will be used to feed those in need. Roots will be renting space in the old Acme Brick building for as low as \$15 a month. Bids are being received for a well on the East side of 19<sup>th</sup> Street along Avenue A.

1. June 20<sup>th</sup> – Grand Opening of the Caviel Museum of African American History.
2. September 19<sup>th</sup> – Caprock Jazz Festival

IX. Projects of the Alliance and Alliance Partners

- A. Signs for MLK Little League Field – In the absence of Eddie Williams, Nettie Edwards read from the minutes of the last meeting regarding the project of My Brother's Keeper to purchase banners for the MLK Little League Supporter. Signs are available for \$50, \$100, \$150 and \$200 and contact Rev. Williams at 806-535-7444 to order.
  - B. Update on Promise Zone Grant – Brandale Randolph reported that we did not get the Promise Zone Grant, but written in that grant were several elements that we will be able to do, i.e. adult education and transportation. Chris Moore currently has a GED program at the Bridge, and we are working with Citi Bus on reorganizing bus routes to include, among other things, what Ms. Mawe's group is concerned about.
  - C. Update on Transportation Shuttles – see above statement on Citi Bus.
- X. Next Meeting – June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 to 11:30a, Star Institute.