



Minutes of The Alliance Meeting held Monday, November 1st, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, George Woods Star Institute, 517 North Zenith

- I. Call to Order – Shannon Spencer called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes of October 3, 2016 – were approved and have been placed on the web page.
- III. Additional Agenda Items – there were no additions to the agenda.
- IV. New Members - Two ladies joined at the meeting, Billie Caviel and Rose Wilson bringing our membership to about 460. As Chair of the Membership Committee, Shannon reported that she and Karen Smart are currently working together to get a good list of all members, so the committee can begin looking at demographics, skills, interests, etc.
- V. Presentation
 - A. Teen Straight Talk – Because Kathleen McPherson could not be present, Shannon Spencer brought to everyone’s attention the News Release from TTUHSC that they received at sign-in. Teen Straight Talk is a free program designed to motivate adults and their children to talk about topics such as abstinence, teen pressures, sex education and responsible decision making. A Straight Talk Not Just for Teens will be presented on November 19th at the TTUHSC Academic Classroom Building, 3601 4th Street, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Feel free to contact Kathleen McPherson at (806) 787-4513 or email kathleen.mcpherson@ttuhsc.edu if you would like to attend or have a booth at the event.
 - B. Voices – Keep Teens Alive and Chipotle Fundraiser – Teresa Alvarado reported that Keep Teens Alive is a coalition of middle and high school students who have committed to live a drug-free life. Currently, there are five students who are wanting to go to Washington, D.C. in February and are fundraising to collect \$1,500 each for airfare, hotel and meals for four days. On November 28th, you can eat at Chipotle at the West End between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., 50% of the proceeds will go to Keep Teens Alive. On December 3rd, Keep Teens Alive will have a Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee’s between 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and tickets are \$7.00. There is a meeting tonight, and anyone is welcome to attend their meetings every other Monday at 6:30p at the Talkington Nursing Building on the LCU Campus.
 - C. National Days of Service Family Volunteer Day – Volunteer Center – Paris Wright reported that the Volunteer Center is having a From the Heart family volunteering program event on November 19th, which is Family Volunteer Day. She encouraged everyone to get involved in the hands-on projects going on that day, such as the Volunteer Center will be making bags for Meals on Wheels; the Community Garden Greenhouse project; Dream Center donation drive for Christmas presents.
 - D. Martin Luther King Day – Eric Strong reported that volunteers are needed to plant 100 trees in the Gateway area which were received through a grant.
- VI. Upcoming Events
 - A. November 19th – Annual Free Community Thanksgiving Lunch & Outreach – Brandi Ivey reported the Alliance will be partnering with The Difference Maker’s Fellowship to provide a hot meal, canned goods, and some warm clothing. Pastor Stubblefield, through Brandi, stated they need 30 Alliance members to bring new

gloves/mittens and a new blanket so give to 30 families. They also need canned goods. If you can volunteer to help or have donations, contact Bill Stubblefield at (806) 239-3788. Donations are needed by November 16th. StarCare is also doing a Christmas gift drive for the people we support and would appreciate any donations.

- VII. Projects of the Alliance and Alliance Partners:
 - A. Draft Strategic Plan – Deferred.
- VIII. Thankfulness Exercise - In recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday, Beth Lawson lead an exercise wherein each person present was asked to say what the Alliance has done for them or they have done for the Alliance that they are thankful for. Just to mention a few: National Night Out, change in Estacado atmosphere, volunteers, community relationships, registration to vote, flowers for students at the after school art festival, and connections/networking. It was a fun exercise with full participation.
- IX. No meeting in December - next Meeting will be January 9, 2017, at George Woods Star Institute, 517 N. Zenith, 11:30a to 1:00p.