



## **Minutes of The Alliance Meeting held Monday, April 3, 2017, 11:31 am to 12:27 pm, George Woods Star Institute, 517 North Zenith**

- I. Call to Order – Shannon Spencer called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes of February 6, 2017 – were approved and have been placed on the web page.
- III. Membership Report – Shannon Spencer reported we have 457 members. .
- IV. Projects of The Alliance:
  - A. AKA Event update- Mrs. Randle thanked all for supporting the event.
  - B. Volunteer Center -Trevor Chilton & Paris Wright - shared information about upcoming workshops and Cornucopia Luncheon 1. Mindfulness Luncheon presented by SarahLee Morris Spiritual Direction and Formation Wholiness Journeys. Date: April 25<sup>th</sup>, Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Cost: \$65.00; Special rate for VCL Agency Partners \$50.00, Location: Lubbock Country Club and lunch will be served. 2. Building Trust & Authenticity Within Teams presented by Dr. Mike Ryan Executive Director, TTU Center for Entrepreneurship and Family Business; Date: April 20<sup>th</sup>, Time: 9a.m.- 12p.m. Cost: \$65.00; Special rate for VCL Agency Partners \$50.00, Location: VCL Conference Room. 3. The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Cornucopia Luncheon 2017. Parrish will be accepting nominations until Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 1pm. Nomination form is on the VCL website.
  - C. Texas Hunger Initiative – Andy Black –Texas Hunger Initiative’s statewide goal: Everyone has access to healthy food. 1 out of 6 struggle to have healthy food. Andy is currently working on developing the South Plains Hunger Coalition. The Coalition will have Action Teams that are involved in specific areas: Child Hunger Action Team: Support Summer meal programs. They want to know who are providing services and where are services being provided. Fresh Food Market: Promote more community gardens specifically at East Broadway. People will be able to purchase more when using food stamps at the food markets. Senior Hunger: Would like to have at least 5 people who are committed to looking into what services are providing meals for Seniors. They are aware of Meals on Meals, but who are the other providers. Rural Hunger: There is a need to address, and very little is in place now.  
Andy shared that State & US Representatives have said they will attend the Action Team meetings once they are functioning. Andy’s job is primarily connecting people and organizing. If you are interested in volunteering on one of the Action Teams or would like more information, please contact Andy Black
  - D. Legal Aid of North West Texas – Tamara Duncan. Services are provided for those who meet Federal Poverty Guidelines. Legal Aid will be at Mae Simmons Community Center every First Thursday at 5:30 pm except June and July.
- V. Upcoming Events of the Alliance & Alliance Partners
  - A. April 4<sup>th</sup> – North & East Lubbock partnered with Parkway – Cherry Point and Jackson- Mahon neighborhood associations to address their concerns. The topic for the meeting is Codes and Animal Control. 6:30pm at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church and 7:30 at George Woods
  - B. April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Rising Star Baptist will honor Mrs. Edwards for 50 years of sharing her musical gift
  - C. April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm – Ribbon Cutting for Parkway Summerville Center at 4pm Rennovations and moving into Phase II.
  - D. April 26th at 11:30am– 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Champions for Children Banquet. Painting a brighter future! Vernita Woods-Holmes and Duke Homes are Keynote Speakers. \$50.00 per person or \$600 for a table of 8. Event will be at the Lubbock Scottish Rite 1101 70<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - E. May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains will honor Dr. Aretha Marbley, Mary Myers, Altha Rainwater-Lewis, and Betty Wheeler at the Women of Distinction Awards banquet.

Mistress of Ceremonies: Christy Martinez-Garcia and Special Guest: Sylvia Acevedo, Interim CEO, Girl Scouts of the USA. Individual tickets \$75. Sponsorships start at \$500.

F. Next Meeting – May 1, 2017, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, 517 N. Zenith.