



Minutes of The Alliance Meeting held Monday, June 5, 2017, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, George Woods Star Institute, 517 North Zenith

- I. Call to Order – Cathy Pope called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes of May 1, 2017 – were approved and have been placed on the web page.
- III. Membership Report – Shannon Spencer reported that there were seven (7) new members this month.
- IV. Projects of The Alliance and Alliance Partners:
 - A. The Bridge of Lubbock – Whitney Owen reported The Bridge is hosting A Free Summer Camp, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 3:00 pm, starting June 12th through 16th for 1st through 5th graders; and July 5th through 21st for 6th through 12th graders. There will breakfast, lunch and a snack provided. Everything is free through grants The Bridge has received, but they are taking donations as well.
 - B. American Red Cross – Mike Posey reported the American Red Cross is looking to develop partnerships through Mission Teams, which are autonomous chapters within a chapter. Each Mission Team has its own leadership and projects, with the cooperation and support of the American Red Cross. Some of the things these teams do are help train volunteers, become disaster responders, do community outreach and special events and projects. These teams install smoke detectors for free and assist in putting together emergency response kits through its Pillowcase Project. Being part of a Mission Team starts with completing the application on the www.redcross.org website, selecting opportunities, then Mission Team. The Volunteer Contact for the American Red Cross in Lubbock is Karen Tomlinson, 806-778-6577.
 - C. South Plains Hunger Solutions Coalition – Andy Black with the Texas Hunger Initiative reported their goal is to raise awareness on hunger – 1 in 6 adults and 1 in 4 children don't know where their next meal is coming from or what they will eat. The South Plains Hunger Solutions Coalition is a group of leaders coming together to look at the big picture, who is doing what, and look at where the gaps are. There are three Action Teams: Child Action Team, Senior Action Team, and Hunger & Horticulture Action Team (create community gardens). The goal is that every campus within the Estacado feeder system will have a campus garden. A list of schools in Lubbock County that will receive free summer meals for 2017 was distributed and discussed at length. It was noted that Alderson Elementary School was not on the list and the closing dates on some of the schools were too early.
 - D. StarCare's IDD Crisis Intervention Team & Transition Support Team – Rebecca Opamen, the IDD Division Coordinator at StarCare, reported on these services provided by StarCare and her division. The criteria is you have to have a diagnosis of IDD, and the goal is to keep individuals from going to jail, to assist with school issues and to discuss preventive strategies. The IDD Crisis Intervention Team provides education to providers, does school presentations, and works with the Police Department and groups and families in general. The Transition Support Team reviews medical histories and provides recommendations. They educate and train as well.
- V. Upcoming Events of the Alliance & Alliance Partners
 - A. Collaboration with Estacado – AJ McCleod reported he attended a meeting with Estacado coaches, band directors and administrators to discuss how to do things better next year. It became apparent at this meeting that a better job of communicating events is imperative. The budget was a big part of the discussion. It was suggested to build a budget and different organizations (Booster Club, PTA, Gear-Up Matadors) could take a part of the budget. Meals for athletes and chaperones on buses for kids to go to games were also discussed. Cathy Pope has a meeting with Anjelica Wilbanks this week to discuss this budget.
 - B. Juneteenth – Latrice Godfrey reported on the activities planned for this year's Juneteenth celebration - celebrating through music, food and knowledge. The theme this year is "Bridging

Cultural Boundaries.” June 16th – Kick-off Reception honoring City leaders at Standard Sales Company, 7:00pm, tickets \$10; June 17th – Senior Breakfast, 8:00am to 10:00am at Mae Simmons Senior Community Center; Parade at 10:00am – exhibit different cultures; Park Events at 12:00pm, Mae Simmons Park. Darlene McCormick presented on the “In the Know Bowl,” on Monday, June 19th, at 6:00pm at Whitewood Lanes Bowling Alley, with 11 teams entered this year with a prize of \$500. This is the educational part of Juneteenth and questions center around what Juneteenth really is about. Packets have been assembled and the age range is from 6 (able to comprehend) and up. Goal is to build knowledge in the young and old.

- C. Principals and Administrators Reception – Vernita Woods Holmes reported she had contacted LISD for a good date to have this reception before school starts on August 28th, and they will get back to her hopefully this week. She will have a date at the July meeting. This reception will be for principals and administrators in East Lubbock thanking the current staff and welcoming new ones.
 - D. Paint the E-Side Blue – Cathy Pope reported this event will be on Wednesday, September 20th, and we are working with the churches to come that night as part of their monthly fellowship meeting. We are looking at providing some sort of dinner item such as hot dogs. Put on your calendar and stay tuned.
 - E. Transportation to Mae Simmons Pool – Cathy Pope reported she has been in conversation with Lala Chavez regarding providing transportation to Mae Simmons Pool a couple of days a week in order to get kids to the pool.
- VI. Other
- A. Community Planning Survey – Ms. Pope encouraged everyone to take the survey that the City has sent out regarding plans for Lubbock’s future. The link is on the ELCA Facebook page, and she will send out again. This is the beginning for moving the plan from under the Chamber (Imagine Lubbock Together) to the City of Lubbock. This is our chance to let them know what we would like for East Lubbock instead of someone else making that decision for us.
- VII. Next Meeting – July 10, 2017, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, 517 N. Zenith.