

Georgetown Ministerial Alliance

Notes on Meeting of July 11, 2007

St. David's Georgetown Hospital

Present: Dan Bonner, George Brightwell, Debbie Hoffman, Leroy Jones, Jim Porter, Joe Ruiz, Rita Scott, Jeanie Stanley, and John Williams.

Jeanie Stanley opened the meeting with a reading and reflections from Luke 10, "The Good Samaritan," then she led the group in prayer.

Introductions and Sharing:

Dan – Dan is entering a second phase capital campaign for the Wesleyan Homes at Estrella on Williams Drive. The plan is to add assisted living and a wellness center to the independent living facility now under construction.

Jim – Looking forward to a vacation and a time apart. Still getting oriented, but sees that Georgetown is still at the size where we can make a difference.

Jeanie – Has returned from vacation to the new building and all those concerns that tend to displace time for ministry.

Debbie – Georgetown and Round Rock Habitat for Humanity Boards have merged as of July 1. They are now Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County. On July 26, there will be a celebration worship service at First UMC at 7:00 pm.

Rita – Faith in Action will have a fall fund raiser on September 22. It will be a dance at the Sun City Ballroom. The "PhDs" from Southwestern will be the band.

George – Wellspring is awaiting the architects drawing for their revised facilities master plan. He is pleased with the summer programs at Getsemani Community Center.

Joe – The Hispanic ministry at St. Helen is growing rapidly. They are having problems finding places to meet! He is looking forward to a quiet retreat with his wife.

John – They are expanding their building at Macedonia Baptist Church. He is looking forward to more community involvement and collaboration.

Leroy – At Saving Grace, they have a strong ministry to the un-churched. He wants to expand to Georgetown the Black History Month program (Black Family Technology Program) that is conducted in Austin.

There is over \$4,000 in the checking account. A detailed list of recipients of aid is logged by each Church of the Month.

Jeanie outlined the membership of the Executive Board. John Williams, a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, has agreed to serve as liaison with the Georgetown Fellowship of Churches.

Issue Forum:

- We want to establish co-sponsorship with the Georgetown Fellowship of Churches and others for such community events as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Black History Month, Faith in Action Care Givers Concert, National Day of Prayer, Community Thanksgiving Service, etc.
- The Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for November 19, 2007, at San Gabriel Presbyterian Church. Dr. Jim Porter will preach. Macedonia Baptist Choir will sing. We hope to involve St. Helen's Hispanic Choir and members of the Georgetown Fellowship of Churches.

- Community Thanksgiving Meal: The Salvation Army will not be involved this year. There is a need and there is already a method in place for preparation and delivery. The McKinney Ministry Center kitchen at First UMC is available. Let's plan it.
- Easter Yard Cross Project: The yard crosses are \$4.00 each. They can be placed in Sun City. We agreed to purchase 100 signs out of GMA funds to distribute to churches to get the project started.
- Post Easter Community Event: We will take up this issue at a later meeting.
- We want to co-sponsor the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March with the Georgetown Fellowship of Churches.

We will be adding links to the GMA Web site. Please submit links that you would like to add.

Church of the Month: Many persons who come the Church of the Month need transportation to the bus station in Round Rock or to Hutto, Taylor, or Temple. Can we provide that service? Rita Scott will approach the Faith in Action Care Givers drivers to see if anyone is will to make that type of drive (independent of Care Givers). The list of driver will be given to the Church of the Month to contact.

Church of the Month: July, First United Methodist; August, First Baptist.

Calendar: (Issue Forum speakers listed may change, based on availability.)

July 26 Habitat for Humanity Worship Service, 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church.
August 8 Next GMA meeting, 11:00 am at St. David's Georgetown Hospital. Speaker TBA.
August 12 Georgetown Fellowship of Churches Worship, 9:15 am, Calvary's Hill Baptist
September 12 GMA: Community Resource Center, Barbara Brightwell
October 10 GMA: LifeSteps: Williamson Council on Alcohol and Drugs
November 14 GMA: R.O.C.K., Ride On Center for Kids
November 19 Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 pm, San Gabriel Presbyterian Church
November 22 Community Thanksgiving Dinner Project

Leroy Jones closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by:

George Brightwell