

## **Georgetown Ministerial Alliance**

Notes on Meeting of January 9, 2008

St. David's Georgetown Hospital

Present: Kevin Bell, Dan Bonner, George Brightwell, Jack Ender, Darrell Hudson, Leroy Jones, Jim Porter, Steve Rottgers, Joe Ruiz, and Rita Scott.

Visitors: Barbara Brightwell, Gene Davenport, Katie Ryan, Barrow Southall, Charlotte Watson, and (two representatives from The Caring Place).

Dan Bonner announced that Jeanie Stanley was attending a synod meeting and that he would preside. He mentioned also that we would be electing new officers at the March meeting.

### **Introductions and Sharing:**

Those present introduced themselves and said a bit about their current plans or ministries.

Dan Bonner offered a meditative reading and Steve Rottgers prayed for our meeting and offered thanks for our meal.

Dan Bonner reported that the checking account balance at the end of December was \$5,278.58.

### **Other Business:**

1. **Community Thanksgiving Service Nov 19:** The service was well attended and a solid expression of community unity in Christ.
2. **Community Thanksgiving Meal:** There were 405 meals delivered and 67 meals served at the McKinney Center. Many thanks to Paul Partlow for his excellent job of organizing this event.
3. **GMA Website Development:** Please check [www.georgetownministerialalliance.org](http://www.georgetownministerialalliance.org). Is your agency or church included? Are there links you believe we should add? Contact the Webmaster on the site at [webmaster@georgetownministerialalliance.org](mailto:webmaster@georgetownministerialalliance.org) or George Brightwell, [brightwg@southwestern.edu](mailto:brightwg@southwestern.edu).
4. **Cross Yard Signs:** These signs are available at \$4.00 each. They will be displayed two weeks before Easter and one week after Easter. Sample crosses are available to take to your church to stimulate interest in displaying these signs during Lent to give a visual sign of our unity in Christ. Contact Janette Donaldson, [sgpc@verizon.net](mailto:sgpc@verizon.net), 868-0902, for information and forms for Sun City approval. Or order from Bruce Fogerty, [brucefogerty@gmail.com](mailto:brucefogerty@gmail.com). 214-450-5010.
5. **GMA Outreach:** If you have corrections or additions for our contact list, please contact [sgpc@verizon.net](mailto:sgpc@verizon.net). Please help us reach out to people doing ministry in Georgetown. Invite them to our next meeting. Get their info on our website. Invite them to join our efforts.
6. **Church of the Month for 2008:** Joe Ruiz, [joerui@sainthelens.org](mailto:joerui@sainthelens.org), has information.
7. **Issue Forums in 2008:** Recommendations? Please offer suggestions and a willingness to host presenters.
8. **New GMA Officers to be Elected March 12:** If you are interested in serving as an officer or as a member of the Executive Team, please contact Jeanie Stanley, [jrsta@aol.com](mailto:jrsta@aol.com), or Dan Bonner, [dbonner@wesleyanhomes.org](mailto:dbonner@wesleyanhomes.org). New officers will serve one-year term beginning in April.

### **Issue Forum:**

Two representatives from The Caring Place (I didn't get their names) reported that The caring Place in 2007 assisted more than 6400 individuals and 2000 households. In addition, assistance of more than \$100,000.00 each for rent or utilities was paid.

Gene Davenport of the Georgetown Project and Katie Ryan of Williamson County United Way reported on homeless children in Williamson County. By the standard governmental definitions there are 813 homeless school-age children in the county. There is a Williamson County Homelessness Task Force that is a collaboration among a variety of agencies to address homelessness in our communities. The Task Force has scheduled a Community Forum on Homelessness at Southwestern University on April 16, beginning at 8:30 am. The forum will address transportation, housing, transitional housing, family abuse, and psychological/sociological issues. The goal is to develop solutions to this list of issues. The forum offers an opportunity for our communities to collaborate and to act.

**Upcoming Events:**

January 21     Martin Luther King, Jr. march and celebration.  
January 30     Williamson County VOAD meeting at Juvenile Justice Center  
February 13    GMA regular monthly meeting. Issue Forum TBA.  
March 12       GMA regular monthly meeting. Election of officers.  
April 16        Community Forum on Homelessness, Southwestern University

**Announcements, etc.:** No further announcements.

**Closing Prayer:** Kevin Ball, Georgetown Church of the Nazarene.

Recorded by George Brightwell