

## **Georgetown Ministerial Alliance**

Notes on Meeting of April 11, 2007

St. David's Georgetown Hospital

Present: Dan Bonner, George Brightwell, Steve Rottgers, Joe Ruiz, Rita Scott, and Jeanie Stanley. Visiting: Hugh Brown, Jimmy Shields, Lynn Hilferty, and Sue Sieloff.

Jeanie Stanley opened the meeting with verses from John 20:19ff, a reading from *Kneeling in Jerusalem* by Ann Weems, and a prayer for our meeting.

George Brightwell invited those present to a choral concert at 7:00 pm Sunday, April 15, in the Lois Perkins Chapel on the Southwestern University campus. Rita Scott reminded the members of the Faith in Action Caregivers Spring Concert on May 9 at First Baptist Church.

Hugh Brown, CEO of St. David's Georgetown Hospital, gave an upbeat presentation about himself, some of the improvements that have already taken place, and his dreams for the future of the hospital as it improves its service to the Georgetown community. He also discussed the Georgetown Healthcare Foundation and its potential for helping to meet the needs of the underinsured in the area.

Jimmie Shields and Lynn Hilferty, Executive Director, told about For the Love of Christi, a Central Texas Bereavement Center for Adults, Teens, and Children. The Center provides bereavement support for persons who have lost a loved one through death, helping them to find the "new normal" in their lives. The Center is in Austin, but they have a strong interest in conducting bereavement groups in Georgetown, if a meeting site and a point person can be made available. They also announced a fund-raising event, "Speaking from the Heart," on May 8 at the Dell Jewish Community Campus. Rabbi Harold Kushner will be the principal speaker.

Sue Sieloff presented ideas for a GeorgetownMinisterialAlliance.org Website. We want to link to as many churches and partner organizations in ministry in Georgetown as possible. Please e-mail Sue at [sieloff@suddenlink.net](mailto:sieloff@suddenlink.net) if you want your church or organization linked to the Ministerial Alliance Web page.

Next meeting: May 9, 2007, at 11:00 am.

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