

Minutes for the Clovis Christian Ministerial Alliance Meeting Thursday, March 3, 2011, 8:30a.m.

Present : Keath Baskett (First UMC), Rachel Blocker (Unity Fellowship), Bill Brewer (Central Christian), Alan Brockmeier (St. James' Episcopal), Scott Caldwell (Clovis New Life AoG), Joyce Davis (Habitat for Humanity), Jon Forest (First Christian), Tammy Garner (The Master's Center), Gerry Gomez (Lighthouse Mission), Richard Gomez (Lighthouse Mission), Jim Kelly (Church of the Brethren), Alan McAllister (Central Baptist), Dale Moore (First Church of God), Lemuel Perry (Bethel AoG), Don Reid (Men's Bible Class), John Rollinson (St. James' Episcopal), Shirley Rollinson (ENMU Religion Department), Dick Ross (Central Baptist), Scott Seymour (Trinity UMC), David Stevens (First Church of God), Eric Thomason (Faith Christian Family Church), Josh Wood (Clovis New Life AoG), Sistar Yancy (Christian Believers)

Opening Prayer - Don Reid

Scripture Meditation : Fr. Alan Brockmeier, on II Timothy 3:15-17 : There are people in our Churches who know "about" the Lord, but do not know Him personally. We need to pastor the people to study the Scriptures, to get a saving knowledge of the Lord.

Minutes of last Month's Meeting : accepted with thanks to Pastor Bonita Knox

Treasurer's Report : Pastor Jim Kelly - present balance \$642.82 Dues, \$25, will be received with thanks.

Task Force Report : Good Friday Service - Pastor Jon Forest

Seven speakers are lined up : Bonita Knox, John Rollinson, Dave Bachelor, Jim Kelly, Lemuel Perry, Alan Brockmeier, Curtis Brewer. Shirley Rollinson to sing "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

Distribution of the offering was discussed.

Richard Gomez moved that the offering be divided equally between the Salvation Army, the Pregnancy Center, and the Matt 25 Center. Scott Seymour seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Business Items : Human Rights appeal - John Rollinson reminded us of Dr. Hamid Allamehzadeh's appeal for people to send letters to Senator Udall and Senator Bingaman, regarding the human rights for prisoners in Camp Ashraf, Iraq. Shirley Rollinson will contact Dr. Allamehzadeh, for copies of the letters which she will put on the Ministerial Alliance Yahoo Group so that everyone can download and edit them before sending them to the Senators. Dr. Hamid Allamehzadeh asks that we send copies to him also, so that the Senators cannot claim that they did not receive letters,

Announcements

1. Habitat for Humanity hopes to finish a house in Portales. They plan to start the next house in Clovis, late Summer/Early Fall this year.
2. Dr. Yancy announced that there are some openings for Jail Ministry. The men and women in Jail really appreciate when members of the community care enough to give their time to help inmates. Please see Dr. Yancy for information on how you could help.
3. There will be a City-wide Prayer Meeting, Thursday, March 10, 7pm at Triangle Baptist Church
4. St. James' Episcopal Church is holding a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 8, 5-7 pm. Free to everyone in the community.
5. The "Blackwood Legacy" Southern Gospel Group will be giving a free concert at The First Church of God, Sunday, March 13, 6pm
6. Central Christian Church will be holding a Revival, March 11-13. the "Blackwood Legacy" Group will play on Saturday, and the "Unction" Group will play on Sunday morning.
7. Leadership for the National Day of Prayer (The first Thursday in May) was discussed. Tammy Garner will contact lay leaders who might take part.
8. Jim Kelly knows of a young man who wants to take part in Music Ministry - please contact Jim for information.

Reports

1. Trinity Lutheran hosted a combined service with the Samaritan House - it was well attended and was a great example of Churches working together
2. Don Reid has completed his first course for the lay Speakers' School. He plans to go on to the Advanced course, and then probably for ordination.
3. Richard Gomez announced that the Lighthouse now has a Business License, as required by the City.
4. The new building at the Lighthouse should be ready by this Summer. There were generous donations by contractors and the general community. Mark Carpenter supplied all the plumbing and labor needed for installation. There will be rooms for about 12 men, 12 women, and 2 families. the Sisler Foundation in Clovis also provided financial support.
5. Shirley Rollinson reported on the "World Religions" online course at ENMU, and invited pastors to give information about their churches so that students can choose which churches to visit.
6. Alan McAlister is going on a mission to Kenya for 10 days. The Alliance prayed for him and the mission.

Closing Prayer : Pastor Dave Stevens

Respectfully submitted : Shirley Rollinson