

Clovis Christian Ministerial Alliance

Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, September 7, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

Present : Jody Balch (Clovis Municipal Schools), Scott Blazek (Immanuel Lutheran, retired), Jon Bravender (CAFB), Alan Brockmeier (St. James' Episcopal), Suzanne Brockmeier (St. James' Episcopal), Michael Chapman (Matt.25), Melva Devenport (Farwell Convalescent Home), Opal Evans (Volunteer Action Center), Jon Forrest (First Christian), Geri Gomez (Lighthouse), Richard Gomez (Lighthouse), Murilo Henrique (Bethel AoG), George Hostler (Salvation Army), Gloria Hutchins (Methodist), Bonetta Hutson (Living Word Ch. of God), Brad Mahan (Grace Fellowship), Roy Martin (Parkland), Duane McCoy (CAFB), Josh McVey (First Christian), Jennifer Milian (CAFB), Carla Miller (Pregnancy Resource Center), Lemuel Perry (Bethel AoG), Steve Reshetar (Matt.25), Shirley Rollinson (ENMU Religion Program), David Stevens (Living Word Ch. of God), Larry Tittle (21st. St. CoC), Darrell Underwood (Servants Heart Chapel), Bolivar Vásquez (21st. St. CoC), Sam Walsh (Advent Christian)

Opening Prayer : Sam Walsh

Scripture Meditation : Brad Mahan, on James 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . and it shall be given him". As pastors in Clovis we have found that sometimes life gets overwhelming. It could have happened in any of our churches - when someone commits suicide or murder we need wisdom from God. We need to pray for wisdom, and that God would bring good out of evil. Brad led a time of prayer for Dave Stevens, for the grieving families, for the church, and for the community, also for Jodi Balch and the Clovis Schools.

Minutes of last Month's Meeting : Shirley Rollinson

Treasurer's Report : Lemuel Perry

Previous Balance : \$ 607.32 Current data is not available yet

Business Items :

1. **Clovis Fest** : Alan Brockmeier reported that there was a rather poor turn-out, but a good atmosphere at the Fest
2. **500th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation** : Scott Blazek, Suzanne Brockmeier, Lemuel Perry, Sam Walsh had met several times and prepared many resources that churches and individuals could use to publicize and celebrate the Anniversary.

Suzanne Brockmeier suggested that the Churches get together to organize a "**Reformation Walk**" - this would be between three churches that were within walking distance of each other. The Walk would start at the first church, with hymn(s), a responsive reading, a speaker, maybe a choir - with participants from a variety of churches. The theme for the first church would be "Sola Scriptura". Then participants would walk to the second church, for a similar presentation, on the theme of "Sola Fide", then walk to the third church for a presentation on "Sola Gratia".

Lemuel Perry proposed, and Brad Mahan seconded, a motion that we have a **Reformation Walk on October 29** - the motion was passed unanimously. Anyone who would like to be involved in the Reformation Walk, please contact Suzanne Brockmeier (at St James' Episcopal Church).

The committee had prepared a **Proclamation**, to be requested of the Mayor, proclaiming the month of October 2017 as Reformation Month, and recognizing October 31, 2017 as "The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation".

Alan Brockmeier moved, and Dave Stevens seconded, a motion to send the Request to the Mayor. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Scott Blazek has prepared an 18"x11" **color poster** for the Anniversary of the Reformation, which has a blank panel so that it can be customized by individual churches - please contact Scott if you want posters for use in your church or elsewhere. The committee also prepared a **bulletin insert**, a **hymn** composed by Scott Blazek, information of the **Reformation Coloring Book**, a list of **PBS TV Specials** about Martin Luther and the Reformation and a page of **suggestions for how congregations might celebrate** the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. In addition, the committee suggests that we all write "**Letters to the Editor**" or short articles (300-500 words) about aspects of the Reformation, and send them to the Newspapers.

Jon Forest suggested that the Alliance give some money towards advertising Reformation events.

For further information, or copies of the bulletin insert, hymn, etc, please contact Scott Blazek

3. **Cannon Clergy Day, October 26** : Chaplain Jon Bravinder invited local clergy and pastoral staff to visit Cannon AFB for Cannon Clergy Day. Meet at the Cannon AFB Chapel at 11:15 am for Lunch, then have a tour of the Base. Please RSVP to Chaplain Bravinder by October 16 if you and/or your staff would like to take part.
4. Carla Miller of **The Pregnancy Resource Center** announced that there will be a Pastors' Breakfast and Training session on September 21. There will also be a banquet with Dr. Newman as the keynote speaker.
5. Steve Reshetar announced that Matt 25 is giving **Suicide Prevention Training**, and suggested that it would be a good resource for Youth Pastors and Church Secretaries. The date is not set yet.
6. Opal Evans reminded us that she can coordinate volunteers to get things done in the community. She is on Public Radio every week. Please contact her with your news and announcements.
7. Bonetta Hudson announced that Saturday, September 23 will be a day to **Celebrate Recovery**. There are three churches with Celebrate Recovery groups - Highland Baptist, Legacy Life, and Living Word Church of God

8. Shirley Rollinson announced that there may be some openings for a **teaching ministry at ENMU**. The pay is minimal, and a Master's degree is required, but it is a great opportunity for ministry. Most of the Religion courses are given online, but there is help with designing and teaching online courses. Anyone interested, please contact Shirley Rollinson.
9. Also on the Agenda was an item suggesting that we appoint a study team for ways in which the CCMA can team up to meet spiritual needs when a crisis occurs in the community. This item was postponed until the next Meeting of the CCMA

Closing Prayer : Alan Brockmeier

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Next Meeting : Thursday, October 5, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

Reminder of opportunities for Weekly fellowship and spiritual growth :

- Pastors' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 8:00-9:00 a.m. at the Java Loft, 21st & Prince
- Pastors' Prayer Meeting, Fridays, 7:15 - 8:15 a.m. at Bethel Assembly of God, 1521 N. Norris

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands"

2 Timothy 1:6