

# Alliance of Friends Gulf Coast

February 8, 2010

Meeting at Friendswood Friends Church

The meeting was called to order by David Davenport with prayer by Jim Towne.

Those in attendance were:

David Davenport-Chair,

Drew Davenport-Treasurer,

David Byrne, Tom Hoke, Karl Newmann, Mike Wiggs, Benita Atkins, Robyn Burns, Coenraad Maters.

Joe Watkins – Recording Clerk

A review of the minutes of the November meeting was provided by David Davenport.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Drew Davenport. The CD @ Sterling bank is now in excess of \$100,000. It was agreed to split the CD into two or more parts to provide maximum FDIC insurance coverage. The report was accepted as presented.

Old Business:

A. It was agreed that the recording process discussion was to be delayed until the next meeting.

B. Church Updates:

1. Bayshore is being restructured to improve participation. Also home bible studies have been started.

Friendswood membership has dropped over the past 10 years from 500 to approximately 300. Talk back sessions are scheduled after services to evaluate our effectiveness. Are we making an impact? League City attendance has dropped somewhat. John Pierce is doing hospital visitations. FDS is busy with help from groups in several states.

ALMA is using Skype to contact other groups around the country. The League City Spanish language group is moving slowly. The South Houston building has been rented to a Hispanic congregation. North Shore has 40 in regular attendance. Building is used during the week as a private high school for past 17 years. Hispanic group of 100 also meets there. Pastor Rick Burns is starting chemotherapy.

Angleton reports that the Oyster Creek group is making a comeback but the Lake Jackson group is struggling.

Elsewhere it was reported that the Riverton KS church left the MAYM for reasons which are unclear at this time.

New Business:

A. A pastoral retreat with emphasis on the Fox Journal and the beginnings of the Friends movement is planned to re-energize the MAYM and to crystallize vision. It was agreed to hold an AFGC Pastors' retreat as a preparatory activity for an MAYM retreat. The AFGC retreat will be held in the next 2-3 months. David Davenport will propose schedule, etc.

B. Robyn Burns was recommended to MAYM for recording.

C. Prayer was held for Rick Burns for his chemotherapy.

The meeting closed at 9:17 PM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe J Watkins, Recording Clerk