

# Alliance of Friends Gulf Coast

August 9, 2010

Meeting at Friendswood Friends Church

The meeting was called to order with prayer by WL (Bubba) Rouse at 7:38PM

Those in attendance were:

David Davenport-Chair, Drew Davenport-Treasurer, David Byrne, Tom Hoke, Amy Peña, Karl Newmann, Jerry Clarkson, W L Rouse, Benita Atkins, Joe Watkins – Recording Clerk

The minutes of the November meeting were agreed as published with corrections to the spelling of Roots instead of Roods and Jamie should be James.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by Drew Davenport.

The lease for the Lake Jackson church ends in September and the congregation will be relocating to a house before that time. Amy Peña will be moving to Canada in 6-9 months and will be pastor of a church in Regina, Saskatchewan.

The Yearly Meeting needs additional Texas representation on the stewards board and on the camp board. Some meetings are by Skype. Unlike previous years, the EFC-MAYM meetings have been upbeat. Don Davis spoke and reminded MAYM to remember it's history. FairShare apportionments have been changed to asking for a tithe of each churches receipts. MAYM Budget was presented at the MAYM and it was not in the negative. David Byrne made a presentation on Immigration. There was also a discussion of dissolution of some churches and the reversion of the property to the MAYM. David Davenport participated in this presentation.

The commercial website Fair Trade Friends was discussed. The Leiva family of Guatemala is one of several Friends-related suppliers to this website.

The (Northern) Ministry Institute has been moved to Barclay College. Plans are to have broadcasts being made to six sites by the end of the year.

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The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bayshore Friends will be celebrated September 25<sup>th</sup> with a special two hour service from 10AM to 12Noon.

League City Friends has closed. Lighthouse Fellowship (League City) is considering moving to the LCF site.

House for Haiti are in customs in Haiti awaiting for clearance.

The Lake Jackson 5 acre site will be sold. The proceeds will be used to launch the Oyster Creek plant as agreed.

CHM (Coalition for Hispanic Ministries) may need some assistance with the remediation of the South Houston property.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe J Watkins, Recording Clerk