

**NORTH ALABAMA HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 9, 2018**

**1. Welcome**

- Pat McCay welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced herself. She then asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

**2. Treasurer's Report – Pat McCay for Bhavani Kakani, Treasurer**

- Last month's ending balance was **\$3,173.79**. We received a donation from St. Matthews Episcopal Women in the amount of \$500.00. The ending account balance is **\$3,762.79**.

**3. Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2017 and December 5, 2017 meetings are available on the STNOW.org website under the LIBRARY tab. Please review them prior to the February 6 meeting and be ready for corrections and/or discussion.**

**4. Elections – Pat McCay**

- Annual election for the following task force offices will be held at the February 6 task force meeting: Chair; Vice Chair; Treasurer; Secretary. If you are interested in one of the offices, please contact me prior to the February meeting.

**5. Action Plan 2018 – Pat McCay**

- A draft version of the 2018 Action Plan was distributed to attendees. Pat McCay asked everyone to review the draft Action Plan and be ready for discussion at the February 6 meeting. If you would like add or change the goals, events, activities, etc., please bring your ideas and suggestions to the February 6 meeting.

**6. STNOW Bracelets – Pat McCay**

- Bracelets were made available to all that wanted them.

**7. Alabama Human Trafficking Summit 2018**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Alabama Human Trafficking Summit, February 8 and 9, 2018, in Montgomery at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

- A special room rate at Embassy Suites is \$119.00 with the Code AHT.
- David Pinkleton and Pat McCay are currently finalizing the Summit agenda and speakers.
- Nine break-out sessions including Law Enforcement; Legal; Medical; Demanding Justice; Youth Outreach; Rehabilitative Services; Pornography and Human Trafficking; Hospitality and Tourism; and Education & Schools.
- Asha Kiran sponsored the tote bags that will given to each attendee at the Summit.

**8. Fall Awareness Event – Shelia Champion, Chair**

- A BIG THANK YOU to Shelia Champion for a great job!! Also, a BIG THANK YOU to Spencer Schneider and Rick Nelson for leading the Q&A session at the event.

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#### 9. **January Awareness Event – Kay West, Chair**

- An awareness event is scheduled for January 20, 2018 at Trinity United Methodist Church (New Room). Registration for continuing education credits will begin at 8:00 a.m.; and the program will begin at 9:00 am and continue until 12:00 noon. The program includes: Pat McCay will be the emcee of the program; Rick Tate will present; the movie “Chosen” will be shown; and a Panel discussion with Spencer Schneider, Homeland Security, Rick Nelson, HPD, and a representative from the FBI will conclude the program. Please plan to attend this event and invite everyone you know to attend as well.

#### 10. **Demand An End – Pat McCay**

- The Alabama Attorney General’s Office and the Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force will be introducing this new state-wide initiative on January 11, 2018 which is Alabama Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Alabama is one of 11 states that has adopted this initiative to end the demand for human trafficking. More about the program will be available at the Alabama Human Trafficking Summit on February 9.
- We will be working with Mike Lewis, the Attorney General’s Communications Officer for a Press release regarding this new initiative.

#### 11. **Training Coordinator – Rick Tate**

- All speaking and training requests should be directed to Rick.
- The year-end report of training and speaking engagements was presented which showed that the task force had presented 82 training sessions during 2017 as opposed to 53 training sessions in 2016.

#### 12. **GFWC Fundraiser – February 10 – Pat McCay**

- The General Federation of Women’s Clubs are sponsoring a fundraising event to be held at the 805 Campus (Old Stone Middle School at Governor’s Drive and Clinton) on February 10, 6-10 p.m. There will be lots of entertainment with several bands already lined up. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased through Event Brite.

#### 13. **Speaker’s Bureau – Pat McCay and Rick Tate**

- Speaker’s Bureau training is scheduled for January 18 and 19 set up; 2-3:30 p.m., Room 191 at Trinity United Methodist Church. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Speaker’s Bureau and want to attend this training, please contact Pat McCay
- We have a few people who attended several of the training sessions but missed the August training. I hope you can attend the training next week so you can complete your training. Please let me know which day you would prefer to attend.
- We are excited to report that we are finally getting in front of students to talk about human trafficking:
  - Pat McCay spoke to middle school students at Williams Middle School on December 14. Approximately 175 students attended the Health & Wellness Fair.
  - Rick Tate spoke recently to students at New Hope High School.
  - Getting to speak to the students is imperative to make them aware of what is happening and what to watch out for.

- Homeland Security announced they have a 5 minute “muster training” for law enforcement that can be made available for use.  
let Pat McCay know.
  - Pat McCay participated in a Panel Discussion at Northeast Alabama Community College - 37 Pairs of Shoes represent 37 trafficking victims.
  - Calls from National Hotline
- 14. ANNOUNCEMENT** - Alabama Awareness Conference: Opioid Use, PTSD, and Human Trafficking
- Lisa Rhodes will be attending this conference. If you are interested in attending, please
  - March 3 – Community Fair at Jaycee Fairgrounds (John Hunt Park)
- 15. New Business?**
- A new Public Relations Committee for the task force has been formed. Bo Williams has agreed to be the Chair of this Committee. He will be updating the website along with getting more attention for the task force on Social Media.

The next scheduled meeting will be on February 6, 2018, 2 p.m. at the National Children’s Advocacy Center.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Snead, Task Force Secretary



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**Activities Completed/Planned:**

- **December 14**, Health and Wellness Fair, Williams Junior High School, Pat McCay
- **January 11**, Alabama Human Trafficking Awareness Day, Pat McCay
- **January 18 and 19**, Speaker Bureau Training, Trinity United Methodist Church, Room 191
- **January 20**, Task Force HT Awareness Event, Trinity United Methodist Church, Kay West and others
- **January 20**, Cove Church Conference, Hampton Cove, 2 Break-out sessions, Lisa Rhodes
- **January 26**, Joint meeting of AL U. S. Attorneys' HT Task Forces, Montgomery, AUM, 1-4 p.m.
- **February 5**, CCR Task Force Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Rick Tate
- **February 8 and 9**, Alabama Human Trafficking Summit, Montgomery, Embassy Suites, Pat McCay and David Pinkleton
- **February 10**, GFWC Fundraiser for Task Force, 805 Campus, Pat McCay
- **February 17**, Grace United Methodist Church, Booth and short presentation, Pat McCay
- **February 24**, HT Conference, Decatur, TBA, Rick Tate
- **March 11**, University of Georgia IMPACT program, Birmingham, 1 to 4 p.m. Pat McCay and others
- **March 19-22**, NCAC Symposium, VBC
- **March 21**, Alabama School of Alcohol and Other Drug Studies, Tuscaloosa, Pat McCay
- **May 9**, Christian Women's Job Corps, Arab, Pat McCay