

Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
February 20, 2017

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Jack Ables, Debbie Crady, Kathyne Buroughs, Aaron Clayton, Jim Lawton, Jared Douglas, Evelyn Newell and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Bert Sigala, Joseph Barrett, and LaSharon Johnson

Not in attendance:

Prayer requests were shared and Richard opened the meeting in prayer.

Aaron was assigned to be the Process Check person.

The January meeting minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Debbie presented the financial reports for January, 2017. Financials were approved as presented.

TEAM REPORTS

Ministry

Ellis Christian Women's Job Corp

- Financials were presented.
- Patsy is still in rehab, but doing well.
- There are 3 women in this class, and it gets a little hard when not all attend every day. We are getting ready for the day of prayer on the 22nd. We are thankful that things are moving along and all of the teachers are faithful to come even for one student.

Hand in Hand Ministry

- Evelyn reports that she is in between mailings, but is still receiving responses and getting reports back that the cards sent are touching hearts.

Ellis Christian Disaster Relief

- Financials were presented.
- Things are going well and we are being blessed. The training at Baylor went well. Leading up to the training we were afraid that we would need to cancel due to lack of participation, but decided to just pray about it. There were over 70 in attendance.
- We are still trying to work out the details with the truck. The shower unit is inoperative at the time. It was taken to a DNow in Grandview and the hot water heater went out. Long term recovery is now a part of TBM and we are looking at what that will look like for ECDRT.

Missions

Lenca / Radio Rio de Dios

- Richard learned a lot while in Honduras and is glad to now have a point of reference when Shannon talks about things that are taking place in Honduras.
- The trip was good and tiring, but God showed Himself in many ways. The celebration of a church anniversary was part of what they participated in. Richard shared about working with the churches there and shared some of the stories from his trip.
- Shannon is looking to bring in an administrative intern.
- The manager of the radio station is named Luis and is one of the Lenca. This is a big deal, because the Lenca people are very looked down on and considered as less on the social ladder.

Leadership Development

- The training at FBC Duncanville went well and about three churches participated in the training.

Church Revitalization

- Second Wind training went well and was attended by 5. It was a great experience and there was lots of information shared. A plan was laid out to help churches that need it.

Church Planting

- Aaron is still in the process of building the team. There was one person that was looking to maybe plant a church in here in Ellis County, but decided to go to Midland.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We are still working with Allan Stafford to go forward with the 501(c)(3).
- We are waiting to receive property valuations for both properties owned by EBA.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Richard shared several notes that have been received. One was a thank you for services that were provided by Jim Lawton and a group of men that helped an elderly woman with her bathroom. The other was from a pastor thanking EBA.
- It has been a busy month. The office got new computers, so we can move forward with the new website as well. We have talked with several churches about the possibility of becoming members of the association. Richard discussed watchcare procedures and association policies.
- Richard shared about the Waxahachie Project and also about Waxahachie mobilization group that meets every Tuesday morning at 7am to pray for the community.
- Richard has had conversations with Tom Ruane who is the interim pastor at Wagon Wheel Cowboy Church. He is doing lots to help that congregation.
- Richard attended TXADOM and made some great connections with other DOMs.
- A Day to Remember was a great success and the disaster relief training went well.
- Mike Gilchrist has connected with FBC Midlothian to begin some small groups at South Prong.
- There are lots of conversations being had about churches helping one another. Richard had a great conversation with Mike Miller at The Avenue and talked about how they can help and connect.
- EBA Together is a senior event that is being put together with the help of Chest Haynes and they are working to get Dennis Swanberg for this event in October.
- FBC Milford will be having a homecoming celebration in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the church. This will be held on April 9.
- The first Monday of each month is a time to come together and pray for Ellis County. Please join us at the EBA office.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None.

Process Check: Aaron said "time was 1:10, but we stayed on task, so that is a win".

Our next meeting will be March 20, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera