

Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
June 12, 2017

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Jack Ables, Jared Douglas, Evelyn Newell, Debbie Crady, and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Kathryn Burroughs, Joseph Barrett, Aaron Clayton, Jim Lawton, Bert Sigala and LaSharon Johnson

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

Richard was assigned to be the Process Check person.

The May meeting minutes were presented. Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

TEAM REPORTS

Ministry

Ellis Christian Women's Job Corp

- Financials were presented.
- There was a small group this last session and they had a celebration on May 11.
- Richard shared that Kathryn and Lauri Henderson visited another CWJC facility in Tyler and were very impressed with some of the programs that they have in place there and came away with some great ideas. They talked about the possibilities and changes that could be implemented here at the Ellis County CWJC.

Hand in Hand Ministry

- New cards will go out in a few months and in the meantime Evelyn is working on updating her mailing list and also extending her card ministry to all staff member wives and not just pastoral staff.

Ellis Christian Disaster Relief

- Financials were presented.
- Units are currently in Missouri.
- Continue to pray that God will provide a new box supplier.

Missions

Lenca / Radio Rio de Dios

- The financials were reviewed. Even though the expenses were higher this month than the income, they continue to run in the black due to funds from the last marathon.
- They are waiting to see the government organization status get settled and then they are looking to no longer have marathons and go a different direction with their fundraising.
- There are around 13 mission teams expected to go to Honduras this summer.

Leadership Development

- None

Church Revitalization

- Richard will be meeting with DOMs from both Paluxy Association, SWMBA (Johnson) Association and BGCT to see about a Hispanic Catalyst. He will be meeting with them to see what if any role EBA would play.

Church Planting

- Aaron shared by email, "Richard and I were part of Excel Leadership Network's Discovery Center last week. It is a two and a half day assessment and discovery step for aspiring church planters in their journey. (Richard can tell you more about his experience.) We are planning to use the Discovery Center as an assessment piece for church planters coming through the EBA. We have a second person to be on the CP team (Cory Mullins of Rocket Baptist Church). We are still looking for a third person. I have had a few conversations with Richard about potential people, and those conversations are coming. I have had a handful of conversations with or about potential EBA church planters (either planting in Ellis County or coming through EBA churches). Some of those are ongoing. One thing Richard and I have discussed is the need to figure out a revenue stream for church planting. There are some funds to draw from currently, which is a great thing, and if we do not replace them, they will run out quickly".

- Richard shared with the Leadership Team about the Discovery Center by Excel and how we could use them in the future to help couples looking to church plant.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We are still waiting on the constitution and bylaws from SOMA Waxahachie in order to move forward with them.
- One Church is planning on moving forward with requesting to reactivate their membership with the Association.
- Date has been set for the Annual Celebration. It will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017. The location is still to be finalized. A letter was sent out to pastors to send a mission person to be a part of a team that will help to plan parts of the celebration. The first planning meeting will be held on Saturday, June 24 at the EBA office.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Catherine Hewitt will be writing articles for our EBA.life magazine and is working on two for the upcoming issue.
- Richard visited Community Baptist Church and spoke with Mickey Moriarty. They have joined the BGCT and may follow that up with a request to join EBA as well.
- Richard will be meeting with Jason May at Rock City Fellowship about church planting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None.

Process Check: Richard said “We did an adequate job, we got there”.

Our next meeting will be July 10, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera