

Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
March 20, 2017

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Jack Ables, Debbie Crady, Kathyne Buroughs, LaSharon Johnson, Jim Lawton, Jared Douglas, Evelyn Newell, Bert Sigala, and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Joseph Barrett, and Aaron Clayton

Not in attendance:

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

LaSharon was assigned to be the Process Check person.

The February meeting minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

TEAM REPORTS

Ministry

Ellis Christian Women's Job Corp

- Financials were presented.
- We have finished 8 weeks and the women have decided that they like the new changes. Attitudes and hearts are changing. Angela is going through this for the 2nd time and has an opportunity to go to culinary school. Kathyne has some concerns but is glad that she will have a job at the end. Things are moving along well.
- On March 29th will be the "Pantry Pounding" to restock the pantry. Needed items were listed.
- Patsy is back for now but she still has a fracture in her hip. She is trying to get back on track.

Hand in Hand Ministry

- Evelyn reports that she will be sending out cards in the next few weeks.

Ellis Christian Disaster Relief

- Financials were presented.
- Things are pretty quiet. Working on getting some winter maintenance done on all of the trailers and vehicles. The shower unit needs a new hot water heater.

Missions

Lenca / Radio Rio de Dios

- Shannon is in town this week and will be talking to teachers in the area and helping with interviews for teachers for the school there in Gracias. On Friday he will be having lunch with Richard and Tommy Foster from Hillcrest to connect some of the college students with Shannon with the possibility of future interns.

Leadership Development

- None.

Church Revitalization

- None.

Church Planting

- None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Spoke with Allan Stafford and he is the attorney that we are using to go forward with the 501(c)(3). He has researched and is making any corrections needed regarding the name change from Ellis County Baptist Association to Ellis Baptist Association.
- We received a comparative market analysis for both properties owned by EBA. These numbers are deemed to be about 68% accurate. Values were shared and it was noted that these are not set numbers and are dependent on water and sewage availability to the properties, among other things. At this time it is still being discussed whether the land could be used for a church plant or to just sell it outright, Richard also mentioned that maybe an appraisal may be in order, as opposed to just a comparative market analysis.
- Insurance meeting is to be scheduled to discuss insurance needs for Disaster relief.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Leadership Team voted to keep Weldon Holly for one more year as a trustee.
- Richard has looked at the history of One Church within the Association and there is no record of them requesting to be removed from the Association. All Leadership Team meeting minutes were searched back to the time of their joining the Association in 2009 as a mission. Also looked at all of the Annual Meeting minutes to make sure that there was never an official removal of this church. It would appear that they at one point had just been deemed inactive and taken off of the financial list, but never officially removed from the membership. The Leadership Team discussed what the procedure would be for them to be reinstated as an active part of the Association. The question was then asked about how membership is attained. The Leadership Team determined that the next step is to receive a letter from One Church requesting to be reinstated with the Association and for One Church to resume regular contributions to the Association.
- A review was done of the procedures for obtaining membership and Richard asked the Leadership Team to consider modifying the Constitution and By-Laws to reflect a different procedure. The current procedure was carefully reviewed and found to be adequate and no changes were made.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- The first Monday of each month is a time to come together and pray for Ellis County. Please join us at the EBA office.
- Josh Ellison from SOMA church will be meeting with Richard to see if they are interested in requesting membership with EBA.
- April 9 is the centennial celebration of FBC Milford's building. There will be a Hymn Sing and fellowship at 4 pm on that Sunday afternoon.
- April 2 will be the ground breaking ceremony for FBC Waxahachie for their new building.
- October 9, EBA will be hosting an event called EBA Presents. It will feature Dennis Swanberg and will be mainly a Senior Adult event, but all are welcome.
- Richard will be in Pasadena this coming weekend for an ordination service.
- The following weekend Richard will be doing the installation service of Philip Garvin at Grace Baptist in Grandview, Texas.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None.

Process Check: LaSharon said "We did pretty well, a little over but not too bad".

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

Submitted by: Darla Schembera