

Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
May 8, 2017

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

Regrets: None

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

Jared was assigned to be the Process Check person.

The April meeting minutes were presented. Typo and formatting issues found. Minutes approved contingent on corrections being made.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

TEAM REPORTS

Ministry

Ellis Christian Women's Job Corp

- Financials were presented.
- Kathryn shared that this is the last week for this session. The celebration for this group will be held on May 11, 2017 at 7 pm.
- A woman came to see Kathryn and is very qualified and needs resume help. Another prospect came in to talk and ended up accepting Christ.
- This program is for anyone who needs help and not just for the poverty stricken.
- During the summer they will have Bible study on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 am.

Hand in Hand Ministry

- Evelyn reports that cards have gone out and is working on making sure that all information is up to date. Again, she has received feedback and appreciation for the timeliness of the cards.

Ellis Christian Disaster Relief

- Financials were presented.
- The calendar is working well.
- The Shower unit and the Box unit are in Canton. Laundry is their biggest need. They did 28 loads just on Saturday. People are finding their clothes strewn all over. 2000 boxes have been given out so far between our unit and Denton's. Both trailers have been used and refilled. We need to pray about a new supplier for our boxes.
- They are being sent to Missouri. What was a time of rest and maintenance has turned very busy.

Missions

Lenca / Radio Rio de Dios

- There were some odd expenses that came up this month, but they will not come up regularly. The title for the Radio Station is on the government's desk. There are several different actions that could be taken with this. The "Society" option might work well for the ministry.

Leadership Development

- Last week we had a training on church constitutions and bylaws. The training was held here at the EBA office and 4 churches participated.

Church Revitalization

- There are some possibilities for churches to help the schools in their neighborhoods.

Church Planting

- Aaron shared that they are trying to develop the team and get them into the pipeline. One person has been asked to join and we are awaiting a response from another. The goal is to have three on the team. Remedy is working on a one year to 18 month residency to train future church planters. They are working with both SBTC and NAMB.
- Next month there is an Excel Discovery (church plant group training) taking place and Richard and Aaron will be attending. They are hoping this will help.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Josh Elsom at SOMA Waxahachie came to the constitution and bylaws training and they will be working on those in order to then present them to EBA and maybe move forward with requesting membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Richard presented some ideas for the Annual Meeting. Possibly create a video clip that can be shown in churches to promote the meeting. Get members involved by having them share what their church is doing in missions. Having onsite childcare was discussed.
- Dates for the meeting were discussed but not settled. The location is not certain, but we will be checking with The Avenue Church to possibly use The Venue facility.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Scott Whitsen has asked us and Puloxy Association about having a Hispanic Catalyst meeting. Our needs are different, but he could be a help. Perhaps hiring someone to connect us to Hispanic congregations.
- EBA Presents will be held at SAGU on October 9, 2017. The purpose is to connect people to the association.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None.

Process Check: Jared said "We got it done".

Our next meeting will be June 12, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera