

Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
September 11, 2017

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Jack Ables, Jared Douglas, Evelyn Newell, Kathyne Boroughs, Bert Sigala and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Jim Lawton, LaSharon Johnson, Joseph Barrett, Aaron Clayton and Debbie Crady.

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

Bert was assigned to be the Process Check person.

The August meeting minutes were presented. Minutes approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Darla presented the financial reports for August, 2017. Financials were approved as presented.

TEAM REPORTS

Ministry

Ellis Christian Women's Job Corp

- Financials were presented.
- Kathyne shared that there have been some extra expenses this month, but they are hanging in there. There are three ladies in the current class. These women are very excited to be studying the Bible. They come in early and stay late. Lots of former participants are coming to study as well.
- Pray for the upcoming fundraiser, that God will supply their needs.

Hand in Hand Ministry

- Evelyn shared that cards went out last week and some have been returned as undeliverable or moved. She will make the necessary updates.

Ellis Christian Disaster Relief

- Financials were presented.
- Richard shared that the teams have been out and about and several units are now on the coast.
- There are several trainings coming up throughout the area and there will be lots of call outs over the next few months.
- Yvette is looking to step down from doing the financials for ECDRT and it has been discussed that maybe Darla could do those books from here at the EBA office. This will be a decision made by the ECDRT Board.

Missions

Lenca / Radio Rio de Dios

- Financials were presented.
- Richard explained that in Honduras, a non-profit is different than here in the US. There a non-profit can not buy or sell anything. Therefore we will seek to create a Society instead of a non-profit. The paperwork has stalled out on the government official's desk. Please pray that this will move along and that the details can all come together to finish the creation of the Society.
- The new intern will be doing the financials for Shannon, so that will be a great help for him.

Leadership Development

- None

Church Revitalization

- Richard shared that he is working with Calvary Baptist Church in Midlothian. They are in the prayer triads section of the "Transformational Church" and will begin the assessments in October.

Church Planting

- Aaron shared that they have spoken with Damon Greer about a possible church plant in Midlothian.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Plans continue for the Annual Celebration. Richard is talking to people about their tables. This will give the churches a chance to share about what their church is doing to reach out. Bert Sigala will be preaching.
- All trustees agreed to serve another year and will be presented at the Annual Meeting for vote.
- New leadership Team members were presented, Drew Erickson and Bobbie Dlabaj. They will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- Richard removed the recommendation for the Hispanic Catalyst and may re-visit this next year.
- Budget questions were asked and addressed. Budget was approved and will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Richard has spoken to Rafael Murillo, DOM of Blanco Baptist Association in south Texas, about a partnership between our associations. This would be in order to support them during this time of devastation and rebuilding after Hurricane Harvey. It was agreed that EBA will send \$2,000 a month for 6 months to support their operations at Blanco Association, but also partner with churches within that association as needed. Chip Sebring will be heading that up.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Richard shared that the trip that he and Darla were going to be taking in October has been moved to some time next year.
- Richard proposed a change to the fiscal year on which EBA bases the budget. It was proposed to change it from September through October to a calendar year, January through December. This will be presented at the next meeting.
- There is a possibility to get the floors at the EBA office done for \$3,000 installed. Richard will look into this and present more information as it becomes available.
- EBA Presents is on October 9, 2017 at the Hagee Auditorium at SAGU. Everyone was encouraged to invite people to come.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None.

Process Check: Bert said that it was “good, brother”.

Our next meeting will be October 9, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera