

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
December 11, 2017**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Bobbie Dlabaj, Jim Lawton, Debbie Crady, Jack Ables, Jared Douglas, Kathryne Boroughs, Drew Erickson, Bert Sigala, Aaron Clayton and Darla Schembera

Regrets: LaSharon Johnson

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

Jared was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The November meeting minutes were presented. Minutes approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Debbie presented the financial reports for November, 2017. Financials were approved as presented.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras: Financials were presented and approved as such. Kathryne shared that the CWJC will be changing their program a bit in the upcoming sessions in order to teach different skills. There has always been just one level of training and this year they will be adding a level two program. They will be teaching QuickBooks, Computers and beginning Spanish. The participants will be receiving more job skills in order to be better prepared for going into the workplace. Teaching the “soft skills” will be a great benefit for them. Jim shared that FBC Rockport is being rebuilt and Disaster Relief may put up the tent there. Pray for that church as they go forward and try to minister to their community. Richard shared that prayer is needed right now in Honduras. The recent elections are causing much unrest. Pray for the safety of our teams there and for the country in general.

Church Revitalization - Richard continues to work with a Midlothian church. Assessments are complete and they are moving forward to the next stage.

Leadership Development - Sunday school / Bible Study leaders training at Hampton Road Baptist Church in DeSoto will be held on February 10, 2018. Mike Gilchrist is going to put together some training for some of the smaller churches.

Church Planting - Richard met with someone in DeSoto about a church plant. Remedy has a guy that has interest in maybe church planting. Chase Brown from The Avenue is being sent to Phoenix, AZ and may talk to us about how EBA can help.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

IRS - We continue waiting for the finalization from the IRS concerning our 501(c)(3).

New members into the Association - Bert and Richard met with Josh Elsom regarding joining the Association. The next step will be to meet with Jack and Joseph. Demetrius McClendon from One Church will be sending a letter requesting re-admission into the association.

NEW ACTIVITY:

Proceeds from the sale of the Grove Creek Property - Debbie will do some research into perhaps placing some of those proceeds into a foundation and will report back to the team with her findings.

Discussion will be had about developing a personnel team that would oversee the job descriptions and determine the salaries and benefits for the EBA staff.

Our next meeting will be January 8, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera