

**Ellis Baptist Association  
Leadership Team Minutes  
January 14, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Richard Cody, Bobbie Dlabaj, Kathyne Boroughs, LaSharon Johnson, Lucas Biggs, Demetrius McClendon, Misael Rodriguez, Jim Lawton and Darla Schembera

**Regrets:** Aaron Clayton, Debbie Crady and Brian Burgess

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

LaSharon was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

Richard shared about the Association and what it is that EBA does. Introductions were made around the table due to there being several new members. Richard then shared some statistical information from Precept regarding the demographics, population and faith status of the people living in Ellis County.

The November meeting minutes were presented. Correction was noted and then minutes were approved.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**EBA Financials:** Darla presented the financial reports for November and December 2018. Financials were approved as presented.

**Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:**

**ECWJC** - Kathryn shared a bit about the Job Corps and what they do with the new members of the team. New class will begin on January 21 and there are, as of right now, 4 enrolled for Level 1 and 2 for Level 2. The fundraiser luncheon will be held on May 3, 2019 at the Crepe Myrtle Room of the Waxahachie Civic Center. It will be \$25 per plate. Pastors have been asked to nominate or recommend women from their church to be recognized at the luncheon. Lauri and Kathryn will be attending a retreat this weekend and will do an assessment of the site. Mentors and lunches are needed for this upcoming semester.

**Disaster Relief** - Jim shared about Disaster Relief and what it is that they do. There is an upcoming Yellow Cap training on March 2, 2019 at FBC Waxahachie. Financials look good.

**Church Revitalization** - Richard shared that this is where EBA will help churches that may be struggling and come beside them to figure out how to move forward and achieve growth.

**Leadership Development** - Richard shared that EBA partners with other organizations to provide training and leadership development for the churches in the Association.

**Church Planting** - Richard shared that there is a Church Planting team in place that works to take the information they have about Ellis County, the demographics, population, etc. and use those details to see the possibilities for ministry in Ellis County and determine church planting within the county.

**UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:**

**Community Transformation** - This will remain before the team as we see what this will look like for EBA and its churches.

**Blanco Association** - Ongoing partnership between our churches.

**Watchcare for SOMA Waxahachie** - This will continue for the remainder of the year.

**NEW ACTIVITY:**

**Approve new board members for CWJC** - The following new board members for the Advisory Council for CWJC were presented to the Leadership Team for approval: Sharon Quate, Susan Norris, Carol Lambert, Larry Johnson, and Burt Lyon. All were approved.

**African American Pastor's Meeting** - Richard shared that there was a meeting held between pastors of several African American churches in Ellis County to discuss new churches and growth.

**Vision and Strategy** - Richard shared his vision for EBA and Ellis County.

Our next meeting will be March 18, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera