

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
July 15, 2019**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Kathyne Boroughs, Jim Lawton, Brian Burgess, Demetrius McClendon, Bobbie Dlabaj, Lucas Biggs and Darla Schembera

Regrets: LaSharon Johnson, Aaron Clayton, Lucas Biggs and Misael Rodriguez.

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

Brian was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The May meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Darla presented the financial reports for May and June 2019. Financials were approved as presented. Debbie Crady has moved out of the area and has resigned as treasurer for EBA.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Kathyne shared that day classes started in August and night classes will begin soon. Prayers are being answered in many different areas of the ministry. Kathryn shared the flyers that they have made and that Lauri has been working at networking within the community. Flyers for the next sessions have been put out. All day teachers have been found and still looking for a computer teacher for the night class. Kathryn is working on a new Bible Study curriculum with a more interactive format. They are looking for mentors and always need people or groups that will bring meals. Breakfast is provided at 8am and classes go until 3pm. Fundraiser coming up in September is North Texas Giving Day.

Disaster Relief - Jim shared about the ministry of Ellis Disaster Relief. Richard shared that there are some changes that we need to make for our part of supporting Disaster Relief.

Honduras - Financials look good. Richard and Darla shared about their trip to Honduras and ways that EBA can continue to support the work that Shannon is doing there. Richard shared that Darla will serve in a new role as an advocate for the work in Honduras in regards to EBA churches.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - None.

Church Planting - Aaron is on Sabbatical.

Community Transformation - Waxahachie Project continues to work with the community and churches. Midlothian Project is close to being up and running. They will be different due to different needs in each area.

New and Established Church Status

Watchcare - Soma Waxahachie is near the end of Watchcare. They have been supportive and have been giving to EBA regularly. They have recently moved into a new building.

Church Plants - Merge Point Church in Hillsboro. Bryan Walker has been talking to Richard and Aaron and they will be a church plant of BGCT. They have talked with FBC Waxahachie and will look into being members of EBA. Richard and Aaron would like for him to go to the Excel Conference for potential church planters. Richard recommended that EBA or BGCT pay to send Bryan to the conference and assessment. Amount would be no more than \$2,500. This was approved by the Leadership Team.

Potential EBA Members - Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Maypearl have met with Richard and the pastor has been given the information on how to apply to come under watchcare.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Vision and Strategy, planning - Richard shared that he agrees with our current mission statement, but would like to really focus on the churches working together.

Block Party Trailer - Last meeting it was approved to buy the trailer if wanted. We will move forward with this purchase. We will make it available to DBA churches.

Annual Meeting - FBC Waxahachie will be the location. The meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on October 20, 2019. We will serve desserts and refreshments, no meal. Richard and Chett will meet about the choir and Richard will present this at the next meeting.

NEW ACTIVITY:

CWJC - There are changes to their Bylaws, Constitution and Vision Statement. Lisa O'Brien was presented as a new member of the Advisory Council.

Honduras Association and Bylaws - Richard shared the corrections that the lawyer suggested for Shannon to make on the documents for the Honduras Association and those have been sent back for their lawyer to look at. Leadership Team suggested that a fund be discussed to provide for the eventuality of Luis stepping away from the radio station

FBC Red Oak - Richard has been asked to be a short term interim at FBC Red Oak. The term would be for 6 months. Leadership Team approved this interim time frame

Caring Well - The Leadership Team approved for Cindy Williams to lead a team that would provide guidance for churches as they go through the Caring Well Challenge

Vision and Strategy, equipping - Richard shared that he would like to look into the possibility of he and Darla becoming a mobile office. The property that EBA owns could be very valuable in the next few years and this money could be used for church plants and a church endowment fund amongst other things. The Leadership Team agreed to let August be a test month for the office going mobile. Richard and Darla will report back to the Leadership Team at next meeting.

Our next meeting will be September 9, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera