

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
May 13, 2019**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Kathyne Boroughs, Debbie Crady, Brian Burgess, Demetrius McClendon, Bobbie Dlabaj, Joe Bond and Darla Schembera

Regrets: LaSharon Johnson, Aaron Clayton, Lucas Biggs, Misael Rodriguez, Jim Lawton

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

Bobbie was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The March meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Debbie presented the financial reports for March and April 2019. Financials were approved as presented.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Kathryn shared that it has been a busy semester. CWJC had their first Rose Awards luncheon fundraiser and it went well. The lunch was great, there were lots of donations, a great speaker and the word got out about the CWJC program. \$5,157 was raised from the silent auction. This has been one of the more difficult classes ever, but God was faithful. Level two had one participant and she did outstanding. Finances were presented and approved.

Disaster Relief - Joe Bond shared that Jerry Hall went with the Collin County chainsaw unit to Alto, TX for two weeks after a tornado there had caused much damage. They were able to help and minister there. Mudout will be heading to Houston as soon as it is dry enough to do so. Chainsaw unit will be deactivated and the equipment will be dispersed to other units that can use it. The Ellis Christian Disaster Relief team met to review and discuss changes to their Bylaws and after having them reviewed by several lawyers it was recommended that they dissolve the Bylaws and come under EBA as a ministry of such. Leaders were voted on for this ministry as follows: Jim Lawton - President, Joe Bond - Vice President, Barry Bensmiller - Black Cap, Jerry Hall - Shower Unit, David Williams - Mudout Unit, Bob Crane - Chaplain, Jim Wilcox - Tent Unit.

Honduras - Financials look good. They had their annual fundraiser so that accounts for the big difference from the norm in March. At the end of the month Richard and Darla will be meeting up with a church in Houston and traveling to Honduras for a week. This will give them a chance to see the amazing work there that Shannon and Kristi are doing. They will be gone from Monday, May 27 - Friday, May 31. During this week the EBA office will be closed.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - None.

Church Planting - None.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Community Transformation - Richard shared that the Midlothian Project is just getting started and that they along with Waxahachie Project are trying to help churches and community organizations partner in meeting the needs of the community.

Watchcare for Soma Waxahachie - Soma is doing well. They are moving into a new building and will be looking at possibly a coffee shop ministry. They will be voted on in the next few months to be presented to the Association at the Annual Meeting for full membership into EBA.

Vision and Strategy - Richard will continue to look through *Church Unique* to see how to maybe move forward.

Block Party Trailer - Richard shared more information about the possibility of EBA purchasing a Block Party Trailer to have for EBA churches and church plants to use. A detailed packet was presented to the Leadership Team and after discussion it was agreed to have Richard move forward with finalizing the purchase of the trailer.

NEW ACTIVITY:

Annual Meeting - Location for this year's meeting will be FBC Waxahachie and the date will tentatively be October 20. Richard has visited with Chett Haynes about organizing an associational choir and orchestra for the meeting. Start time will be 6 pm and there will be coffee and desserts served after the meeting. Richard will talk to possible speakers.

Deeding of property - Richard shared the possibility of an associational church deeding their property over to EBA. More details will be shared as it becomes more clear the desires and needs of the church.

Our next meeting will be July 15, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera