

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
January 8, 2018**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Debbie Crady, Jack Ables, Kathyne Boroughs, Bert Sigala, Aaron Clayton and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Drew Erickson, Jared Douglas, Jim Lawton, Bobbie Dlabaj, LaSharon Johnson

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

Jack was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The December meeting minutes were presented. Minutes approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

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

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras: Financials were presented and approved as such. Changes are being put in place at CWJC. They will be offering two levels of classes this session. On Mondays there will be Level 2, which will include QuickBooks, computer skills and How to study the Bible. The Level 1 classes will be held Tuesday through Thursday. At this time there are 3 participants signed up. We are preparing for the session with mentor and teacher meetings and are going to have a radio spot on KBEZ Midlothian. Jim is currently in Cuero, TX working with Pastor Glen Moore at Lifeway Church with the rebuilding there. The Disaster Relief Team decided that they wish for their portion of the proceeds from Grove Creek to go to Blanco Association. The \$5,000 will be set aside for needs in Blanco as they arise. There is currently much political unrest in Honduras so continued prayers for Shannon and his team. Shannon presented a letter regarding the funds that were offered from the proceeds of the Grove Creek Property. The \$5,000 will be sent to 61 Isaiah Ministries.

Church Revitalization - Richard continues to work with a Midlothian church.

Leadership Development - Sunday school / Bible Study leaders training at Hampton Road Baptist Church in DeSoto will be held on February 10, 2018.

Church Planting - Aaron shared that there are 2 people on the team currently and there may be 2 more more very soon. They are currently talking to someone about a church plant in Ellis and what that might look like. Perhaps a residency program.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

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

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

Blanco Association - Four or Five churches within Ellis have stepped up to partner with churches in Blanco Association.

Proceeds from the sale of the Grove Creek Property - Debbie presented her research on the different savings and foundation options available for placing some of those proceeds. After discussion it was decided to go ahead and place funds in the SBTC Foundation, Church Expansion Term Investments. A breakdown of exact amounts will be presented to the Leadership Team.

NEW ACTIVITY:

Job description for Personnel Team was approved and team will be selected at next meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera