

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
March 18, 2019**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Kathrynne Boroughs, LaSharon Johnson, Aaron Clayton, Debbie Crady, Lucas Biggs, Demetrius McClendon, Misael Rodriguez, Jim Lawton and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Brian Burgess and Bobbie Dlabaj

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

Aaron was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The January meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Debbie presented the financial reports for January and February 2019. Financials were approved as presented.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Kathryn shared that in spite of a couple of hiccups that this has been a good semester so far. There are four current participants. Kathryn has started a Bible Study on Monday afternoons for those that are not currently enrolled in the program. Fundraiser luncheon coming up on May 3, 2019. Tickets are \$25. There will be a silent auction and awards will be given in recognition of businesswomen, women in ministry and those that have shown great support for ECWJC. Praying about a CWJC in Honduras and what that might look like.

Disaster Relief - Jim is the new director/president of Disaster Relief and they are working on restructuring and changing how they are set up. The Mudout unit is headed to Tennessee and the shower unit is in Euless. Repairs are needed after there was some freezing in the pipes.

Honduras - There is lots going on as they are looking to transition local nationals into leadership positions in order to some day turn over operations of the ministries there to the local nationals.

Church Revitalization - Richard shared that he is changing the name for this area of ministry from Re-Vision back to Church Revitalization.

Leadership Development - Richard shared that the Sunday School/Small Group training in February went well. There were six EBA churches that participated, with over 200 in attendance. It was very worthwhile and had a good balance of State Convention representation.

Church Planting - Aaron shared that he has been meeting with Mark Miller to try to find an income stream for church planting. The team is looking into how to help more EBA churches to plant within Ellis County, but also to help them to send church planters. Looking for church partners. Aaron asked that we be praying for their team. They are also talking about the need for strong Hispanic churches in the county.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Community Transformation - Richard shared that the EBA community partnerships will continue.

Blanco Association - Ongoing partnership between our churches. Richard will reach out to see what their current needs are.

Watchcare for Soma Waxahachie - Soma is doing well. Jeremy Beggs may be a possibility for church planting. This will continue for the remainder of the year.

African American Pastor's Meeting - There was one on April 6 and there will be another soon. The intent is to see how to increase the number of African American churches in Ellis County.

Vision and Strategy - Richard has been looking at other associations to see how to better service the county. Richard is reading through *Church Unique* to see how to maybe move forward.

NEW ACTIVITY:

Board members for CWJC - Burt Lyon has stepped down.

Block Party Trailer - Richard shared that an opportunity has been presented to possibly purchase a Party Trailer for the Association, which could be used by EBA churches or church plants.

Our next meeting will be May 13, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera