

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
Special Called Meeting
April 1, 2020**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Lauri Henderson,, Jim Lawton, Bill White, Brian Burgess, Misael Rodriguez, Bert Sigala and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Bobbie Dlabaj, Demetrius McClendon and Aaron Clayton

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

Jim was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

Richard gave an update regarding the tenant for the EBA building. Their lease will be postponed until 1 June, 2020.

Richard explained about the Small Business Administration's Payroll Protection Program loan that has been made available to churches, small businesses and non-profit organizations. It is a forgivable loan that would extend relief to those organizations in order to be able to still meet payroll obligations and not have to lay people off. The loan is forgivable provided we can give documentation proving that the funds we receive have been used only for payroll and other items that have been previously approved by them. The Leadership Team discussed at length and approved EBA to apply for the loan and to have Richard and Stephen Crane be signatures on the loan. EBA will be using the services of a firm that has offered its services to help small associations and churches with the process.

Richard explained about Generosity from Lifeway. This is an online giving platform offered through Lifeway that Richard feels could be a way for the association to aid our smaller churches to be able to offer online giving without having to shoulder the burden of a monthly fee. Leadership Team agreed to look into this and report back with more information.

Our next meeting will be May 11, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera