

**Ellis Baptist Association  
Leadership Team Minutes  
January 13, 2020**

**In Attendance:** Richard Cody, Lauri Henderson, Bobbie Dlabaj, Jim Lawton, Bill White, Brian Burgess, Aaron Clayton, Demetrius McClendon and Darla Schembera

**Regrets:** Misael Rodriguez

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

Jim was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

Richard introduced the new Leadership Team members and explained how the team works and talked a bit about EBA.

The November meeting minutes were presented and approved.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**EBA Financials:** Darla presented the financial reports for November and December 2019. Financials were approved as presented.

**Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:**

**ECWJC** - Lauri shared that class will start on Monday. There is right now one signed up for the day and 3 for the night. They want to make sure that those that come are put in the right part of the program.

**Disaster Relief** - Jim explained about Disaster Relief and their relationship with TBM. They have been praying for a truck and they now have one that has been donated. They have recently restructured their leadership and formed an official Leadership Team. Documents were presented to an attorney and he spotted many red flags. They will do away with their Constitution and Bylaws and instead develop operating policies and operate under the EBA Constitution and Bylaws. Training will be held for Yellow Caps at Eastridge Baptist Church on the last Saturday in March.

**Honduras** - Darla shared about the 61 Isaiah conference and about the great work that is going on there in Honduras. She shared that it is a goal to get more information out to each of our churches to re-acquaint many of them with the work that is going on with 61 Isaiah and learn ways that our EBA churches can partner with them.

**Church Revitalization** - None.

**Leadership Development** - Sunday school Conference coming up on February 22 at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

**Community Transformation** - None.

**New and Established Church Status**

**Watchcare**

**None**

**Church Plants** - Merge Point is still being helped and Aaron has been meeting with them to see how EBA can partner with them. Aaron shared about the church plant team.

**Potential EBA Members** - None at this time

**UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:**

**Block Party Trailer** -Richard presented the Evangelistic Block Party Trailer (EBPT) usage policies.

Several changes were suggested to include adding a hold harmless clause to the policies. It was agreed to go ahead with these policies once changes had been made.

**Honduras Association** - Process is ongoing.

**Caring Well** - There will be Caring Well training at the Sunday school conference in February at Hillcrest Baptist Church..

**Vision and Strategy, planning** - EBA purchased a laptop for Darla to be able to work remotely.

**Church Grants** - This will be monies that are brought in either by rental income or proceeds from the sale of the property. We will develop fund and scholarship applications.

**Women's Center** - There is no update at this time.

**NEW ACTIVITY:**

**New Leadership Team members** - New members were welcomed. Stephen Crane will be new trustee.

**Bounce Houses** - 2 bounce houses were donated by FBC Midlothian for use by the churches in the association. Policies will be developed and they will be made available.

**Housing Allowance** - Richard is requesting that his housing allowance be changed to \$2,800 per month. This was approved.

**Interim at FBC Red Oak** - Richard shared the status of his interim at FBC Red Oak and requested an extension for short term due to circumstances. Leadership Team approved a 2 month extension.

Our next meeting will be March 16, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera