

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
March 16, 2020**

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

Regrets: Misael Rodriguez, Demetrius McClendon and Bert Sigala

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

Lauri was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The January meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Darla presented the financial reports for January and February 2020. Financials were approved as presented.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Lauri shared that classes follow Waxahachie ISD so they are going to be having classes remotely as the schools move in that direction. They will be doing Bible Study remotely. There are several of the participants that do not have internet access so they will be working to get those ladies access to class. There are 9 participants at this point, 4 day and 5 night. The Rose Awards are still scheduled for May as of this time. They will watch as things progress and change that if needed. Kathryn is doing much better and is working to stay connected with students.

Disaster Relief - Jim explained that Disaster Relief is doing well at this time and the donated truck has been a great blessing already. There was a great turnout for the workday. The training that was coming up has been cancelled until further notice.

Honduras - Darla shared about the pastor's conference and the teacher retreat that happened in February. There was a great attendance for both and they were such a blessing to all those that attended. Continue to pray for the radio station as they are facing some financial difficulties.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - Sunday school Conference was well attended with around 300 participants. This is the largest turnout ever for this training.

Community Transformation - None.

New and Established Church Status

Watchcare - None

Church Plants - Damon Greer, the pastor of New Life in Midlothian has talked with Richard about Church Planting and is looking to see how he might partner with EBA going forward.

Potential EBA Members - Canaan Missionary Baptist Church is looking to come back into the association. They have requested more information.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Block Party Trailer -Richard shared that there are two scheduled uses of the trailer. DBA has asked if one of their churches could use it and also it is scheduled to be used for an Easter event by

New Life Church in Midlothian. They will be the first to use it and can give us useful feedback on how we can improve. We are looking to provide an online link to training videos for the trailer as well.

Honduras Association - Process is ongoing.

Caring Well - The Caring Well training that was going to be presented at the Sunday school conference in February did not happen. Cindy Williams had heart issues at that time, but is doing much better now.

Vision and Strategy, planning - EBA is moving forward with working mobile. Contract for new tenants is in place and they will begin occupying the building on April 1, 2020. Tenants will pay \$2,700 per month for two years. They may be interested in purchasing the property at some time later.

Church Grants - This will be made available to churches as emergency funds.

NEW ACTIVITY:

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.

EBA Furniture - North Texas Behavioral clinic does not want all of the furniture that is currently in the building so we will keep some and store it and the rest will be passed on to churches.

Richard has spoken with Rupert Robbins and he is praying about being treasurer for EBA. Bert sigala has agreed to come back to serve on the Leadership Team.

Our next meeting will be May 11, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at FBC Red Oak.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera