

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
November 11, 2019**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Kathyne Boroughs, Jim Lawton, Aaron Clayton and Darla Schembera

Regrets: LaSharon Johnson, Brian Burgess, Bobbie Dlabaj, Demetrius McClendon and Misael Rodriguez.

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

All were assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The September meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Darla presented the financial reports for September and October 2019. Financials were approved as presented.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Kathyne shared that though this session has been rough there have been three salvations and there will be one to graduate. Night classes are going well. The program will likely transition from 16 weeks to 12 weeks starting in the January session.

Disaster Relief - Jim shared that they are very busy and that there is always something to do. They spent a week in Dallas after the recent tornadoes. God provided boxes at just the right time. They also provided the use of the tent to a church that was mostly leveled. Many medical issues are hitting the leadership of TBM, so please pray for protection from spiritual attacks.

Honduras - Conference coming up on January 4th, watch the website for more information.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - John Maxwell conference coming up on November 13.

Community Transformation - None.

New and Established Church Status

Watchcare

- 1) Soma was voted in as a member at the Annual meeting.
- 2) Richard shared that Canaan did not get their application in before the Annual meeting, but he will continue to talk with them and see if they still wish to proceed with watchcare and membership.

Church Plants - Merge Point, with pastor Brian Walker, is possibly coming in as a church plant that we will work with. EBA is working with them to see if the BGCT will bring in an associate to help. EBA will pay for the associate and he will go to training. This is an ongoing work and EBA will walk with them.

Potential EBA Members - None at this time

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Block Party Trailer - EBA did purchase the Block Party Trailer and it has been inventoried. We will be getting training and preparing policies and procedures. Hope to have it ready to use by January.

Annual Meeting - FBC Waxahachie was the location. There were 15 EBA churches represented at the meeting, with about 50 in attendance. All business was attended to. Next year the meeting may possibly be held in conjunction with the Pastor and Minister's lunch.

Honduras Association - Process is ongoing.

Caring Well - Richard attended the conference and felt that the momentum was good. It does seem, however, that the momentum may be slowing down and our churches are not being reached. More work definitely needs to be done.

Vision and Strategy, planning - Last meeting we agreed to wait to move forward and vote at this meeting. It was approved for the EBA staff to go mobile once the building is no longer being used. The choice was made to lease the building for now and look at the possibility of selling at a later date.

Endowment Fund - This will be monies that are brought in either by rental income or proceeds from the sale of the property. The monies would be used for member churches. EBA will work on developing policies on how those funds would be distributed.

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

NEW ACTIVITY:

Budget - Richard presented the proposed budget for 2020. Budget was approved.

New Leadership Team members - One of the new members that was voted in at the meeting has moved away from our area. Richard will bring a new recommendation to the team.

Our next meeting will be January 13, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera