

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
September 9, 2019**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Kathyne Boroughs, Lucas Biggs, Brian Burgess, Demetrius McClendon, Bobbie Dlabaj, Aaron Clayton and Darla Schembera

Regrets: LaSharon Johnson, Jim Lawton and Misael Rodriguez.

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

Aaron was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The July meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Darla presented the financial reports for July and August 2019. Financials were approved as presented.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Kathyne shared that day classes have 4 women and the night classes have 4 signed up as well. They are all doing well. One woman was saved last week and will be participating in the program. Bible Study is going well and they are learning so much. North Texas Giving Day is coming up in September so please let people know. Kathryn shared that the ongoing skunk problem that they have been facing has cost quite a bit and has taken a large portion of the funds this year. They do believe that the problem is now solved and there should be no more issues with that. Kathryn presented the financials and the Proposed 2020 Budget.

Disaster Relief - Jim is working at the State Fair this month and has been extremely busy. Teams were prepared to head to Florida, but have been told to stand down due to not being needed at this time.

Honduras - Financials look good. Darla shared about her recent conversations with Shannon and plans to connect with Spencer, who is the new intern that will be handling media relations. They will develop a plan to promote the work going on in Honduras in a way that it is clear for the churches and for those who have not been there or ever experienced life in a third world country. They also discussed a better way to connect the churches through prayer networks and possible VBS connections. This will be an ongoing conversation and Darla will provide updates as they are available.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - Richard mentioned the upcoming John Maxwell event in November and also the Sunday school leadership conference that will take place in February 2020.

Community Transformation - None.

New and Established Church Status

Watchcare

1) Recommendation will be made at the Annual meeting to move Soma Waxahachie from Watchcare status to full membership in the Association. They have been supportive and have been giving to EBA regularly.

2) Richard recommended that Canaan Missionary Baptist Church be brought on under Watchcare.

3) Richard met with pastor of Rush Creek's new satellite church that will be coming to Midlothian. They are looking to possibly use the Conference Center and are looking at a launch in August 2020.

Church Plants - There is a man in Hillsboro that is really wanting to plant there in Hillsboro, and he is talking to Aaron about what that could look like. There is also a conversation being had with a man in Grandview about where God might be leading him to plant.

Potential EBA Members

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Block Party Trailer - Richard spoke with Fred and we should have the trailer for the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting - FBC Waxahachie will be the location. The meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on October 20, 2019. We will serve desserts and refreshments, no meal. Richard and Chett will meet about music. Kathyne, Larry Atchley, Demetrius McClendon and Cindy Williams will share at the meeting about what is going on in their respective ministries.

Honduras Association - Constitution and Bylaws are being corrected and they will go ahead with the changes we proposed as recommended by Stephen Crane.

Caring Well - October 3-5 is the launch. It will be in Irving so please go and register to reserve your spot.

Vision and Strategy, planning - Overall the trial run of going mobile for the month of August went well. There were a few items that will need to be tweaked, but overall it went well. The Leadership Team will make a decision at the November meeting whether to move forward with going mobile. Richard will follow up with a realtor to have some options to present to the team at the November meeting.

NEW ACTIVITY:

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

Two new Leadership Team members - Lucas Biggs and LaSharon Johnson will be stepping down from their roles on the team and two new members must be selected. Those selected to present at the Annual Meeting are: Bill White from Ranchhouse Cowboy Church and Jeremy Beggs from SOMA Waxahachie.

Women's Center - Richard met with Jennifer Salzman, who is Stan and Sandi Tidwell's daughter. She would like to open a women's shelter/center. Other non-profits could come together to form a community center. More information will be shared as it is available.

Our next meeting will be November 11, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera