

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
January 11, 2021**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Lauri Henderson, Bill White, Bert Sigala, Sheila Thompson, Justin Dorough, Rupert Robbins and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Aaron Clayton, Demetrius McClendon, Brian Burgess and Jim Lawton

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

Lauri was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

Meeting began with introductions since we have new members.

Richard reviewed the Leadership Team Purpose and Expectations. He then shared a bit about the city of Waxahachie, it's demographics and some of the issues facing the Association as it comes to churches and people. He reviewed the InSite demographic report. Richard explained the four pillars of the Ellis Baptist Association:

Church Planting - EBA has a Church Planting Team.

Church Revitalization - Provides help for churches that are struggling.

Leadership Development - Waxahachie Project, John Maxwell Leadership Conference, Training for SS/Small Group leaders (Partnered with DBA).

Community Transformation - Help churches get into the community. EBA also has a Block Party Trailer that is available for our churches to use. EBA also partners with ECWJC and ECDR. Anything that can impact the community for the Gospel.

The November meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Darla presented the financial reports for November and December 2020. Financials were approved as presented.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Lauri shared about the ways that they get money for their program. The Rose Awards will be coming up in May and will be held at the Waxahachie Civic Center. New classes start January 26 and there are currently 4 ladies signed up.

Disaster Relief - Richard and Rupert explained about Ellis Christian Disaster relief, what they do and how they work.

Honduras - Richard shared about the work in Honduras.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - There will be no in person training this year, but the training will be closer to Ellis County next year.

Community Transformation - On hold for now due to COVID.

New and Established Church Status

Watchcare - None

Church Plants - Merge Point has closed. Crosstown Fellowship in Hillsboro has been meeting and Aaron is working with them.

Potential EBA Members - Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Midlothian may still turn in their application, we are waiting.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Women's Center - Lauri shared an update about their progress.

North Texas Behavioral Clinic - Things continue to move forward with no issues.

NEW ACTIVITY:

Approve 2 new members for the ECWJC Advisory Council - Julie Burns and Tamara Scott

Inquiry about property - Remedy Church would like to inquire about possibly purchasing the property at 3080 W Hwy 287 Bypass in Waxahachie. Richard suggested that a sub team be put together to evaluate and address the inquiry. The team agreed and the sub team will consist of: Bill White, Bert Sigala, Brian Burgess and Rupert Robbins.

Review Grant Application - Grant application was approved and Darla will disperse funds as per Leadership Team discussion.

Our next meeting will be March 8, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Maypearl.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera