

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
September 14, 2020**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Lauri Henderson, Bill White, Aaron Clayton, Demetrius McClendon, Bert Sigala and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Misael Rodriguez, Brian Burgess, Jim Lawton and Bobbie Dlabaj

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

Bert was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The November meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Darla presented the financial reports for July and August 2020. Financials were approved as presented.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Lauri shared that the giving for the year is a bit behind due to not being able to hold the Rose Award Luncheon fundraiser. At this time they have 1 enrolled for day and 4 for the night class. Day class may not finish, but night class is going well. Kathyryne continues to recover, but needs prayers. Lauri reminded everyone that this is North Texas Giving Day week, which is also a large source of their giving for the year.

Disaster Relief - Jim has been in Orange, TX for the last two weeks and is on his way home.

Honduras - Richard shared that Shannon is hopefully heading back to Honduras this week. The rest of the team will have to wait to go back. Continue to pray for them and their ministry.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - Sunday school Conference coming up in February 22 is still being discussed. May possibly be a virtual format. Waxahachie Project usually has October leadership training and that is still on track.

Community Transformation - None.

New and Established Church Status

Watchcare

None

Church Plants - Merge Point, and its pastor Brian Walker may step back from formal partnership with the BGCT for now, but will remain in communication with EBA. Larry Williamson is planting Crosstown Fellowship in Hillsboro and is a teacher in Milford. The Church Plant team has met with him and is ready to move forward, just waiting on some final steps with SBTC and family.

Potential EBA Members - Canaan Missionary Baptist Church in Midlothian may still turn in their application, we are waiting. Damon Greer, pastor at New Community Missionary Baptist Church in Midlothian has been given the information on how to join, but has yet to turn that in.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Women's Center - They are continuing to move forward. They are hoping to break ground early next year.

PPP Update - Richard shared that we have submitted the application for loan forgiveness and are waiting for a response from our lender.

North Texas Behavioral Clinic - Richard shared that they have settled in and are seeing clients.

Church Plant - See attachment

County Tax Appraisal - We had help from someone at FBC Midlothian who was able to walk our appeal through and negotiate the amount we were proposing. He did not charge EBA a fee for this service.

NEW ACTIVITY:

Budget - Richard presented the Proposed 2021 budget to the team. Several members mentioned that next year they would like to see the salaries for the staff raised since this will be the second year that there were no raises in the budget. The budget was then approved by the Leadership Team and will be presented at the Annual Meeting for vote.

Gift to Latham Springs - Richard gave the team an update on the financial status of Latham Springs during this year and then shared the history of EBA giving to Latham Springs. EBA gave to the camp in the past, but took it out of the budget about 10 years ago. The new approved budget includes giving to Latham Springs. Also shared by Richard is the opportunity for EBA to give a gift to Latham Springs towards their new conference center. A room can be sponsored for \$5,000. It was approved by the team to give \$3,800 in addition to the \$1,200 budgeted for the next year to sponsor a room from EBA. Other discussion was regarding Carl and Pat Ansley. They are members of Southlake Baptist church and have faithfully served at the camp since the 1970's. They are retiring from their service there at the camp this year. Richard suggested that the gift that EBA is giving be given in their honor and that their name be placed on the plaque that will go on the room that is being sponsored. Discussion was had about if this would set a precedent for other donations, but the team all agreed that this is a unique situation in which the timing and service lead to this being an appropriate action without setting a precedent for further honorariums.

Confirmations for the Annual Meeting - See attachment

Our next meeting will be November 9, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, Ennis.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera