

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
May 10, 2021**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Lauri Henderson, Bill White, Aaron Clayton, Demetrius McClendon, Justin Dorough, Jim Lawton and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Brian Burgess, Sheila Thompson, Bert Sigala and Rupert Robbins

Richard opened by taking a bit about the community of Italy. He discussed the demographic layout and growth predictions.

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

Justin was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The March meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Darla presented the financial reports for March and April 2021. Financials were approved as presented.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Lauri shared that this is the last week of classes. Graduation will be on Thursday at Primera Baptist Church. Rose Awards will be on May 21. The Social Media Blitz is going well and there has been good participation. The Heights is moving forward and the board is meeting to make future plans. Kathyne is recovering slowly, so continue to pray.

Disaster Relief - Jim shared about the tornados that have come through Ellis County recently. Colin County chainsaw unit was there and joined with Stagecoach to help out with relief. They cut trees for several days and they are looking forward to clearing lots of debris from people's fields. Rupert and Jim will be at Hillcrest this weekend at a Mission conference and will have all of the trailers there as well as the new Command Center. All were encouraged to come out to see it. The shower trailer has been repainted and is awaiting new decals.

Honduras - At this time COVID is very fluid in Honduras. Shannon is working to perhaps facilitate vaccines for locals. Kristi has been given a new role as the Curriculum coordinator for all 8 Christian Life Schools. Kingdom Life, the Honduran Non Governmental Organization, is still moving forward. The Radio Station has been able to survive through COVID, much due to our gift, but they are now showing signs of standing back up on their own. The Hunger Farm/Radio land is 38 acres. Shannon and Kristi are working on two possible grants. Shannon will be in Waxahachie in June and will share with the Leadership Team some possible plans for that land.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - Sunday school Conference coming up on August 28 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 - Tony Canady is looking to plant in Waxahachie. Crosstown in Hillsboro is moving forward and looking to meet in person again soon. Talking about a possible Spanish church plant in East Ellis County.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

North Texas Behavioral Clinic - They have asked to move forward with the contract and the Leadership Team agreed that the trustees may sign and move forward.

Contract from Kim Weins - Stephen Crane will look over the contract and if it looks good he will send it forward for approval.

NEW ACTIVITY:

Annual Meeting - Date for meeting is set to October 24. Richard presented the possibility of asking Jared Douglas to speak.

Investment Team - Richard suggested that a 3-5 person investment team be put together to handle the investment of the funds from the sale of the property. These would be persons that are knowledgeable in finance and could have at least one member from the Leadership Team. Ken Box will be unable to serve on the team, but will be available to help with guidelines.

Christians Rise Up - This will be a county-wide prayer event on October 10 at the Waxahachie Stadium.

Potential City-Wide Evangelistic Event - There could be an event in Waxahachie and some funds from the EBA Missions and Ministry fund could be requested by churches.

New Display - EBA has purchased a new display that is a large 10' Backdrop, podium with wrap and a retractable banner. These will be used in any presentation that EBA takes part and will put a good face for the organization.

Our next meeting will be July 26, at 12:00 p.m., location TBD.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera