

**Ellis Baptist Association  
Leadership Team Minutes  
December 13, 2021**

**In Attendance:** Richard Cody, Lauri Henderson, Bill White, Demetrius McClendon, Justin Dorough, Sheila Thompson, Jim Lawton, Brian Burgess, Rupert Robbins and Darla Schembera

**Regrets:** Aaron Clayton and Bert Sigala.

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

Lauri was 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 2021. Financials were approved as presented.

**Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:**

**ECWJC -** Lauri shared that classes finished up and graduation went well. Two ladies graduated.

They are finished with moving to the new location on Chambers Circle and happy to be there. It was a long process, but hoping that being at the new location will generate more participants. Lauri presented three new names for the Ellis CWJC Advisory Council, Xochitl Vasquez, Johanna Sigala and Kathleen Heifrin. Leadership Team approved. Lauri shared that they are still 18 months to two years from The Heights building being ready for them to move in, so they will likely stay at this location until then.

**Disaster Relief -** It has been quiet lately which is really good. One Church is using the Tent for worship as their building is in construction. The team has been taking on small handyman type jobs for local residents and churches. The tornados that came through the midwest may need help at some point, just waiting to see what and when that might be.

**Honduras -** Darla shared that things are going well in Honduras. The team is getting out into the villages, but that will slow down as coffee season approaches and most of the residents will be out harvesting the coffee. That will be the case until around February. During October they held a training in evangelism and had over 60 people from 9 villages attend. It was the first time that many of the pastors had been away from their villages since COVID. The team has continued to grow and there are several new team members. The team talked about having a week of prayer emphasis sometime this next year and also about asking churches to have a specific Sunday that would be focused on praying for Honduras and making their congregations aware of the ministry there. In November the team focused on teen discipleship there in Gracias and also focused on financial training for the local leaders in order to teach them finance from a Biblical perspective and how to get away from debt.

**Church Revitalization -** None.

**Leadership Development -** None.

**Gospel Centered Community Transformation -** None.

## **New and Established Church Status**

**Watchcare** - None

**Church Planting** - Tony Canady, the pastor of Triumphal Christian Fellowship has requested membership into EBA. A team will be set up to meet and talk with him and make a recommendation to the Leadership Team about moving forward.

**Established Churches** - Malcom Finkley, pastor of Mt. Horeb Baptist Church has talked to Richard about being a part of EBA. We are waiting on his application.

## **UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:**

**Annual Meeting** - Meeting was well attended and overall went well. The food was great and the worship and message were good as well. This meeting was a success. The team will begin talks next meeting about the 2022 meeting.

**Investment Team** - More information will be put out at our next meeting.

**ECWJC Building** - The final payment will be made in February.

## **NEW ACTIVITY:**

**South Prong Merge with Remedy** - Richard shared that the transfer of the property from South Prong to Remedy is complete. They are doing some remodeling and hope to be in the building soon.

**Alpha & Omega** - The EBA attorney is finishing drawing up the papers for the transfer of the building. A resolution naming the authorized signers for the transfer was presented to the Leadership Team and approved. EBA will be offering there temporarily.

**Missions and Ministry Funds** - Team discussed changes to the guidelines and application process for the Missions and Ministry Grant. The new forms will be made available online.

**Church Planting Funds** - The team agreed to hold up on funding for Crosstown Fellowship until they are ready to move forward. The team also discussed the distribution of funds to two former church plants of EBA that did not receive funds commiserate to what current church plants receive. Both churches are currently in a building phase. The team discussed this at length and decided to grant the distribution of funds to Remedy Church and One Church in the amount of \$20,000 each.

Our next meeting will be January 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., at Forreton Baptist Church.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera

**These December minutes not yet approved. They will be presented for review at the January meeting.**