

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

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

Regrets: Jim Lawton, Aaron Clayton, Brian Burgess and Rupert Robbins

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

Sheila 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 2021. Financials were approved as presented.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Lauri shared that classes started last week with 4 participants. They are facing some challenges, but doing well. North Texas Giving Day is on September 23rd and is one of their biggest fundraisers for the year. After December 31 they will not have a building, so they need a temporary location until they move to The Heights.

Disaster Relief - There is nothing new to report at this time.

Honduras - Darla shared that things are going well in Honduras. The team is getting out into the villages more and more and even though COVID has really changed how they do things, they are getting to minister in person again. Continued conversations on the plans for the land at the Radio Station.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - None.

Gospel Centered Community Transformation - None.

New and Established Church Status

Watchcare - None

Church Planting - Yesterday Richard was at Triumphal Christian Fellowship. They had roughly 75 in attendance and are very diverse in age and demographic. They may be requesting to join the association. Crosstown Fellowship in Hillsboro is still walking through some things and moving forward. Jarvis James is someone who has done work with NAMB and wants to go into the hard areas and looking to do community outreach with childcare and possibly some food lines.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Sardis Property - Completed and done. Funds are in an interest bearing account. An investment team will be put together to look at where these funds will be placed.

Christians Rise Up - They will be making info available to local churches on how to pray for our community.

Annual Meeting - Meeting will be held at Primera Baptist Church on October 24. Theme and logo are set. Meal will be served at 5:15 pm and meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Team discussed trustees to be presented for approval and will be asking Rupert to stay on as Treasurer.

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

NEW ACTIVITY:

South Prong Office/Storage - Richard talked to them about us having a room to meet in until some thing else comes along.

Moving from Church Mutual to Brotherhood - Richard got quotes from Church Mutual and Guidestone (Brotherhood) and EBA will be switching over to Brotherhood for Insurance.

Set up a Leadership Development Team - Richard presented a job description and possible members for a Leadership Development Team.

ECWJC Building valuation - After meeting with Mike Marshall and looking over all of the building documents, Richard, Lauri and the CWJC Advisory council agree. To value the building at \$115,000. This amount will be paid out to CWJC in staggered payments over the next few months. Team agreed.

Missions and Ministry Funds - Team discussed whether to change the guidelines for the Mission and Ministry Fund. This will be revisited at a later date..

Our next meeting will be December 13, at 12:00 p.m., at Richard's house. Date changed to December since both state conventions are in November.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera