

**Ellis Baptist Association  
Leadership Team Minutes  
January 10, 2022**

**In Attendance:** Richard Cody, Lauri Henderson, Demetrius McClendon, Justin Dorough, Jim Lawton, John Thomas, Bert Sigala, Alex Farr and Darla Schembera

**Regrets:** Aaron Clayton, Rupert Robbins, Sheila Thompson and Bill White.

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

Justin was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The December meeting minutes were presented and approved with one correction.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**EBA Financials:** Darla presented the financial reports for November and December 2021. Financials were approved as presented.

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

**ECWJC** - Lauri shared about their new location at 100 Chambers Circle. They will likely be there for the next 18 months. They finished well for the year financially and came in well within Budget. They have now moved to laptops for the participants and are holding classes three days per week from 8am - 12pm. Looking to have some mobile locations, possibly in Ennis and then see where it goes from there. The next class begins on January 25 and there are three signed up right now. They are looking to partner with an employments agency who will help with job placement and skill testing for participants.

**Disaster Relief** - Jim explained to the new members about the disaster relief trailers and how they partner with TBM for many call outs and then also how they serve local in disasters and with other needs as they arise. Jim needs to have churches donate tape for the box unit. Maybe have a tape drive. In January TBM is starting to think about training for this year. Darla will get with Jim on how to better promote the disaster relief units and their availability to our churches.

**Honduras** - Richard shared about the history of the ministry. Darla shared about the current updates with 61 Isaiah and news about the team there.

**Church Revitalization** - None.

**Leadership Development** - The new Leadership Development Team will have their first meeting on January 25.

**Gospel Centered Community Transformation** - Block party trailer is available for churches to use for outreach events in their community.

**New and Established Church Status**

**Watchcare** - None

**Church Planting** - None.

**Established Churches** - Tony Canady from Triumphal has turned in application and the association will follow up by selecting a Membership Team to meet with him and discuss next steps. Malcom Finkley, pastor of Mt. Horeb Baptist Church has picked up an application and we are waiting to

receive word back from him. Justin Barker at El Bethel is looking for help from the association and is interested in joining.

**UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:**

**Investment Team** - This is being tabled for now to see what may happen with the Templo Alpha & Omega building before moving forward with any investments.

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

**South Prong Merge with Remedy** - Move is complete and people are settling in. Renovations have begun.

**NEW ACTIVITY:**

**Grants** - The team agreed to change the timing for requests from bi-yearly to three times a year.

**Establish Membership Team** - A team was established to meet with and evaluate those seeking EBA membership.

Our next meeting will be March 21, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., at FBC Waxahachie.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera