

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
July 11, 2022**

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

Regrets:, Justin Dorough, Sheila Thompson, and Aaron Clayton.

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

Bert was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The May meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Darla presented the financial reports for May and June 2022. Financials were approved as presented. Rupert and Darla will meet to correct accounts in the designated area.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Lauri shared the ECWJC financials. They are non-extraordinary with just a small note about overhead. They are having a banner summer according to Lauri. Summer classes touched at least 47 people with night classes. For the Fall they have 3 signed up currently, but know that many will come towards time for the classes to start. They are having to make some major decisions about the Quickbooks class and will need to switch to QuickBooks online. This means looking for a new teacher. They are struggling a bit to get into Ennis, so praying about that. They are meeting this week with Midway in Ferris to see about meeting in their building for classes.

Disaster Relief - Jim shared that the shower trailer has been out quite a bit this summer.

Honduras - Darla shared about her trip and gave an update on the team and ministries there.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - This is a new team to train leaders and find training to see how to help.

Sent out a survey to find beneficial training. Richard is talking with TXADOM to present

Gospel Centered Community Transformation - Richard talked about Love Your

Neighbor and that they are looking for a new location for their Thrift Store. He talked a little about the Christians Rise Up in Prayer event that will be on October 2 and will be a great time for community prayer and worship. It will be held at the Midlothian High School arena.

Church Revitalization - Richard has been in conversations with NAMB to maybe have a conference in the Spring of 2023.

New and Established Church Status

Watchcare - Triumphal Christian Fellowship is being recommended for watchcare, team approved.

Church Planting - Aaron has had conversations with Malcolm Finkley. He has been going through the steps to see how EBA can work with them.

Established Churches - Richard is continuing to reach out to churches and is in conversations with other churches throughout Ellis County about possibly joining EBA.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Templo Alpha and Omega Building - The building went on the market today.

New trustees - Team looked at names presented and Richard will contact those listed and return to team with results.

NEW ACTIVITY:

Request for Membership - Pulse Community Church has requested to join EBA and is being considered.

Annual Celebration - Theme is Rooftops and Steeples: The Changing Landscape. Date is Sunday, October 23. Looking at possible locations.

Medical Equipment - Richard shared that some medical equipment has been donated to the Association. He made a recommendation that this be passed along to Love Your Neighbor for them to make these items more widely accessible for those who might need to borrow them. Leadership Team approved.

Budget - Proposed 2023 Budget will be presented at the August meeting.

Vision Team - Richard will share more about this at the August meeting.

Our next meeting will be August 8, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., at Primera Baptist Church

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera