

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
May 9, 2022**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Lauri Henderson, Jim Lawton, John Thomas, Aaron Clayton, Alex Farr and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Bert Sigala, Justin Dorough, Rupert Robbins, Sheila Thompson and Demetrius McClendon.

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

John was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The March meeting minutes were presented and approved with corrections.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: Darla presented the financial reports for March and April 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 had a very large amount of money coming in during March which is due to money coming in for the Rose awards. \$12,000 was raised in sponsorships so the event is paid for and they will be able to keep the rest. Graduation was two weeks ago and they graduated 3 out of the 5 that started. The two that did not finish made it almost to the end which has not been the case in the past. May 23 and 24 there will be Finance 101, in June there will be a class for Word and in July for Excel which is already full so they may add another night. They also have a three day Quickbooks class this summer.

Disaster Relief - Jim shared that they are moving into the Spring the shower trailer is going out to First Conroe and will be there for the Wounded Warrior event and then also to the CUIM Cowboy Camp in June. The tent has been used by One Church for a while, but is back now. They are deciding whether or not to buy a new tent. The tent is starting to show lots of wear. Jim has been offered a new position at TBM and Joe Bond will be taking over the box unit for now. Joe and Jim will discuss what that will look like. Orientation and specialty training will be taking place June. Please advertise this among the church as the volunteers are getting older and they need more volunteers. Praying for new volunteers and hopefully get someone to be in charge of each of the units.

Honduras - Darla shared about the radio station changing its name and that the process is almost complete. Shared with the team a list of all the 61 Isaiah Team and emphasized the need for our churches to partner in prayer. Talked about the trip she and her mother will be taking there in July and then shared about some of the events and happenings that have gone on in March and April.

Church Revitalization - None.

Leadership Development - This is a group that has been started this past year and they will have a survey going to the pastors. The Group (SS/SG) Conference, will be held at FBCCH, February of 2023.

Gospel Centered Community Transformation - Richard reminded the group about Love Your Neighbor and talked a little about the Christians Rise Up in Prayer event that will be in October. He also encouraged the members to use or share with others the availability of the Block Party Trailer and Bounce Houses.

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

A. Church Status

1. Church Plants
 - a. Pulse Community Church plant in east Waxahachie
2. Established Churches
 - a. El Bethel, Waxahachie - waiting on application
 - b. Greater New Mount Zion, Waxahachie - church leadership meeting
 - c. TCAL, Mansfield - waiting on church leadership
3. Recommended for Watch-care or membership
 - a. Triumphal Christian Fellowship
4. Establishing Relationships
 - a. Ennis
 - b. Red Oak
 - c. Waxahachie

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 - Mt. Horeb joining could be discussed at a later date. El Bethel has turned in application. Greater New Mt Zion is meeting with its leadership to discuss requesting membership with EBA. TCAL has been having conversations with Richard and they are interested in being a part of the association. Richard is in conversations with other churches throughout Ellis County about possibly joining EBA.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

Templo Alpha and Omega Building - The team talked about possible uses for the building. The team is still praying about how this might look.

NEW ACTIVITY:

New trustee - Team presented names and Richard will contact those listed and return to team in July with results.

Request for Membership - El Ethel was presented as a candidate for membership. The Membership Team will set up a time to meet with Justin Barker and then come back to the Leadership Team with a recommendation. Pulse Community Church requested membership. They will be looked at first as a church plant and then considered for membership.

Grant Requests - Grant request from Southlake and Primera was presented to the team and approved.

Honduras Association - Shannon sent an email to the team explaining about some legal needs for the finalizing of the Association there. He is requesting \$1,500. The team approved the request and money will be sent this week.

Richard - Richard will be taking 2 1/2 weeks of vacation in July and August. Richard requested a change to his housing allowance. Amount will be moved from salary to housing.

Annual Celebration - Theme is going to be Rooftops and Steeples: The Changing Landscape. Dates will depend on the football schedule to come out. Potential dates are October 9, 16 or 23. Looking at FBC Midlothian for the location and Richard will be talking to potential speakers.

Our next meeting will be July 11, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., location TBD

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera