

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
September 12, 2022**

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Lauri Henderson, Alex Farr, Demetrius McClendon,
Justin Dorough, John Thomas and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Jim Lawton, Bert Sigala, Aaron Clayton and Rupert Robbins.

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

John was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The August meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: July and August financials were presented and approved.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Lauri shared the financials and they were approved. She shared that the finances are good, but as the program continues to grow, they will need more sponsors and funds to be able to go forward. North Texas Giving Day is coming up and is normally a good result, so they are looking forward to that event. They will be reaching out to churches to sponsor participants and to partner with CWJC. Lauri also presented Kim Holman as a new member of the CWJC Advisory Council.

Disaster Relief - Richard shared that the trailers have been going out and volunteers have been helping with the flooding that has taken place throughout the Metroplex.

Honduras - Justin shared about the Hunger Farm and the great growth that has taken place and how the progress is coming along with the dormitory.

Church Revitalization - In Spring of 2023 we are looking to participate in an Associational event, Church Re-Plant, partnering with NAMB and other associations from the DFW aea. Event will be held April 17-18, 2023 and likely held at Mt. Lebanon. We will be reaching out to pastors.

Leadership Development - The team has met to determine a plan to have monthly events that will support leadership training for EBA Pastors, presenting topics that are interesting and needed for Pastors. Topics may include Revitalization and change, self health and emotional health for leaders, situational leadership and more. The Group (SS/LG) Conference for this year will be at Hillcrest Baptist Church on February 18, 2023. Dr. Greenway will be the main speaker. There will be breakout sessions for all of the different ministries.

Gospel Centered Community Transformation - Block Party Trailer is available for Fall festivals or whatever other out reach events our churches may be planning. Love Your Neighbor is doing well and their thrift store is reaching the community. Christians Rise Up in Prayer event that was to be held in October has been cancelled.

Church Planting - Richard shared that there are two churches that they have talked to about church planting. Both have been to the BGCT Church Planter evaluation and the Association is moving forward according to the recommendations of BGCT. Pulse Community Church will possibly move forward with EBA as a member candidate, we are waiting to hear from Malcolm on his desire to request membership with EBA. The House of Transformation will come under the Church Planting

team as a plant. They are currently meeting at Park Meadows Baptist Church in Waxahachie.

New and Established Church Status

Watch-care - Triumphal Christian Fellowship and El Bethel will be recommended for watch-care at the Annual Meeting.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

New trustees - New trustees have been contacted by Richard and have agreed to serve. Trustees being recommended at the Annual Celebration are Randy Till (Hillcrest), Rudy Hernandez (Primera) and Brian Burgess (Mt. Peak).

New treasurer - We are still seeking a new treasurer.

Annual Celebration - Theme is Rooftops and Steeples: The Changing Landscape. Date is Sunday, October 23. Location is Longbranch Community Baptist Church. Meal will be served at 5:00 pm and the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Speaker will be Tony Sheffield, Eddie Massey will read scripture and pray, Hector Espino will do closing prayer, Craig McBroom will lead worship and Brent McNeal will give Welcome remarks.

NEW ACTIVITY:

Budget - Changes to the Proposed 2023 Budget were made and the final draft was presented to the Team. Budget was approved for presenting at the Annual Meeting.

New Leadership Team Members - Discussion was had about new Leadership Team members.

Richard will reach out to those suggested to see if they are willing to serve and they will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Vision Team - Richard explained that this will be a team that will look forward to what the next 30 years needs to look like for the Ellis Baptist Association based on what the demographics and statistics are looking like for the growth and development for the County. Richard met with the Reynolds Group and presented to the team a possible resource that can be used for this team.

Our next meeting will be December 12, 2022 at 12:00 p.m., at Remedy Church.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera