

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

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Lauri Henderson, Alex Farr, Demetrius McClendon,
Justin Dorough, John Thomas, Aaron Clayton, Bill White, Jim Lawton and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Bert Sigala and Rupert Robbins.

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

Bill was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The September meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: September, October and November financials were presented. There were questions and recommendations. Corrected reports will be presented for November financials at January meeting.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Lauri shared the financials and they were approved. She shared that things are going well for them. They were very blessed at North Texas Giving Day and brought in over \$16,000. She presented three new Advisory Council members, Barbara Parker, Linda Roberson and Elizabeth Green. These were approved by Leadership Team. Lauri presented to the team their desire to apply for their own 501(c)3 status. She explained why they feel this is a wise move and the benefits that could come from it. Lauri also presented to the team the new logo that CWJC will be using going forward.

Disaster Relief - Jim shared that God is really working. The disaster relief has really been blessed. They have 3 new leaders to head up their box and shower units. The tent unit was sent to head quarters and was used in Conroe. TBM purchased 2 new trailers, one for the box unit and one for the tent. TBM also is purchasing a new tent for the Ellis Disaster Relief Team. They are moving forward with moving the chainsaw equipment into one of the older trailers and creating a new trailer for the ministry. They are looking to have a training in winter or early Spring. God is bringing the workers and the equipment.

Honduras - Darla shared about the work that is going on in Honduras and also about an upcoming Vision Trip that will be led by Richard in the late Spring. Shannon will be here on the 14th to talk to lead an information meeting for anyone interested in learning more.

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 area. Event will be held April 17-18, 2023 and likely held at Mt. Lebanon. We will be reaching out to pastors.

Leadership Development - Demetrius explained that this will be an opportunity for leadership training for EBA Pastors, and they will be hosting events that will be presenting topics that are interesting and needed for Pastors. The first event will be on January 19, and there will be a morning session at 11:30 am and an evening session at 6:30 pm. The speaker will be Bruce Prindle from FBC Midlothian. The Group (SS/LG) Conference for this year will be at Hillcrest Baptist Church on February 18, 2023. There will be breakout sessions for all of the different

ministries and age-groups.

Gospel Centered Community Transformation - Block Party Trailer was used by FBC Midlothian the first weekend in December and 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.

Church Planting - Aaron shared that HOT Church (House of Transformation) will be coming under EBA as a church plant. As such they will receive funds from EBA going forward. Another potential church plant in Ferris is in just the conversation stages. This would be a multicultural type church. Remedy Church is bringing on a new resident in January and they will be looking to send him to plant in Collin County in 2024. The team is looking to help our EBA churches to send out church planters. They would then bring these candidates before the EBA team.

New and Established Church Status

Watch-care - Triumphal Christian Fellowship and El Bethel were approved for watch-care at the Annual Meeting and will move forward as such.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

New treasurer - We are still seeking a new treasurer.

Annual Celebration - The team agreed that the Annual Meeting was successful. The setup and layout of the location worked well. There was good participation, but the team agreed that it could still be better. The team discussed how to make participation and attendance better for next year.

NEW ACTIVITY:

Future Team - The first meeting for the team will be on January 4 and then the first official session will be on January 11.

Annual Meeting 2023 - The team discussed possible dates and locations for next year and also strategies for attracting new participants.

CMJC - The new organization, Christian Men's Job Corps (CMJC), is in the beginning stages of formation. They have requested to come under the umbrella of EBA. Bert Sigala spoke with Richard about them starting out under EBA and then as they grow to see how that needs to look going forward. There is a building next to Primera Baptist Church that will most likely be the site for their classes and would also serve as a work site for participants. For now, Primera will be spearheading the organization. They are currently seeking grants and volunteers. The team agreed to move forward with this request.

Our next meeting will be January 9, 2023 at 12:00 p.m., location TBD.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera