

**Ellis Baptist Association
Leadership Team Minutes
March 20, 2023**

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

Regrets: Alex Farr, John E Martinez, Johanna Sigala, Raymond Gay and Jason Golden

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

Jim was assigned to be the Process Check evaluator.

The January meeting minutes were presented and approved.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

EBA Financials: January and February financials were presented and approved.

Reports & Financials - ECWJC, Disaster Relief and Honduras:

ECWJC - Lauri shared the financials and they were approved. She shared Classes are finishing up and classes will graduate the end of April. Rose Award fundraiser is coming up in May and the preparations for that coming along. The Heights is under contract for a property in Midlothian and CWJC could move in with them as soon as September.

Disaster Relief - Jim shared that God is really blessing Disaster Relief at this time. They have purchased a new trailer, and TBM purchased a second trailer and also a new tent. They are adding a chain-saw unit and are looking for ways to raise the money to fill it with all of the tools necessary. This unit will be available for TBM for disasters, but also for local use and needs. The training at Ranchhouse had 25 people on Friday at orientation and then 50 people for the training on Saturday.

Honduras - Darla shared Richard will be leading a Vision Trip on April 28 - May 2, 2023.

Church Revitalization - In April 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 held at Mt. Lebanon. We will be reaching out to pastors.

Leadership Development - Demetrius shared that the Equipping a Better You events have been well received and they will continue to have one a month through May and then see how they move forward after that.

Gospel Centered Community Transformation - Block Party Trailer is available for churches to use for any outreach events they have going on. Love Your Neighbor is doing well and their thrift store is reaching the community. Richard shared about a pilot program backed by Baylor Scott and White to help provide AED machines for churches that do not have one.

Future Team - The future team has had 3 meetings so far and are walking through evaluating churches, ministries and partnerships in order to move forward in a healthy way.

Church Planting - Aaron shared that HOT Church (House of Transformation) is doing well. Crosstown has nothing new to report, but is still looking to partner as a church plant. Potential plant in Ferris is still in the works, please continue to pray. Remedy Church Church plant resident is in place and is under funding.

New and Established Church Status

Application - Application form is now available in a jot form online.

UNFINISHED ACTIVITY:

New treasurer - Jason Golden from FBC Midlothian has agreed to be the new EBA treasurer.

Annual Meeting 2023 - The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held on October 22, 2023. Richard shared a format for this year's meeting that would include topical short talks with different speakers. More discussion will be had as we move forward towards this year's meeting

NEW ACTIVITY:

Missions and Ministry Grant - Richard presented a grant request from the Leadership Development Team for \$1,000. This was approved. Richard presented to the team the possibility for churches to use up to \$500 in grant funds for those that wish to attend the Renew event in April, the team approved. We will put this information out to the churches. Richard also asked about churches using grant money, up to \$500 per church that participates in the AED program. This was approved but the team.

Community Event - Crossover DFW is an SBTC pre Annual meeting event that we have been in cited to participate in. This information was put out to our SBCT churches.

Our next meeting will be May 8, 2023 at 12:00 p.m., at Community Baptist Church in Ferris.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Richard Cody.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera