

**Ellis Baptist Association**  
**Leadership Team Minutes**  
**August 14, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Richard Cody, Jack Ables, Evelyn Newell, Kathryn Burroughs, Joseph Barrett, Aaron Clayton, Debbie Crady, and Darla Schembera

**Regrets:** Jim Lawton, LaSharon Johnson, and Jared Douglas

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

Evelyn was assigned to be the Process Check person.

The July meeting minutes were presented. Minutes approved.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Debbie presented the financial reports for July, 2017. Financials were approved as presented.

## **TEAM REPORTS**

### **Ministry**

#### **Ellis Christian Women's Job Corp**

- Financials were presented.
- Kathryn shared that they have been busy. Bible study is held twice a week and there are several that have gotten their GED and other certifications in order to move on successfully. There are 6 enrolled so far for the Fall semester. There are still many needs for meals and supplies that people can donate.
- Lauri and Kathryn visited the Arlington CWJC and saw some things that could be implemented here. Lauri made some changes to the layout of things there in the building.
- North Texas Giving Day is a go and there is already a \$5,000 matching grant in place. Hopefully this will be successful.
- The new computer teacher is on board and Kathryn says that he will be great.

#### **Hand in Hand Ministry**

- Evelyn shared that cards will go out next week and that her lists have been updated.

#### **Ellis Christian Disaster Relief**

- Financials were presented.
- Richard shared that the teams have been out a bit this summer and that the tent and shower units have been used by different ministries and churches.

### **Missions**

#### **Lenca / Radio Rio de Dios**

- Financials were presented.
- Debbie and Bert were both in Honduras this month and shared of their experiences while there.
- Please be praying for Shannon as they deal with a situation involving one of the church buildings.

### **Leadership Development**

- None

### **Church Revitalization**

- Richard met with Calvary Baptist Church in Midlothian about ways that EBA can help them to revitalize their church. They will be spending the next few months praying and going through "Transformational Church".

### **Church Planting**

- Aaron shared that they are working on getting a more regular stream of funds for EBA for church planting. They are possibly going to be providing residency for some potential church planters. They are looking for that third team member.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Annual Celebration will be held at Central Baptist Church in Italy. We will meet in the Family Life Center. Meeting will be held at 5pm on Sunday, October 15, 2017.
- Bank resolutions needed to change the name of Ellis County Baptist Association to Ellis Baptist Association were presented and signature cards were updated as needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Trustees must be voted on at the annual meeting, so Richard will talk to the current trustees to see if they wish to serve again for this year.
- New Leadership Team at-large members were discussed. Richard will talk to several candidates to check their availability and willingness to serve on the team and they will be presented to the Leadership Team in September as nominees for the annual meeting.
- Richard presented to the Leadership Team an agreement possibility between SWBMA and Paluxy Associations regarding an Hispanic Catalyst position. There was discussion and it was determined that this discussion would be tabled for further review.
- The first draft of the 2017-2018 Budget was presented to the team. Changes were suggested and the budget will be revised and presented again in the next meeting of the Leadership Team.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

- Richard talked about the possibilities of perhaps selling the property that EBA owns on Grove Creek. We will find out what it is worth and see if it could be used for needs that could arise as we determine where EBA is headed and what needs might arise. Selling the property could possibly be used for church planting, renovations or a number of other things..

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- None.

**Process Check:** Evelyn said that we did well.

Our next meeting will be September 11, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera