

# EASTERN LOUISIANA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2010

Christ's Community Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ's Community Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek	Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	Bob Ingalls, Christ's Community
Ralph Willie, Pine Grove	Trey Cowell, Faith	James Cowell, Emmanuel
Andrew Voss, Satsuma	Mary Broussard, Hebron	Vivian Broussard, Hebron
Johnny Morgan, Live Oak	Howard Turner, Live Oak	Jay Hodges, Judson
Max Landry, Emmanuel	Wiley Perkins, Emmanuel	Henry Foster, Emmanuel
Jerry Ballard, Satsuma	Bullard Jones, Agape'	David Brown, AMC
Dawn Pope, Judson	Larry Badon, Carroll	Keith Zachary, New Covenant
Richard White, Northside	Fred Dyess, Victory	Willis Easley, Christ's Community
Calvin Brown, Grt. Third Zion	William Rheams, Grt. Third Zion	Billy Carpenter, The New Beginnings
Freddie Arnold, AAMC	Chuck Ott, Clerk	

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, James Cowell. On behalf of the Board and the Association he thanked Christ's Community Church for hosting this evenings meeting.

Bro. James Cowell announced that Associational Annuals for year 2009 were available to be picked up during this meeting at the clerk's desk.

Bro. James Cowell led in our opening prayer.

Printed copies of the minutes from the September 14, 2009, Special Called Executive Board meeting were provided to members and after a time of review, the Moderator declared the minutes approved as printed without objection.

Printed copies of the minutes from the August 3, 2009 Quarterly Executive Board meeting were provided to members and after a time of review, the Moderator declared the minutes approved as printed without objection.

Bro. David Brown gave his Associational Missions Coordinator's report. (A copy of the AMC's written report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

Bro. Freddie Arnold the Associate Associational Missions Coordinator, gave a portion of his report and deferred the remainder until committee reports were being given, stating that a portion of his would be more timely at that point. (A copy of the AAMC's report has been attached and made a part of the original minutes.)

Bro. Richard White gave the Treasurer's report. Questions arose from the floor regarding how the Board would handle budget overruns. The group discussed the possible need for a future, Special Called Executive Board meeting to deal with any budget revision issues. The Finance Committee will meet and bring recommendations to the Executive Board as needed. (A copy of the Treasurers report has been made a part of the original minutes.)

Bro. James Cowell called for election of new Executive Board Members not list on the ACP report and for any changes. The following changes were made: Deletions; James Cowell, Emmanuel; Julian Wood, Pine Grove; J.C. Palmer, Maurepas. Additions; Ralph Willie, Pine Grove; Max Landry, Emmanuel; Keith Sewell, First Denham Springs. Motion to approve changes to Executive Board by Howard Turner, second by Trey Cowell. Motion carried. (A copy of Executive Board members for this Association and the above changes is attached.)

Bro. Bullard Jones was nominated by the ELBA Council to serve on the Nomination Committee. Members of the Executive Board approved the nomination.

Addition of Ms. Janelle Brown to “Check Signing Authorization List” for the purpose of Missions and Ministry Center remodeling project, recommended by ELBA Council. On motion by Bro. Paul Taylor, Executive Board approved the addition of Ms. Brown. (A copy of the approved signature document has been made a part of these minutes)

David Galloway with Guide One provided handouts and explained the GAP insurance proposal to members of the Executive Board. (A copy of the handout has been made a part of these minutes.) On behalf of the ELBA council recommendation that we pursue the GAP (Group Affiliated Program) through Guide One for ELBA churches, Howard Turner made a motion to give Executive Board approval of said program. Motion carried.

Clerk encouraged Executive Board members to please pick up copies of the 2009 ELBA annual at the clerks desk at the end of the meeting.

Bro. Howard Turner reported on the Disaster Relief chain saw team’s up-coming possible deployment to the mid US states impacted by the recent ice storms. Possible dates are the weeks of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

Between 30-35 people from ELBA churches attended the recent D R Roundtable training meetings at Camp Living Waters. These training sessions support Disaster Relief teams.

Bro. Howard Turner to go on a medical mission trip to Haiti. Bro. David led the body in prayer for Howard and other team members as they serve God by serving the needs of others.

Ms. Broussard gave an interesting historical sketch on Bro. J.T. Ott, one of our early church and association moderators. (A copy of this sketch is attached as part of these meeting minutes.)

Bro. Freddie Arnold gave the Missions and Ministry Center Team report. (A copy of this report is attached as part of these meeting minutes.) Dawn Pope was introduced as the Prayer Committee chairman. Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Cockerham were introduced as the co-chairpersons of the Meals Committee. Mr. Fred Hart will Chair the Go-Fer Committee. One additional committee chairman is needed. The above team chairpersons will head up their respective committees in support of Baptist Builder team work on the Missions and Ministry Center as it is remodeled.

Bro. Richard White made the following motion: **“I make a motion that we approve a transfer of up to \$100,000.00 from LBF-Operating Account to an ELBA Special Account for the Missions and Ministry Center.”** Second by Keith Zachary. Motion carried.

Bro. Trey Cowell reminded Board members in attendance of the Scholarship form that is on the Associational Web page that may be used to apply for Scholarship funds for the upcoming school sessions. Scholarships will be issued in May.

Bro. Trey Cowell, Missions Team Chairman addressed present asset allocations now under the directions of the Missions Team. Churches are encouraged to utilize the party trailer at church sponsored events.

Upcoming mission oriented events sponsored by the Association Missions Team are the OMC (On Mission Celebration) and the Summer Mission Trip. Both events need local church involvement to be a success. OMC is scheduled for May 1 & 2. The OMC Rally will be held with the Amite Baptist Church. The Summer Mission Trip is scheduled for July 18-23. Churches and individual members are encouraged to participate. (A copy of the Mission Trip flyer is attached as part of these meeting minutes.)

Update on Life Giving Church: Life Giving has decided to separate themselves from Mission designation under the direction of Live Oak Baptist Church. If they decide to petition ELBA for admission in the future they will fall under the Watch care program. Bro. David Brown has met with them regarding these matters.

Johnny Morgan gave a Youth Ministry Team update on the “Forge” for the summer. Events will have a new, fresh look. Bro. Lonnie Cook, Hebron Baptist will be the new Co-chair for the Youth Ministry Team.

Bob Ingalls from FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) gave an update on the new District 4, of which we in Livingston parish are a part of. FCA now has 4000+ members here in District 4.

Bro. Freddie in wrapping up his AAMC report reminded attendees of the upcoming Sunday School Leadership training called “Jump Start”. Freddie encouraged Board member to work toward strengthening their local Sunday Schools with this quote: “So goes Sunday School, So goes Church”. (A copy of this flyer is attached as part of the meeting minutes.)

Other areas for training and enrichment for senior adult will be Senior Fest 2010 to be held March 2 at the NOBTS campus. (A copy of this flyer is attached as part of the meeting minutes.)

Those wishing to be a part of ministering to the Haitian people may do so on an individual level or a church level by ministering through the, “Buckets of Hope” program. All buckets must be filled and on site at the ELBA office by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost to fill a bucket is approximately \$30 + \$10 shipping. Instructions are available through the ELBA office. (A copy of the “Buckets of Hope” flyer is attached as part of the meeting minutes.)

2010 Vacation Bible School Training, “Saddle Ridge Ranch” will take place at the Judson Baptist Church on April 13. (A copy of the “Saddle Ridge Ranch” flyer is attached as part of the meeting minutes.)

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was called for.

Bro. Carl Sullivan, motion to adjourn.

Bro. Bullard Jones led the Board in a closing prayer.

Chuck Ott, Clerk  
(29 persons attending this meeting)