

Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association
Executive Board Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2011
Don Avenue Baptist Church

The Executive Board of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Don Avenue Baptist Church with the following in attendance.

Mary Broussard, Historian	Vivian Broussard, Hebron	Max Landry, Emmanuel
Henry Foster, Emmanuel	Wiley Perkins, Emmanuel	KaRetha Kelley, Amite
Andy Granger, Don Avenue	Randy Powell, Walker	Willis Easley, Christ's Community
Billy Pruett, Gray's Creek	Lonnie Cook, Carroll	Charles R. Smith, The New Beginnings
Joe Alain, Hebron	Floyd Patterson, Carroll	Dale Hunt, Calvary
Jonathan Clark, BCM @ SLU	Richard Blue, Walker	Joe Maddox, Southside
Tim Norris, FBC Livingston	Don Hoy, Southside	Bob Ingalls, Christ's Community
Carl Sullivan, Gray's Creek	Fred Dyess, Victory	Charlie McCants, Midway
David Brown, ELBA	Freddie Arnold, ELBA	Karla Maddox, Southside
Chuck Ott, Clerk		

1. Moderator, Bro. Tim Norris called the Executive Board meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Bro. Tim welcomed all Executive Board members and guests in attendance.
2. Bro. Carl Sullivan led the Executive Board membership in our opening prayer.
3. Bro. Tim Norris thanked Bro. Andy Granger and Don Avenue for hosting this meeting of the Executive Board and for providing our evening meal.
4. With no exceptions, the Chair ruled the minutes approved as printed.
5. Bro. David Brown gave his Associational Missions Coordinator report. Bro. David highlighted Ms. Lorraine Pankey's service and retirement from the position of Associational Financial Secretary. Bro. David also introduced Ms. KaRetha Kelley as the new Associational Financial Secretary. Bro. David also shared additional information regarding the GAP program signee's to-date. (A copy of the AMC's report has been made a part of the original minutes.)
6. Bro. Randy Powell, Chairman of the Finance Committee gave the Treasurer's report. Bro. Randy directed attendees to review the attached treasurer's report. He called for any questions from the floor. There were none. (A copy of the Treasurer's report has been made a part of original minutes.)
7. Bro. Tim Norris read a list of the changes to the Executive Board membership and received any changes from the floor. The following changes were made in the Executive Board membership: Rev. Leo Miller, FBC Denham Springs; Ms. Karla Maddox, Southside; Rev. Charles R. Smith, The New Beginnings. The following pastors have moved to other churches or retired, as well as other members of the Executive Board who have left the Board are as follows: Rev. Jimmy Sasser, retiring from Bethel; Mr. Jeremy Jones, Red Oak. Bro. Tim called for a motion from the floor to approve the named changes. Dr. Richard Blue made the motion to approve the changes to the Executive Board membership. Second by Ms. Dale Hunt. Motion carried. (A copy of the updated Executive Board membership is made a part of the original minutes.)
8. **Reports:**
 - A. On recommendation from the ELBA Council, Bro. Max Landry made the following motion: "That Bro. David Brown, Associational Missions Coordinator, be named as a trustee to the Baptist Healthcare Trust." Second by Dr. Richard Blue. Motion carried.
 - B. On recommendation from the ELBA Council, a petition for membership into the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association has been received from the Watson Baptist Church. Bro. David Brown gave a short report and stated that the church had provided a letter of petition for membership in Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association. This letter of petition will be referred to the credentials committee who will make a recommendation at the Annual Meeting in October.
 - C. Ms. KaRetha Kelley gave a praise report for the work God has been doing through the Christian Counseling Center. She reported that the Counseling Center has seen 19 clients in March and April.

- D. Bro. Freddie Arnold gave the Church Planting Team report. Bro. Freddie highlighted the recent probes conducted in our Associational area by members of the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association and the Louisiana Baptist Convention. He pointed out how this information will help plan future church plant sites.
 - E. Bro. Chuck Ott informed Executive Board members of the availability of Church Annuals. Bro. Freddie also shared that Church Planning Guides are available at the ELBA office.
 - F. Bro. Freddie Arnold gave the Evangelism Team report. He highlighted the “Round Pen of Life” event to be held in conjunction with the Eastern Louisiana Baptist Association at the Livingston Parish Fair this fall. Bro. Freddie also noted the need for Associational Church participation with funding and counselors. He also reported on the possibility of an Associational Evangelism Conference.
 - G. Bro. Bob Ingalls, Fellowship of Christian Athletes leader, reported on the upcoming Denham Springs mayor’s prayer breakfast. Bro. Bob reported that at present there are 38 schools in southeast Louisiana district participating in FCA. He reported that at the North Park rally, 32 boys and girls made first time commitments to Christ.
 - H. Mr. Jonathon Clark, BCM director, Southeastern Louisiana University, gave a short BCM report. He updated the Council on the recent mission trip that the BCM members participated in. Jonathon thanked the Association for their prayers and financial support.
 - I. Bro. Randy Powell gave the Finance Committee report. The committee will be working the following three items on their agenda: (1) Staff compensation; (2) Annual budget rather than fiscal budget; (3) Receive and review budget input packages
 - J. Ms. Broussard gave her Historian report. She emphasized the need to preserve an individual churches basic records. (A copy of this report is attached and made a part of the original minutes.)
 - K. Bro. Freddie gave the Missions and Ministry Center report. Bro. Freddie reported that they are still waiting on Louisiana DOTD to complete their work. They have not received an update.
 - L. Bro. Freddie gave the Missions Team report. Bro. Freddie reported that 50+ people have signed up to go on the Summer Mission Trip. The Mission area around Philadelphia, Ms. was not impacted by the recent tornados in this area. He said that any monetary donations to the mission trip would be deeply appreciated. Other highlights in the area of missions included the recent tent revival held in the southern part of Livingston parish and the presentation of the gospel to the entire student body at Live Oak Junior High.
 - M. Bro. Freddie Arnold reported on the Prayer Team’s work. At present the team is looking for opportunities to serve.
 - N. Bro. Freddie Arnold gave the Scholarship Committee report. Recipients of the \$1,500.00 annual scholarships are: Louisiana College, Kimberly Landry, Riverside; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Katherine Arnold, Judson, Wade Jordan Broyles, Hebron, Jerry “Jay” Hodges, Judson. (A copy of this report is attached and made a part of the original minutes.)
 - O. Bro. Lonnie Cook reported on the Youth Ministry Team efforts. He highlighted the upcoming Forge event to be held this fall at Judson Baptist Church. (A copy of this report is attached and made a part of the original minutes.)
9. Miscellaneous Business:
- A. Bro. Tim called for a motion from the floor to grant Ms. KaRetha Kelley check signing privileges as the new Financial Secretary. Motion by Bro. Fred Dyess with second by Bro. Randy Powell. Motion carried.
 - B. Bro. Tim called for a motion from the floor to change the July Council meeting from the 18th to the 25th due to the ELBA Mission Trip. Motion by Bro. Fred Dyess with second by Bro. Willis Easley. Motion Carried.
10. With no further business before the Executive Board, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn by Bro. Joe Alain with second by Bro. Bob Ingalls. Motion carried.
11. Bro. Andy Granger led this Executive Board in our closing prayer.

28 people present
 Minutes taken by Chuck Ott