

Minutes for CABF Meeting

First Baptist Church Halifax

October 1st, 2016

John Tonks convened the meeting and Hugh Kirkegaard volunteered to take minutes.

Twenty-eight were present for the meeting – all were CABF members.

John welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order and opened in prayer. The meeting agenda is attached.

John reported on discussions with Fred Demeray from The Gathering of Baptists in Ontario. At the last Annual Meeting of the CABF Fred invited CABF to join with the Gathering on April 28-29th, 2017 in Ottawa during the 150th anniversary of Confederation. The theme will be looking at the Church and where it is going in the next 150 years. Speakers are being finalized but promise to be interesting. Those interested in attending are encouraged to book hotels early as Ottawa will be very busy then. We have been invited to this meeting to explore a joint partnership between The Gathering and CABF.

Item 4 on the Agenda was addressed by David Allen who suggested that items 1 and 2 under #8 on the Agenda be shifted. It was agreed.

Motion to accept the Agenda – moved by David Allen, seconded by Ed Colquhoun – carried.

Item 5 1) Moved that minutes of October 3rd, 2015 (AGM) be accepted (see attached). Moved by Ed Colquhoun, seconded by Elaine Walcott. Change to pp. 1, para. 1 – jointed should be joint – requested by Hedley Hopkins. Carried.

Item 5 2) Moved that minutes of June 4th, 2016 meeting, after Rushton Lecture, be accepted. Moved by Gary Nelson, seconded by Marilyn Peers. Carried.

Item 6 No business arising from the minutes.

Item 7 Reports:

- Treasurer's Report:

David Allen has agreed to complete Cynthia Ogilvie's term as Treasurer following her recent departure and move to PEI. David requested that we acknowledge the excellent work that Cynthia has done for us.

John Boyd suggested that the President convey this directly to Cynthia.

David continued his report indicated that there was a slight deficit carried in 2014 but the year ended in a surplus situation. \$61,000 is invested in the Baptist Foundation and interest from it is used for the Rushton Lectures and the AGM. There is a surplus in 2016 at the present time and assets have remained the same. David moved acceptance of his report, seconded by John Churchill. Motion carried unanimously.

- Budget

David Allen recommended that the budget for 2017 be a balanced budget of \$16,900. He moved this, seconded by Susan Colquhoun.

Discussion: There is no honorarium noted in the 2017 budget but it is there in previous years – H. Hopkins. David responded that there has been a practice of giving an honorarium to the Bulletin editor but it had been donated back to CABF. It was decided that it be taken out of the budget. Jenny Csinos noted that the generosity of the current editor may not be continued past his tenure.

Pam Estey asked why costs for the website have gone up so much in 2016? There was an improvement in the website which caused an increase in costs.

Question called – budget was passed unanimously.

- Membership Report

David Allen reported on a reduction in members from 2015 to the present from 84 to 66. David had hoped that the membership would reach 100 this year but it did not. We have eight member churches (up from six) including the Brantford, Ontario church. It was moved by Elaine Walcott that David's report be accepted, seconded by Rick Manuel. The Membership Report was accepted unanimously.

- Credentials Committee Report

Roger Prentice reported that the Credentials Committee was composed of John Churchill, John Boyd, Marilyn Peers, Lee Nicolas-Patillo and Roger. The committee members have committed a lot of time to attending regular meetings in Wolfville. There is growing interest in CABF credentials – two candidates are imminent and others are actively pursuing credentials with CABF.

Roger presented a letter from Jom Stanley from First Baptist Church Halifax (FBCH) regarding David Csinos. FBCH is requesting an Association (CABF) license for David. The Credentials Committee has met with David several times (most recently last evening) and are recommending an Association license. It was moved by Roger Prentice that CABF grant a Association license to Minister to David Csinos, seconded by Frank McGill. The vote was recorded – 19 in favour, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

- Constitution Report

John Churchill will report on this later in the meeting.

- Website Report

John Churchill talked about a social media presence for CABF which Jenny Csinos has worked on. The security on the website has been upgraded and we may look for a new provider.

- Canadian Council of Churches

John Tonks noted that there is not much to report. We have lost our CCC representative. John asked if anyone was interested in attending two meetings a year – one in Ottawa at St. Paul's and one in the Toronto area. It often falls to the President to attend these meetings but he is unable to take this on right now. Anyone interested in representing the CABF at the November meeting should speak with John.

Item 8 New Business

- 1) Notice of Motion from June 4th – John Churchill

Wording change to Section 18 (a) of the Bylaws (see attached) was moved by John – **“and any special meetings held in the interim”** to be added , seconded by Ed Coluqhoun. Carried unanimously.

- 2) Provision for members at large on the Council – John Churchill

John indicated that we would like to expand membership to include Members at Large. To provide consistency there is a desire to have more members for the Council. There is a proposed plan for this in the motion regarding Section 28. It was moved by John Churchill that the following wording be inserted into Section 28:

“and up to four members-at-large” and “At the first election of members-at-large following the approval of this by-law, 2 members-at-large shall be elected for 3 years, 1 member-at-large shall be elected for 2 years, and 1 member-at –large shall be elected for 1 year. Thereafter, except where an election is held to fill the unexpired portion of a term, newly elected members-at-large shall be elected for three-year (3) terms.”

Seconded by Jim Stanley, Motion carried

Discussion of nominations to the position of Member-at large (M-at-L). The question was asked if anyone has been approached to serve. Hugh Kirkegaard indicated that he had been attending meetings of the Council and was interested in serving. John Churchill suggested that a slate of M-at-L be presented. David Allen indicated that this question can be left to Council to fill any vacancies. David Gibson suggested that it would be a good idea to nominate from the floor otherwise it would mean waiting until the next meeting of CABF to ratify. It was noted that Council can appoint persons to act in the interim. Lee Nicolas-Patillo may have approached individuals to serve – does this complicate things? It was observed that three persons on the Council have left this year and we require at least seven people to serve. The question was raised will we take nominations?

David Gibson nominated Hugh Kirkegaard from the floor for a three year term.

David Allen nominated Rick Manuel from the floor for a three year term.

John Boyd noted that one of the vacancies is the Chair of the Program Committee and suggested that Rick Manuel may wish to take on this role given that he had done such a good job planning the program for this meeting. So John nominated Rick to take on the Chair of the Program Committee for the one year remaining and then for two years as a M-at-L.

John Tonks asked for further nominations (x3) and declared that the nominations stand.

The question was asked if we need to confirm David Allen’s role as the chair of the Finance Committee. It was determined that Council can appoint to this role.

John Tonks thanked First Baptist Church Halifax for hosting CABF. He requested that Jim Stanley pass on our thanks for the wonderful lunch to the caterers. John offered congratulations to David Csinos.

John Boyd Moved that the meeting be adjourned. David Csinos closed in prayer