

Minutes for CABF 2018 AGM

**First Baptist Church Amherst
SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**

ITEM 1 Call to Order

The meeting was convened with 26 members present by President Lee Nicholas-Pattillo at 1:35.

Lee opened the meeting with prayer.

The Rev. Fred Demaray brought greetings to the CABF from the Gathering, our sister organization in Ontario and informed the meeting about its up-coming meeting on October 27th in Ottawa.

ITEM 2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda as printed in the Report Book was approved on motion by John Churchill, seconded by Bert Radford.

ITEM 3 Approval of AGM Minutes (and Rushton Luncheon on June 2rd, 2018)

Approval of the minutes of the AGM of October 14st, 2017 was moved by Joao Matwawana and seconded by Sheila Stanley. Carried. Minutes of the Rushton Luncheon were moved by Marilyn Peers and seconded by David Allen. Carried.

ITEM 4 Business Arising

Hugh Kirkegaard called the attention of the assembly to the unfinished business related to the TRC. President Lee noted that she had included an addendum to her report related to our responsibilities following from that report.

ITEM 5 Reports (written addendum follows)

Council/President – Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Lee's report highlighted the work of many individuals for the CABF and she emphasized her appreciation of the efforts of the many volunteers. Stating that she felt blessed to work with them, she moved acceptance of her written report, seconded by David Allen. Carried

Treasurer – David Allen

David explained the attached financial statements for 2017 and the partial year 2018. He noted that he was waiting for the contribution of several of the CABF member churches. He moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Dan Green. There were no questions. Carried.

Bulletin – Bert Radford

Bert brought greetings from the Burlington church. He expressed his gratitude to the Bulletin contributors and to Roger Prentice, who will be retiring at the end of this year, as well as to Gaspereau Press and David and Joyce Allen. Bert moved acceptance of his report, seconded by John Boyd. Carried.

Constitution – Sheila Stanley

Sheila discussed the continuing work of the Committee to simplify the Constitution which will be eventually be brought to the assembly for consideration. She moved acceptance of her report, seconded by John Churchill. Carried.

Credentials – John Churchill

John discussed several highlight from his report – the ordination council for David Csinos, the Baptist Formation Course for the Atlantic School of Theology and ongoing work with accreditation. John moved the acceptance of his written report, seconded by Joao Marwawana. Carried.

Membership – David Allen

David referred to the written report showing current membership statistics – 64 individual members + 7 additions at this meeting, the Rev. Dan Gibson as the first life member, as well as 6 member churches, reflecting those churches that have given financial support so far this year. David moved acceptance of his report, seconded by John Tonks. Carried.

Program – Jenny Drewitz

Jenny's resignation from the chair of this committee due to work pressures was noted and she was thanked for her work.

Website and Facebook– John Boyd and Jenny Drewitz

John noted the donation that were made to the CABF through the Website. He moved acceptance of his written report, seconded by Hugh Kirkegaard. Carried.

Representative to Canadian Council of Churches – Ed Colquhoun

Ed called attention to his attached report and noted the dearth of Free Church representatives on many CCC working groups. He moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Fred Demaray. Carried.

ITEM 6 New Business

2019 Budget – David Allen

David called our attention to the attached budget for 2019. Again it is a deficit budget but that we have the money in our bank account to cover the shortfall. He explained the line items in the budget After a brief discussion, it was moved by Dave Allen, seconded by Dan Green that the budget as presented be adopted. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report – John Boyd

John Boyd acting for John Tonks brought forward the nominating report. Nominations ceased after three times of asking. It was moved by John Boyd and seconded by Hugh Kirkegaard that nominations cease. Carried.

Auditors

John Boyd moved, seconded by Jim Stanley, that the appointment of auditors be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Lee Nicholas-Pattillo moved, seconded by Joao Matwawana, the acceptance of the Strategic Planning Report. Carried.

The Business meeting was adjourned at 2:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Colquhoun
Secretary

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