

Atlantic Baptist Fellowship (ABF)
Meeting Notes: September 6, 2007

Attendees:

David Ogilvie - President
Jeffrey White - Vice-President
Paul Burden - Treasurer
Lee Nicholas-Pattillo - Secretary
Roger Prentice

Regrets:

Andy Crowell
John Boyd
Tim McFarland
John Churchill - Webmaster
Keith Churchill

Discussions:

1. we need to check with Dr. Anna Carter Florence to see if we are allow to tape her presentations. Are there any parameters around how we might use anything we tape? We would normally put something like this on our website. Also would we be able to sell copies of anything she presents - sell at cost. **(Lee to check on recording and copying.)**
2. Check to see if the arrangements have been made regarding Anna's time for Sunday evening at the Manning Chapel. Lee stated she thought John Boyd had made these arrangements with Tim. **(Lee to check on this. John confirmed that all these arrangements have been made.)**
3. Lee advised FBCH is OK with the arrangements for Dr. Florence. Scheduling is done; arrangements made of travel and accommodations; Saturday luncheon has been arranged to be catered. All appears to be taken care of. Lee will advise Paul when to send the cheque from ABF. **(Paul - please send the cheque. THANKS!) (Lee send Jeff Keith's correct email address)**
4. David Oligive provide feedback from his discussion with Stan:
 - Stan is not able to attend our fall session
 - Stan is willing to come and visit and talk with us regarding possible membership with Alliance
 - David will talk with Stan and clarify if Stan expects us to pay for his trip/or maybe contribute to it

- David will also discuss with Stan when would be a good time for him to come to Halifax
- Some consideration was discussed about maybe Stan could come to the Spring Assembly and do a presentation
- However, after more discussion it was thought it would be better if Stan could come before the Spring Assembly to discuss our possible membership and at the Spring Assembly, we could make a recommendation.
- We do understand that churches can affiliate with Alliance
- Also, churches can vote on their own
- In addition there is an 'institutional membership'
- And an individual membership
- **Questions that we have for Stan:** What have you gained (and/or your church) from the relationship you have with Alliance? What does this association (Alliance) do for you? Are there congregational values for a relationship with Alliance?
- David will send our agreement to Stan
- Roger gave us some history on ABF: originally it was only churches who were members; there is no list of members; approximately 6 churches started ABF in the late 70's in NB - Parkland church was very instrumental in our start; would we consider our 'Friends' list our membership list? Is ABF 'liberal' vs conservative? Most thought we are 'liberal baptist'. Some believe we exist because of Convention - we had a common need; and we wanted to be able to talk about and address the things Convention did not talk about.
- We talked about how we could/can promote ABF; maybe we distribute our Bulletin to ourselves and then each person distributes the Bulletin to an additional 2 people. Maybe we need to have each member church (even the member churches who are presently represented) have a link on to ABF on their church website? How can we promote ABF: need to add to consider what else to add to our website (suggestions: contribution recognitions, 'newsy section' could be added; suggestions requested.

5. Lee follow up with David.

6. Paul will check with Alison

7. 'Can we establish a more consistent meeting date?' asked Lee. Looking back in our past year, it seems we are meeting toward the 2nd or 3rd week of each month. Not enough people present to agree on a date. Would like to discuss with more people present. Suggestion was to meet the 3rd Thursday of each month. Trying to consider everyone's regular monthly meetings, so will review with all at the next meeting.

For the upcoming meeting (until we can discuss further) our Next meeting Date is October 11, 2007 same place - Lisa's Restaurant' - Jeff will you make the reservation for us? Please and thank you!